Dear colleagues,

This year’s EuroMemo Group conference will take place from 8 - 25 September 2020 in an Online-Format due to Covid-19. Relevant access details will be available in due course.

Following up on the theme of last year’s conference on the need for a Green New Deal for Europe, this year’s conference will particularly address the need for a profound socio-ecological transformation of Europe, as perhaps the last chance for a progressive form of European integration. In response to the twin crises of climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus will be on discussing policy proposals on how we can establish a truly transformative agenda that deepens global cooperation on vital issues of humanity like climate change, public health and migration, while at the same time reinforcing local sustainable development in the EU.

The programme for the Online-Conference \ is as follows:

Tuesday, 8 September 2020
16.00 – 18:00 Opening Plenary: The Political and Economic State of the European Union in the shadow of COVID-19: deep crisis, lack of solidarity, and the threat of further disintegration

Tuesday, 15 September 2020
16.00 – 18:00 Plenary I: Key challenges and proposals for a socio-ecological transformation of the EU in the shadow of the twin crises of climate change and COVID-19

Tuesday, 22 September 2020
16.00 – 18.00 Plenary II: The future of global governance and the role of the EU

Wednesday, 23 September 2020
09.00 – 13.00 Parallel Workshops
14.00 – 18.00 Parallel Workshops

Thursday, 24 September 2020
09.00 – 13.00 Parallel Workshops
16.00 – 18.00 Final Plenary: Policy Proposals from Workshops

Friday, 25 September 2020
09.00 – 12.00 Planning Meeting: EuroMemorandum 2021 and other activities
We would like to invite you to attend the conference and to submit proposals for contributions to the Parallel Workshops.

All papers that present an original perspective on the conference theme “A post-COVID 19 global-local agenda for a socio-ecological transformation of Europe” are welcome. In particular, we encourage submissions that relate to recent European developments and address any of the following topics:

- Concepts and dimensions of socio-ecological transformation
- Proposals for overcoming barriers to and accelerating socio-ecological transformation post-COVID 19
- International and global aspects of socio-ecological transformation, including inter alia the threats of geopolitical confrontation and militarization, and the need for new forms of global cooperation
- Financing a socio-ecological transformation and the role of monetary and fiscal policies:
  1. Public finance including the Multiannual Financial Framework, mutualized debt instruments including Eurobonds, and fiscal policy incl. taxation;
  2. Private finance – The role of financial markets and the implications of financialization;
  3. ECB policies in the shadow of the COVID-19 crisis – what proposals for progressive monetary policies? (MMT, helicopter money etc.);
- The role of EU and national banks, such as the EIB, and the need for a system of public development banks.
- Recalibrating production and consumption systems and the role industrial policy
- Promoting local/regional development and overcoming regional polarization in the EU
- Strengthening the public, not-for-profit and solidarity economy
- Strengthening the social dimension of socio-ecological transformation – new ideas for employment policies, social policies and the care economy
- The role of social agency and popular mobilization for a socio-ecological transformation
- Proposals for a solidaristic reform of public health systems, with a particular focus on the urgent restructuring of global value chains in pharma and medical sectors
- Parallels/interrelations between COVID-19 and climate change/loss of biodiversity

Proposals for papers together with a short abstract (maximum 250 words) should be submitted by 20 June 2020 to info@euromemo.eu. Please indicate the topic, which the proposal is intended for. If accepted, completed papers should be submitted by 30 August 2020.

We strongly encourage participants to submit short papers (10-15 pages) and to explicitly address policy implications.

If you would like to submit an abstract and/or participate in the conference, please copy the registration form below into an email and reply to info@euromemo.eu. Please note that registration for participation is mandatory, as we need to arrange access of participants to the online conference.

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Steering Committee of the EuroMemo Group. Accepted papers will be published on the conference website. There is also the possibility to publish papers presented at the conference in the EuroMemo Group Discussion Paper Series.

Please note that there will be no mandatory conference fees. Instead, we ask colleagues with institutional support to pay a voluntary fee of 80 Euro and encourage other participants to make a small donation to our bank account. The bank account details are:

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We look forward to seeing you online!

Best wishes,
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(8 - 25 September 2020)

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