

ALTER SUMMIT

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Another Europe is possible: a social, ecological, feminist, peaceful and democratic Europe. We unite our forces to build it.

The [AlterSummit](#) is a network of organizations, trade unions and social movements from all over Europe who want to join forces to oppose the Europe of Troika and austerity, the Europe of racism, xenophobic nationalism and patriarchy, the Europe of debt, of multinationals and banks. We join our forces to build a true democracy.

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This letter will be posted monthly. We want in future editions to echo the movements and actions throughout Europe, and especially announce the actions of your organizations. Thank you to send us links and information to info@altersummit.eu

Our ACTIONS in 2013

The [AlterSummit](#) is a recent movement, founded in 2012. In 2013 we welcomed number of new member organizations («[Who we are ?](#)») clarified our [functioning rules](#) and, above all, more than 1000 leaders and activists from 20 countries gathered in Athens for a [first summit of European peoples](#). The main outcome of this summit is the Athens' [Manifesto](#). Also several thematic assemblies worked on [their strategy](#).

Our CAMPAIGNS in 2014

In late October, a meeting of the network has made clear [our goals](#) for 2014. In particular, the organizations agreed to focus on [three targets](#) representing the worst dangers to our social and democratic rights. On each of these targets, strategic thinking is in progress, based on an initial proposal that you will find attached:

- ^ against the Transatlantic Treaty
- ^ Europe against austerity and the dictatorship of the Troika
- ^ against the rise of the far right and fascism

Action of our Networks and Partners:

- The Blockupy 2014 preparation conference was held in late November : echoes of this work [Blockupy-Frankfurt](#)
 - The network against evictions housing met in Paris on December 6
 - A strategy seminar against the TTIP (Transatlantic Treaty) took place in Brussels on 12th & 13th December.
 - Information: The 3rd edition of the JSC meeting/altersummit Romania held the 14 and 15 December.
 - February 7, 2014 in Brussels
 - Visual media with press conference and registering of the "Black Book on Health in Europe" with European Commissioners.
 - Conference
- This day will be the launch of an European campaign, preparing the May 2014 Elections. More information on [Santé-Solidarité](#); yves.hellendorff@acv-csc.be.

Our next APPOINTMENTS :

December 2013:

- Wednesday, December 18 : Belgian Altersummit coordination organizes with the [d19-20](#) alliance, a European meeting in the auditorium of the of international trade unions house, 18 to 21:30 [program](#).
- Thursday, December 19 : blockade of the EU summit : the d19 -20 alliance and several Belgian AlterSummit organizations will occupy the crossroads giving access to the European quarter from 7am, to oppose the summit and reiterate our opposition to the TSCG Treaty and the transatlantic Treaty. Info [d19-20](#).

[Petition](#) against the competitiveness pact, already signed by SEVERAL of our members.

May 2014 :

In different conferences last fall the idea advanced by a week of action in May (15-25 May) was approved.

August 2014 :

Members of Attac invite us to participate actively in the preparations of [the European Summer University](#) in Paris from 19 to 23 August 2014.

The next general meeting of the network will be set for spring 2014.