



PRESS RELEASE

Yanis Varoufakis and DiEM25 launch political party in Italy

MERA25 Italy is the pan-European movement's third national political party

**Saturday 12 November from 11.00 am at the Acquario Romano
(Piazza Manfredo Fanti, 47 – Rome)**

with **Yanis Varoufakis, Federico Dolce**
and members of our movement from all over Europe
to launch **MERA25**, DiEM25's party in Italy.

Finally: a radical, credible, rebellious, international opposition in Italy.

DiEM25's co-founder Yanis Varoufakis will launch the pan-European progressive movement's third national political party – MERA25 Italy – in Rome on November 12. The event at the Acquario Romano will also feature DiEM25's spokesperson in Italy Federico Dolce, MERA25 Germany spokesperson Julijana Zita, and videos from supporters such as Slavoj Zizek, Brian Eno, Roger Waters and Ece Temelkuran.

After the collapse of Mario Draghi's unelected, technocratic government, the failure of traditional left-wing parties at the polls delivered the country's most right-wing government since Mussolini. The signal sent by voters is clear: current mainstream "progressive" parties have failed to earn their trust, and the time to build an alternative is now.

MERA25 Italy will become DiEM25's third party – all of which share the same name. The Varoufakis-led MERA25 Greece has been in parliament since 2019, and MERA25 Germany was founded in November 2021. Together, they aim to present DiEM25's values and manifesto at the ballot box: social justice, open borders, a Green New Deal, and a new Non-Aligned Movement.

Yanis Varoufakis, co-founder of DiEM25 and leader of MERA25 Greece: "Italy has a neo-fascist government because the Italian left has failed to present a radical, realist, humanist and Europeanist alternative to the oligarchic policies of Brussels and Frankfurt, to which the centrist parties and the Italian oligarchs have completely surrendered. The last thing Italy needs today is another useless little left-wing party. What Italy needs now is a left-wing party with a radically progressive pan-European agenda and a transnational organisation. MERA25, the new party that DiEM25 will present in Rome on November 12, aspires to be that party."

Federico Dolce, National Spokesperson DiEM25 in Italy: "Today more than ever, Italy needs to overcome the old and fallacious schemes with which politics and the media still try - failing - to read society. The vision of the future has remained anchored to an ideal worthy of the 1960s. The world has changed, our lives have changed, we can no longer offer our young people a perspective worth pursuing, we no longer care about our fellow citizens in difficulty, deluding ourselves that their problems do not involve us. A new era awaits us, whether we want it or not. It is our duty to offer a coherent, radical and credible proposal for the future. Not just for them but for all of us".

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