

Att.: Board member of the Progressive Alliance and their parties

Berlin, 2 September 2022

## INVITATION TO THE NEXT PRESENTIAL BOARD MEETING OF PROGRESSIVE ALLIANCE Thursday, 13 October 2022 – Progressive Alliance Board Meeting – Berlin 2pm – 5pm CEST

Dear comrades,

As already announced, I hereby invite you to join the upcoming Board meeting on 13 October in Berlin.

This year we will be able to meet physically in Berlin ahead of the PES congress and offer a hybrid solution for those who – unfortunately – will not be able to join.

We continue to face a situation of multiple crisis: pandemic, Russian war in Ukraine, climate change and social crisis. We remain the only political family able to develop solutions and keep our societies together.

Again, social-democratic, socialist and progressive leaders and their government make the difference all over the world. In Latin America the election of Boric in Chile, Petro in Columbia and hopefully Lula in Brazil offer a new global progressive perspective.

Democracy remains under threat and we have to stand firm against all kinds of attack trying to undermine democratic systems and institutions, work hard for rebuilding them where authoritarian and illiberal regimes undermine fundamental human, social, cultural and economic rights.

International solidarity remains at the core of our cooperation around globe. Our comrades prosecuted or in jail, need to be able to count on our support being in Nicaragua, Belarus, Turkey or elsewhere.

As the Board meeting will prepare our next Convention which shall take place in February 2023, we shall use the opportunity to exchange views on development perspectives of the Progressive Alliance.

Since our foundation in 2013 we have managed to develop as a credible alternative and global cooperation platform with a light structure. In these



challenging times we may question mark whether our structure still corresponds to what we need for global alliance building with our political family as leader.

## Agenda proposal:

- 1. Welcome by Lars Klingbeil, SPD Chair and Martin Schulz, President FES
- 2. Agreement on agenda
- 3. Report on activities since the last Board meeting on 1 October 2021
- 4. Update on finance
- 5. Options for future development of Progressive Alliance
- 6. Membership applications
- 7. Resolutions
- 8. AOB

## Please confirm you participation until 29 September to: <u>events@progressive-alliance.info</u>

You will receive then the zoom link as well as all relevant documents one week prior to our meeting. Simultaneous translation will be provided in EN, FR and ES.

For those who want to present solidarity **statements or resolutions**, please send them **before 29 September** in a word version allowing us to translate them.

Do not hesitate to come back on me with any further proposal, suggestion or request.

In solidarity

**Conny Reuter** 

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