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To: IUSY Member Organisations
Cc: IUSY Presidium

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IUSY WORLD CONGRESS 2018

“THE LEFT”

Bečići, Montenegro
February 15-18, 2018

The past two years have been the years where the unimaginable happened. Well established democracies have been under siege by populist and neo-fascists, claiming shares of power. All regions of the world have fallen into the nationalist anti-solidarity, anti-democratic rhetoric of the right. The far right is spreading in the peripheries of major capitals of the West, as well as in many other places of the world. Their narrative settles in the minds of the emarginated and scared of our societies, their words poison the reasoning of the angry ones.

Our parties have seldom managed to counteract, often defending the status quo in the name of common sense, but hence appearing conservative and deaf to the cries for help to the eyes of those who ask for a radical change. Our words have been twisted, changed, and used against us.

It is time for us to come together and take a stand, because we must remember that change never comes from above. It comes only when people realise that this is not the world that we will want to live in. Despite the struggles, the risks, the fights, and the time it may take to see some tangible change, we need to still stand today with an even stronger voice that we are going to change this world. We need you, all of you, your energy, your bright ideas, and your idealism to make our struggle more than just words confined in a conference room.

The IUSY World Congress is our most important global event where we gather to evaluate the last years, elect our leadership and to set the agenda for the future. We are looking forward to meet all of you to enjoy both the fun and the politics. Our hosting organization, the Youth Council of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro, is happy to welcome all of you in their home.

Please find attached the technical information for the IUSY World Congress. Note that we urge all member organisations to register before the 30th of November 2017, but at the latest on the 31st of December 2017.

There is a hard task ahead – the hardest in generations – but we are, after all, the Left!

For this reason, we look forward to seeing you in Montenegro for a fruitful, and inspiring World Congress.

In Solidarity,

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IUSY President

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Technical Information

1. Registration of Delegates

All delegates need to be registered through filling in the [registration link](#) provided in the invitation email. We urge all delegations to register before **the 30th of November 2017** (since this means a better estimate on the number of participants attending the Congress). After this date only a reduced travel reimbursement for all eligible organizations will be available. **The same rules apply for those who are in need of visa.**

The last deadline for registration is the 31st of December 2017. For delegations registering after the 31st of December no travel reimbursement will be granted and their acceptance depends on the situation of the registrations before the deadline. To make sure you get a visa, please register before the first deadline!

In case of any issues, please get in contact with the IUSY Secretariat (congress@iusy.org) immediately.

2. Statutory Requirements

2.1 Right to Vote

Full member organizations have the right to **2 (two) votes per organization**. For full voting rights, each organization must have paid their membership fee for the year 2018, as well as any outstanding debt. The delegation must have a 50% (+1) gender balance for the entire delegation. If an organization does not satisfy this last requirement it will lose one vote. If more information is needed, or if you have any questions, regarding your member organizations membership fee or debt situation contact the IUSY Control Commission through the IUSY Secretariat as soon as possible.

2.2 Gender Balance

All delegations must respect the statutory requirement of 50% gender balance in the entire delegation, including additional delegates and Presidium members.

2.3 Size of Delegations

Full member organizations are entitled to send four (4) participants and two (2) additional delegates paying higher participation fee.

Observer organizations are entitled to send two (2) delegates.

Invited organizations (guests) are invited to send one (1) delegate.

Presidium members are counted as participants of their delegations for the IUSY World Congress; they are included in the total number of delegates of their organizations.

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3. Nomination of Candidates

All full member organizations of IUSY – that have fulfilled the obligations to IUSY (paid their membership fee) – have the right to make nominations. More information about nominations will be sent out on 30th November and deadline for nominating is the 31st December. After the deadline all nominations will be made public.

4. Resolutions & Amendments to the IUSY World Congress documents

All organizations will receive the preparatory documents for the Congress on the 30th November. If you will submit amendments to these documents or if you wish to present proposals for resolutions and declarations to the Congress for adoption, all organizations are kindly asked to send these to the IUSY Secretariat (congress@iusy.org) in advance, but no later than 31st December. From the 8th January all proposals received will be made available on the IUSY website at www.iusy.org. Proposals for Resolutions and Amendments can still be presented at the Congress. To ensure enough time for all Member Organizations to study your proposals we kindly ask you to send your proposals before the 8th January. Deadline for amendments to resolutions is the 31st January.

5. Participation fee

Every delegate and guest must pay a fee to cover part of his/her costs for the World Congress. In the spirit of international solidarity the fees are different according to world regions.

The participation fee (expressed in Euros, €) for registrations before the 1st deadline, the 30th of November, will be the following:

- a) Participants from organisations belonging to the European Committee (organisations from European Union's member countries, from Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland): €150.
- b) Participants from other organizations: €130.
- c) Extra delegates from organisations belonging to the European Committee (organisations from European Union's member countries, from Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland): €180
- d) Guests/Extra delegates from other organisations: €150.

The participation fee for registrations before the 2nd and last deadline, the 31st of December, will be the following:

- a) Participants from organizations belonging to the European Committee (organisations from European Union's member countries, from Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland): €180.
- b) Participants from other organizations: €150.
- c) Extra delegates from organisations belonging to the European Committee (organisations from European Union's member countries, from Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland, Norway or Switzerland): €200
- d) Guests/Extra delegates from other organisations: €180.

Please send a confirmation of the participation fee payment to the Secretariat. Kindly note that all delegations must present the original bank transfer receipt at registration upon arrival to the Congress.

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The participation fee covers all costs for meals and accommodation during the days of the event. With the participation fee each participant directly contributes to making the IUSY World Congress truly global and to ensuring a broad participation. The participation fee secures the possibility for IUSY to give financial support for travel costs to delegations coming from outside of Europe. The fee has to be transferred by the 8th of January to the IUSY bank account. In case of exception needed, please get in touch with the IUSY Secretariat ASAP.

IUSY bank account:

Bank: BAWAG Wien
Address: Lerchenfelderstrasse 43, A-1070 Vienna, Austria
Account Number: 05310660380
BLZ Code: 14000
SWIFT Code: BAWAATWW
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Your delegation will be considered registered for Congress only once the participation fee is paid.

!! Please note that the delegates entitled to travel reimbursement must pay the participation fee in advance like all other delegates unless a special agreement has been made beforehand with the IUSY Control Commission through the IUSY Secretariat. **!!**

6. Travel Info/Accommodation/Venue of the World Congress

The World Congress will take place in the city of Bečići, Montenegro. Accommodation and food will be provided for the days of the Congress, including arrival (Thursday) and departure (Sunday) days. We encourage you to arrive as early as Thursday, February 15th, as the Congress starts on Friday morning.

The following airports are closest to the Congress venue:

- Podgorica International Airport, TGD
- Tivat International Airport, TIV
- Čilipi International Airport, DBV (Dubrovnik, Croatia)

Travel from both Montenegrin airports (Podgorica and Tivat) to the World Congress venue will be provided. Please take into account that participants arriving to Dubrovnik will have to cross an external European Union border, which might be a timely process.

Accommodation: All delegates will be accommodated at the Montenegro Beach Resort 4* (Hotel Bečići, Bečići, Montenegro).

Congress venue: The venue is at the Splendid Conference & SPA Resort, 50m away from the Montenegro Beach Resort 4*.

IMPORTANT: To avoid problems we would like to make it strictly clear that hotel rooms and other assistance will only be provided for those delegations that have informed the IUSY Secretariat on their travel details by the designated deadline of 8th January. Organizations confirming their participation and not showing up for the Congress will be requested to pay the hotel expenses and

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this sum will be added to the debts of the organization. Please note that the hosting organizations are not responsible for covering any travel expenses.

Should you require accommodation before or after the actual congress, please let us know. The hosting organizations can assist you in making additional reservations for your delegates. Kindly note that costs of additional accommodation in Montenegro will not be covered by the hosting organizations or by IUSY.

Please note that our hosting organizations are not responsible for any cost outside of those strictly indicated as part of the Congress. Therefore the hosting organization or IUSY will not account for any personal costs incurred by the participants at the hotel such as phone calls, room service or the use of mini bar.

7. Travel Reimbursement

We are kindly advising all organizations to start booking flights immediately in order to get the best possible price. IUSY will be able to support your travel costs for delegations not from Europe* with a fixed maximum amount per delegation depending on the date of the registration as mentioned above.

A list with reference prices will follow for each region. Please note that the full amount of travel reimbursement listed can only be given to the delegations registering before the 30th of November. After this date only a reduced travel reimbursement for all eligible organizations will be available. For delegations registering after the last deadline (31st of December) no travel reimbursement can be guaranteed. In case the organization has not paid its membership fee for the year 2018 or has some debts from previous years, membership fee and all debts should be paid or will be automatically deducted from travel reimbursement. To claim Travel Reimbursement, the delegations must respect gender balance its delegates must attend 100% of the programme, with no exception!

All travel reimbursements will be made in Euro by bank transfer after the meeting. Exceptions will ONLY be made for those who contact the IUSY Secretariat before the second deadline for registrations. Please send the attached travel reimbursement form with complete bank information to the Secretariat (iusy@iusy.org).

8. Visa

8.1 Application

We ask all delegates to ask at the nearest Consulate, Embassy or High Commission of Montenegro if they need visa to enter the country. All delegations needing visa MUST make the necessary arrangements with sufficient time in advance, and follow the application procedure, requesting regular information on its development, in order to resolve any problems that may arise. Please make sure that you apply for your visas well in advance and that you follow the procedure regularly.

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8.2 Letter of Invitation

All those that require visa will need a letter of invitation from the hosting organizations. For this reason we are asking you to fill in the registration form correctly with ALL information in it. The hosting organizations will send an invitation to your organization and a copy to the respective consular authorities, which will help you obtain the visa. It will NOT be possible to obtain visa on arrival from the airport, land border or seaport. Please take this information seriously in order to avoid any problems.

8.3 Deadline

Please note that the deadline for sending visa requests is also the 31th of December 2017. In order to be able to assist the delegates of your organization the IUSY Secretariat needs to receive the passport details immediately! **Please do not overlook this.**

9. Security and insurance

Kindly note that neither IUSY nor the hosting organizations will be responsible for any health costs incurred during your stay in Montenegro. We would recommend that you make travel insurance before your departure from your own country. There are special policies that cover unforeseen expenses such as hospitalization, theft and costs deriving from loss of flight.

10. Additional Information

10.1 Currency

Though not being part of the European Union, the Montenegrin currency is the Euro. Credit cards are accepted only in the larger hotels, shops and travel agencies. We also suggest you to have cash money in order to have no problems with any kind of payments.

10.2 Timezone

UTC +1

10.3 Electricity

Montenegro uses two-pin continental plugs and 230 volt (50Hz) like most other European countries. Visitors from Ireland or the UK will need adaptors for electrical appliances, while those from North America will need a transformer to use 110/125 volt appliances.

10.4 Climate in Montenegro

Average Temperature in Montenegro in February and March is between 5° C to 15° C. Winters in Montenegro are generally mild. It rarely snows in the city and the surroundings. However, we suggest you to bring warm jackets and shoes for touring in the city.

11. Contact the IUSY Secretariat

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