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To: IUSY Member Organisations

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Dear Comrades,

Democracy is under siege. Across the world, we witness the rapid rise of right-wing extremism and fascism, threatening the very foundations of our democratic institutions. Authoritarian leaders, far-right parties, and extremist movements are exploiting economic insecurity, misinformation, and fear to erode civil liberties and dismantle democratic norms. In times like these, our movement, grounded in socialism, social democracy, and labor rights, must unite to fight back.

From the alarming crackdown on dissent in countries like Hungary and El Salvador, to the rise of extremist rhetoric in the United States and the European Parliament, the far-right is no longer a fringe movement. It is infiltrating mainstream politics, using democratic mechanisms to undermine democracy itself. Hate speech, xenophobia, and the targeting of marginalized communities have become political tools to consolidate power. Meanwhile, the spread of disinformation, AI-driven propaganda, and digital surveillance are being weaponized to silence opposition and manipulate public opinion.

We must recognize that this is not an isolated crisis, on the contrary it is a global trend that demands a coordinated international response. The lessons of history warn us of what happens when fascism is left unchecked. Today, we see the consequences of political complacency as human rights violations increase, labor rights are suppressed, and democratic institutions are hollowed out from within.

The IUSY Council 2025 is our opportunity to confront this threat head-on. We must strategize on how to build strong alliances, mobilize young people, and fortify democracy against those who seek to destroy it. How can we effectively counter the spread of far-right ideology? What role should international solidarity play in defending democracy? How can we ensure that young generations remain committed to progressive values in the face of rising extremism?

We invite you to join us this May as we take a stand. The time for action is now.

In Solidarity,

Hend Mgaieth
IUSY President

Sarineh Abrahamian
IUSY Secretary General

Anilla Vrajolli
Rinia për
Vetëvendosje
Secretary General



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

1.1. Registration of Delegates

All delegates need to be registered through filling in the link [HERE](#). We urge all delegations to register before the **6th of April 2025** (since this means a better estimate on the number of participants attending the Council). 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 (they should register in the 1st deadline). Please check using the following link: <https://visaindex.com/> to inform if you require a visa to travel to Kosovo.

The last deadline for registration is the **13th of April 2025**. For delegations registering after the second deadline 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 (council@iusy.org) immediately.

Deadlines

- 1st deadline to register – 06th April 2025
- 2nd deadline to register – 13th April 2025

1.2. Registration of Online Delegates

At this moment, registration of online delegates is possible. As we highly encourage all member organisations to join us in Pristina, Kosovo – and therefore restoring the physical format of previous councils and congresses -, possibility of online delegations has also been considered in case of necessity. This means that, even though we strongly encourage organisations to attend the Council in Pristina, Kosovo, there is the possibility of online connection and participation in the World Council with full rights.

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 2025, 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.

NOTE: IUSY Control Commission will not make any agreement on spot at the day of the Council under no circumstances. All agreements need to be done in advance, no later than **23th of April 2025** by contacting IUSY Control Commission Chair Victoria Faroppa at ccpresident@iusy.org. There will be special spots designated for concrete delegations during the arrival day (you will be notified about it in advance), where organisations will have the last chance to make any agreement. Please note that the later you reach out to the Control Commission, the least time you'll have for a possible negotiation.



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 two (2) participants and two (2) additional delegates paying higher participation fee.

Observer organizations are entitled to send one (1) delegate.

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

Presidium members and Control Commission members are not counted as participants of their delegations for the IUSY World Council; they will take part in addition to the total number of delegates of their organisation.

3. Resolutions & Amendments to the IUSY World Council documents

If you wish to present proposals for resolutions and declarations to the Council for adoption, all organisations are kindly asked to send these to the IUSY Secretariat (council@iusy.org) in advance, but no later than **14th of April**.

Latest from the **17th of April**, all proposals received will be made available on the IUSY website at www.iusy.org.

Urgent proposals for Resolutions and Amendments - can still be presented at the Council if sent to the IUSY Secretariat (council@iusy.org) by the **8th of May 2025**.

To ensure enough time for all Member Organizations to study your proposals we kindly ask you to send your proposals before the **14th of April**. Deadline for amendments to resolutions is the **27th of April**.

Deadlines for Resolutions

- **14th of April** – Sending resolutions, statements, others (by Member Organisations)
- **17th of April** – publishing documents on IUSY Website
- **27th of April** – deadline for amendments of the published documents
- **2nd of May** – publishing amendments on IUSY Website

All documents (resolutions, declarations) should be submitted at least in one of the three official languages of IUSY, namely in English, in Spanish or in French. Delegations are also entitled to submit documents in more than one official language which helps the work of the Secretariat.

NOTE: All submitted documents should be in the templates provided otherwise the submission will not be valid.



4. Participation fee

Every delegate and guest must pay a fee to cover part of his/her costs for the World Council. 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, **6th of April**, 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): €170.
- 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): €190
- d) Guests/Extra delegates from other organisations: €170.

The participation fee for registrations before the 2nd and last deadline, **13th of April**, 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): €200.
- b) Participants from other organizations: €170.
- 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): €220
- d) Guests/Extra delegates from other organisations: €200.

Please send a confirmation of the participation fee payment to the Secretariat (council@iusy.org with the email subject '[Name of Member Organisation] Participation Fee Council Confirmation'. Kindly note that all delegations (head of delegation) must present the original bank transfer receipt at registration upon arrival to the Council.

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 Council 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 **1st of May** to the IUSY bank account. In case of exception needed, please get in touch with the IUSY Secretariat as soon as possible.

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IUSY bank account details:

- **Bank:** BAWAG PSK
- **Account Number:** 05310660380
- **BLZ Code:** 14000
- **SWIFT Code:** BAWAATWW
- **IBAN Code:** AT 41 1400 0053 1066 0380

Your delegation will be considered registered for Council 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.

5. Logistics

5.1. Travel and Transfers

The World Council will take place in Pristina, Kosovo. We encourage you to arrive as early as Thursday, 15th of May, as the **Council starts on Friday morning**. Departures are foreseen on Sunday, 18th of May.

All delegates need to arrive at either Pristina International Airport (PRN) in Kosovo or Skopje International Airport (SKP) in Macedonia. Transfers will be provided from both airports. Transfers will be provided **ONLY** from these airports and **ONLY** on the day of arrival and **ONLY** on the day of departure.

5.2. Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided for the dates of the Council. The information regarding the accommodation will follow soon.

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 deadlines. Organisations confirming their participation and not showing up for the Council will be requested to pay the hotel expenses and this sum will be added to the debts of the organisation. Please note that the hosting organisations are not responsible for covering any travel expenses.

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

Please note that our hosting organisations are not responsible for any cost outside of those strictly indicated as part of the Council. 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.

Please note that the typology of the rooms depends on the hotel availability. Double and triple rooms have been the best practice over the past events, yet this is something we cannot guarantee at the moment. Should you have any special request regarding the hotel, please write it in the registration form before the first deadline.



5.3. Meal requirements

Food will be provided for the days of the Council, starting from the dinner on the arrival day and finishing with the breakfast on the departure day.

If you have any dietary requirements please do not forget to mention it in your application. In case of changes you need to inform the Secretariat immediately sending an email to council@iusy.org.

6. 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 **6th of April**.

After this date only a reduced travel reimbursement for all eligible organizations will be available. For delegations registering after the last deadline (**13th of April**) no travel reimbursement can be guaranteed. In case the organization has not paid its membership fee for the year 2025 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 and 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 (council@iusy.org).

7. Visa

7.1. Application

We ask all delegates to ask at the nearest Consulate or Embassy of Kosovo, 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.

7.2. Letter of Invitation

All those that require visa will need a letter of invitation from the hosting organization. For this reason, we are asking you to fill in the registration form correctly with ALL information in it. The hosting organization 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 or land border. Please take this information seriously in order to avoid any problems.



7.3. Deadline

Please note that the deadline for sending visa requests is the **6th of April**. 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.

8. Security and insurance

Kindly note that neither IUSY nor the hosting organizations will be responsible for any health costs incurred during your stay in Kosovo. 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.

9. Additional Information

9.1. Currency

The official currency in Kosovo is the Euro (EUR).

9.2. Time Zone

Kosovo follows Central European Time (CET), which is GMT+1.

9.3. Electricity

In Kosovo, the power plugs and sockets are of type F. The standard voltage is 230 V, and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. Please remember to bring an adapter if your devices require one.

9.4. Climate in Kosovo (May)

In May, the average temperatures in Kosovo range between **11°C and 24°C**, with occasional peaks as low as **6°C** or as high as **30°C**, based on past records. The weather is generally mild, with a mix of sunny and rainy days. Please consider these conditions when packing your luggage.

10. Contact the IUSY Secretariat

All inquiries related to the Council should be sent to: council@iusy.org

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11. Deadlines for Council

- **Council Registration**
 - 6 April** – First registration deadline for Council (by Member Organisations)
 - 13 April** – Final registration deadline for Council (by Member Organisations)
- **Documents and Proposals**
 - 14 April** – Deadline to submit resolutions, statements, and other official documents (by Member Organizations)
 - 17 April** – All submitted documents published on the IUSY website
 - 27 April** – Deadline to submit amendments to published documents
 - 2 May** – All amendments published on the IUSY website
 - 8 May** – Deadline for urgent resolutions
 - 15 May (23:59 CET)** – Final opportunity to submit urgent resolutions on-site
- **Participation and Financial agreements**
 - 23 April** – Deadline to settle membership fees with Control Commission (to retain voting eligibility)
 - 1 May** – Deadline for transfer of participation fees (by Member Organisations)
 - 3 May** – Final deadline to settle membership fees
- **Candidacies and Applications**
 - 25 April (23:59 CET)** – Deadline for submitting VP candidacies
 - 28 April** – Candidacies published on the IUSY website
 - 28 April** – Deadline for applications for Member Organisations