



FOR A LOW TAX MOVEMENT IN EUROPE

Europe today struggles on its way to recovery, trying hard to implement growth measures, create jobs, boost entrepreneurship and attract investments. At the same time, the EU is the highest taxed area in the OECD, public spending is still inexplicably high and tax systems across the Member States remain complicated and hostile to citizens, businesses and investors. **We call for change.**

In Europe we have a problem of overspending, not under-taxing. EU public spending reaches the enormous amount of 17 billion euros every 24 hours. These trillions of euros are coming from taxpayers who work hard every day and struggle to pay their bills. **We stand for less public spending and a smaller state.**

Taxation for European companies is so high, that just a 2.3% decrease in the annual corporate taxation rate would allow them to create 2 million more jobs, paid with the average EU wage. European employers are afraid to take the risk of hiring because of the cost of labour. By linking low tax policies to job creation we can allow European businesses to hire the people they need to be more productive. **We stand for lower taxes on labour and more tax incentives to job creators.**

Today's European middle class has suffered the most during the crisis years. Taxes on property, income, consumption, communication, transport and every other aspect of a European's daily life are crushing households in most member states. Less taxes will allow every citizen to spend more of their hard-earned money. Less taxes would mean more consumption, which is much needed to fuel recovery at all levels of the real economy. **We stand against any tax system that kills the purchasing power of middle-class taxpayers.**

Europe's 25 million Small and Medium Businesses are the number one contributor to the European economy, creating 2/3rds of Europe's private sector jobs and paying billions in taxes. We have to change the business-hostile environment of high taxation that our SMEs operate in. Lower taxes on SMEs would allow more Europeans to take risks and start up a business, and more innovators to grow their ideas within the EU. **We are on the side of small businesses, Europe's largest growth force.**

The more complicated a tax system is, the more ways there are for tax evasion. Simpler taxation systems are the best way to eliminate the loopholes that allow for evasion and avoidance. Businesses have to spend endless hours and money to comply with unnecessarily long requirements while the state wastes enormous resources to monitor and collect tax revenue. **We stand for simpler tax systems and modernised methods of tax collection.**

It is time to show to the people who paid for the crisis that their efforts are finally paying off, that a better future in Europe is not just a hopeful statement but a reality. We call on EU's finance ministers and Heads of State to create national policies for lower taxation. We must allow hardworking Europeans to keep more of what they earn to consume, invest and save. That is why we are forming a low-tax movement for Europe and its citizens.

By signing this document you are joining our alliance for lower taxation in Europe.