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#europe1310: Demonstrations in more than 50 European cities against nationalism and for a united Europe

To whom it may concern

on **Saturday, October 13th 2018**, people in more than 50 European cities, from Minsk to Lisbon, from Nicosia to Eskilstuna, have gathered on the streets to raise their voices against nationalism and for a united Europe.

- More than 800 prominent European artists, writers, academics and politicians supported the Call To Action of 13-10.org.
- Organizations and individuals in Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Cyprus have followed the Call of www.13-10.org and proactively planned demonstrations for a peaceful, democratic and tolerant Europe.
- The actors of the pro-European movement came together. Civil society groups joined forces with parties and trade unions, across geographical borders and political divisions: **We all have the vision of a democratic and united Europe, a world of freedom and peace.**

In the spirit of a united Europe, two cross-border demonstrations took place in **Ventimiglia / Menton** on the Franco-Italian border and in **Trieste**, Italy, on the border with Slovenia.

The Organizations "Pulse of Europe" and "Women's March Global" have organized rallies in a total of 8 cities, including **Toulouse, Hamburg and Cologne**, where comedian Markus Barth, journalist Jean Pütz and presenter Ranga Yogeshwar gave speeches. In other cities, such as **Salzburg**, the demonstrations were organized by dedicated citizens.

In **Vienna**, on the occasion of the call, a committed alliance was formed, which organized an extensive program, including musical contributions, discussions and various events in the surrounding cafés. The demonstrations were colorful and diverse, just as all initiative's supporters imagine our society: For example, in **Florence** the Movimento Federalista Europeo (MFE) organized a flashmob, in other cities people came together for a debate about the situation in Europe.

According to initial estimates, about 250.000 people met in **Berlin** on Alexanderplatz to protest against exclusion and for a solidary society, initiated by the Unteilbar-Bündnis. Further demonstrations took place in **Rome, Milan, Hanover, Zurich, Budapest, Madrid, Barcelona, Warsaw and Prague**.

13-10.org was initiated by the Swiss-German writer Jonas Lüscher and the Austrian philosopher Michael Zichy. They are driven by their concerns about the rise of nationalism and european disintegration.

„After Brexit and the election of Donald Trump, nothing can be taken for granted. Not even peace, democracy and the rule of law in Europe, all of which must be fought for over and over again – and now it is up to us to stand up for it.
Michael Zichy, initiator

The call for a large pro-European and pro-democratic demonstration is therefore supposed to be a clear signal to reignite the European spirit.

„We might all have different ideas about how Europe should work in detail. But what has brought us together on October 13th, is our shared belief that our future lies in Europe and that the rise of nationalism is a dangerous step backwards."
Jonas Lüscher, initiator

In summary, large sections of the entire European civil society stood up against nationalism, xenophobia and intolerance and made clear: We believe in the cohesion of Europe. It is our best guarantee for peace, freedom and the dignity and rights of all people.

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