

The AGM of People's Movement in Denmark calls for referendum on treaty changes

We urge the Danish parliament to ask the population, before continued transfer of sovereignty to the EU in the economic area, says The People's Movement against the EU in Denmark

The AGM of The Peoples Movement against EU was held in Aarhus the 30th-31st October and gathered up to 200 participants from Denmark and abroad. The AGM was especially marked by dissatisfaction with the fact that a majority of the Danish parliament apparently will say yes to the Lisbon Treaty changes. This allows the EU to establish a fund for countries in financial difficulties. It comes just 11 months after the Treaty entered into force.

This is one more step in the transfer of sovereignty in the economic area from the national parliament to the EU. The money for the fund can only come from the member countries with a further increase in Denmark's net contribution. A contribution that is already more than 10 billion Danish Kroner (about 1,3 billion Euro) a year. We therefore call on the parliament to ask the Danish population, before continued transfer of sovereignty to the EU in the economic area, says the national board of The Peoples Movement at the AGM.

Reunion of the Danish opposition to the EU

The AGM was marked by the new situation for the cross-political opposition to the EU in Denmark after the former MEP Jens-Peter Bonde's June Movement was closed last year after the defeat in the elections to the EU parliament.

After the June Movement is closed forces must unite in the People's Movement, says co-founder of the June Movement and former long-standing board member of the June Movement Niels I. Meyer. He was candidate in the elections to the national board of The People's Movement and was elected. Several key members of the June Movement have also joined the People's Movement lately.

Statements, prizes and greetings

The AGM demanded respect for the Danish euro opt out and urged the parliament to denounce the possibility for the French president to appoint members of the EU parliament. The AGM also adopted a statement saying that Denmark should give the UN peace work in Western Sahara higher priority than the EU's interests by rejecting a fishery agreement with Morocco if it covers Western Sahara.

Max Andersson, spokesperson for the EU-committee in the Swedish Green Party, was handed over the international Clog Award (award for standing firm on the EU-issue) for his efforts against the EU and the euro. The Danish Clog Award went to two local trade unions for a many months long dispute in Brønderslev against underpayment of Polish workers. The AGM received greetings from TEAM, EU Democrats, People's Movement in Ireland, Heimssyn in Iceland, No to the EU, Norway, Folkrorelsen No to the EU in Sweden and Alternative to the EU in Finland.

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