



## MOTION DRAFT PRESENTED BY YEM OXFORD AT THE YEM UK GENERAL MEETING 2015

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### EU institutions should listen to Greeks: more solidarity for a federal Union of States

#### SUMMARY OF OUR POSITION

- Syriza's victory in Greece **impacted** EU politics
- The Greek elections **expressed a deep disagreement** with the current EU policies
- Considering this democratic choice, **we should strengthen solidarity** among member states

#### OUR POSITION

A few weeks ago, on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015, the left wing political party Syriza won unquestionably the General Elections in Greece. With 36,3% of votes expressed in its favour, Alexis Tsipras' political party obtained 149 out of 300 seats in the Greek Parliament, reflecting Greek people's deep will to change the severe economic situation that Greece has been facing since the beginning of the financial crisis in 2008.

Embodying all the anger coming from the heart of an increasing majority of Greeks, dramatically coping with the difficulties and threats posed every day by the lack of employment and by the indiscriminate cutting of social services, the victory of Syriza has clearly expressed a message of hope and dignity against the impact of austerity measures, which risk to undermine the social contract between Europeans and their important political and economic Union. By democratically contesting the rules imposed by the EC, ECB and IMF to restructure the debt-GDP ratio and to make Greece competitive again, the majority of the Greek citizens stated – through the General Elections – that it is seeking another path to recover from the sovereign debt crisis that made Greece the most incriminated country in the EU.

Clearly showing to EU authorities that politics determines economic policy and stressing the importance of social justice, Syriza's victory should be then considered as a European turning point towards more social and solidarity measures: this message has to be heard by EU institutions and, above all, by the governments of member states.

Taking advantage of the message expressed by thousands of Greeks, the moment has then come: politicians should demonstrate through concrete actions their will to build the European Union "whatever it takes". In this sense, we argue convincingly that the Greek change represents a unique and decisive opportunity for the communitarian institutions to demonstrate, once again, the prevailing solidarity of the EU over specific national interests of certain member states and, even if we are aware of the need to prevent moral hazard, to express their solidarity to Greece, by establishing more social justice in the European countries and rebuilding the trust in the EU institutions after the economic crisis.

Listening to the message of hope expressed by Greeks and enhancing solidarity between European countries is an actual need for the institution of a more federal, secure and just union of states as never before.