

Progressive European Doctrine:
How to shape and promote it in the times of the grand unravelling

Agenda Next Left Research Programme

Next Left Focus Group & Progressive Pollsters Network meeting
Barcelona, Spain

15th – 18th April 2026

Wednesday, 15th April 2026

@ Hotel Indigo Barcelona Plaza Espana (Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 322, Sants-Montjuïc, 08004 Barcelona, Spain)

Arrivals

Thursday, 16th April 2026

@ Headquarters PSC (Carrer de Pallars, 191, Sant Martí, 08005 de, Barcelona, Spain)

09.30 – 09.40

Welcome

- **José Montilla**, President, Fundació Rafael Campalans

09.40 – 10.00

Opening

- **Ania Skrzypek**, Director for Research and Training, FEPS
- **Andreas Schieder**, Member of European Parliament (S&D); Head of the Austrian SPÖ-EU-Delegation; Chair Next Left Research Programme
- **Gerhard Marchl**, Head of Department of European Politics, Karl-Renner-Institut

10.00 – 11.30

Progressive Pollsters' Network session

- **András Bíró-Nagy**, Director, Policy Solutions
- **Juan Rodríguez Teruel**, Director, Center for Opinion Studies (CEO), Generalitat de Catalunya
- **Kaisa Vatanen**, Vice-President, FEPS; Chief Client Officer, Mandate Research
- **Riccardo Benetti**, Senior Researcher, SWG S.p.A.
- **Christabel Cooper**, Visting Senior Research Fellow, King's College London

11.30 – 12.00

Break

12.30 – 14.00

Next Left Research Focus Group session

- **Eunice Goes**, Politics at Richmond, The American International University in London
- **Carlo D'Ippoliti**, Professor of political economy, Sapienza University of Rome
- **Daniela Ostra**, Political scientist, Department of Political Science and European Studies, Palacký University in Olomouc
- **Dimitris Tsarouhas**, Visiting Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech
- **Tomáš Petříček**, Senior non-residential fellow, the Centre of Global Political Economy at the Institute of International Relations in Prague; Director, Progressive Analytical Centre
- **Konstantin Vössing**, Reader in Comparative Politics, City St. George's, University of London

15.00 – 16.30

Closed-door lunch

@ Sallés Hotel Pere IV (Carrer de Pallars, 128, Sant Martí, 08018 Barcelona, Spain)

16.30 – 18.30

Catalunya: Progressive Reference for Europe

@ Headquarters PSC (Carrer de Pallars, 191, Sant Martí, 08005 de, Barcelona, Spain)

- **Marc Cabañas Hidalgo**, Deputy Head of Cabinet, Department of EU and Foreign Action, Generalitat de Catalunya; Former FEPS YAN
- **Pau Solanilla**, Vice president of Rafael Campalans Foundation
- **Oriol Bartomeus**, Director of the Institute of Political and Social Sciences (ICPS)
- **Carles Martí**, Secretary of the Area of Programs, Foresight, and Historical Memory (PSC)

@ Barcelona City Council (Pl. de Sant Jaume, 1, Ciutat Vella, 08002 Barcelona, Spain)

19.00

Visit to the Barcelona City Council

@ Ca l'Agut (Carrer d'en Gignàs, 16, Ciutat Vella, 08002 Barcelona)

21.00

Dinner

Friday, 17th April 2026

@ Fira Barcelona, Hall 8 (Carrer de l'Alumini, s/n, Sants-Montjuïc, 08908 Barcelona, Spain)

16.00 – 16.45

Next Left: Navigating through the grand unraveling and beyond

In a moment of crisis, more than ever social democratic parties need to strategize for success. The crisis in the Middle-East is still unfolding and will in all likelihood trigger a series of economic and human security aftershocks that make governing in the future even harder. Drawing on key insights from across the EU and the UK, the workshop will address how the current moment of 'policy-crisis' is likely to impact on crucial agendas, notably the green transition, the rise of platform work, industrial policy, and the impact of artificial intelligence. The threat to energy security will make it necessary to reorganise the economy in fundamental ways. In the meantime, the economic impact of the crisis threatens to aggravate pre-existing inequalities between rich and poor, between men and women, and between younger and older generations. Rising challenges of insecurity and inequality that have plagued advanced capitalist countries over the last decade — from climate change to the rise of the far right, economic crisis, and the creation of new types of jobs that do not protect workers — are likely to be deepened by the present instability. That requires social democrats to innovate and forge new solutions to the pressing challenges of our times. The aim is to fashion a viable programme for government and a vision for society that will revive the fortunes of our parties after a decade in the doldrums.

Opening remarks:

- **Andreas Schieder**, MEP (S&D), Head of the Austrian SPÖ-EU-Delegation, Chair Next Left Research Programme
- **Kata Tüttő**, President, European Committee of the Regions

Presentation by:

- **Kaisa Vatanen**, Vice-President, FEPS; Chief Client Officer, Mandate Research

Speakers:

- **Andreas Schieder**, MEP (S&D), Head of the Austrian SPÖ-EU-Delegation, Chair Next Left Research Programme
- **Hana Jalloul**, MEP (S&D), Secretary, International Policy and Development Cooperation of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE); Vice-President, Socialist International
- **Matthias Ecke**, MEP (S&D)
- **Kata Tüttő**, President, European Committee of the Regions
- **Paul Magnette**, President, Socialist Party, Belgium; Former mayor of Charleroi
- **João Martis Pereira**, President, Young European Socialists
- **Chiara Braga**, President, PD parliamentary group, Italian parliament
- **Esther-Mirjam Sent**, Chair, PvdA
- **Christophe Clergeau**, Vice-President of the S&D Group

- **Alberto Bondesio Martínez**, MP (PSC), Parliament of Catalonia

Closing remarks:

- **Paul Magnette**, President, Socialist Party, Belgium; Former mayor of Charleroi

Moderation by Ania Skrzypek, Director for Research and Training, FEPS

Saturday, 18th April 2026

@ Fira Barcelona, Hall 8 (Carrer de l'Alumini, s/n, Sants-Montjuïc, 08908 Barcelona, Spain)

13.00 – 17.00

Plenary session with speeches by global leaders

Departures

Non-exhaustive list of participants (15, 16, 17 & 18 April)

1. **Alberto Bondesio Martínez**, MP (PSC), Parliament of Catalonia
2. **András Bíró-Nagy**, Director, Policy Solutions
3. **Andreas Schieder**, Member of European Parliament (S&D); Head of the Austrian SPÖ-EU-Delegation; Chair Next Left Research Programme
4. **Ania Skrzypek**, Director for Research and Training, FEPS
5. **Anna Pacześniak** (tbc), Professor of Political Science, University of Wrocław
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10. **Christophe Clergeau**, Vice-President of the S&D Group
11. **Covadonga Morales Bertrand**, Programme Coordinator, FES Madrid
12. **Daniela Ostra**, Political scientist, Department of Political Science and European Studies, Palacký University in Olomouc
13. **Dmitris Tsarouhas**, Visiting Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Virginia Tech
14. **Elena Gil**, Project & Training Coordinator, FEPS
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16. **Eunice Goes**, Politics at Richmond, The American International University in London
17. **Gerhard Marchl**, Head of Department of European Politics, Karl-Renner-Institut
18. **Guillem Vidal**, Director of the Universal Basic Income Office, Generalitat de Catalunya
19. **Hana Jalloul**, Member of European Parliament (S&D); Secretary, International Policy and Development Cooperation of the Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE); Vice-President, Socialist International
20. **Iris Vijverberg**, Project Officer, FEPS
21. **Javi López Fernández**, MEP (S&D)
22. **João Martis Pereira**, President, Young European Socialists
23. **Jordi Santandreu**, Head of Projects, International Relations and Communication, Fundació Rafael Campalans
24. **José Montilla**, President, Fundació Rafael Campalans
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- 36. **Veronica Nelson**, Head of Custom Research, Mandate Research