

NCP of the Netherlands: demonstration against the Ukraine-EU Association Agreement in The Hague, April 2nd

Demonstration: Saturday April 2nd, 2 PM

Location: opposite the Ukrainian embassy, Zeestraat 78, The Hague.

No to the Association Agreement!

Stop the aggressive expansion by EU/US/NATO!

Stop fascism in Ukraine!

Solidarity with the Ukrainian working class and the persecuted communists!

On Wednesday the 6th of April, a referendum will be held in the Netherlands on the Ukraine-European Union Association Agreement.

This treaty clearly involves further aggressive capitalist expansionism into the former Russian sphere of influence. The forces of the EU, US and NATO push for increased political, economical and military confrontation. The Dutch communists strongly reject this development. The warmongers in The Hague, Brussels, and Washington must be stopped.

These forces use fascists to advance their agenda in Ukraine further. They incite ethno-linguistic differences to divide the Ukrainian people. The annexation of Ukraine into the West is combined with a capitalist agenda of reforms and austerity, developed by the IMF and World Bank, aimed at lowering the standard of living of the Ukrainian people in stark contrast to the country's socialist history.

For this reason, the Kiev oligarchs, with the support of armed fascist shock troops, who hark back to the traditions of Ukrainian Nazi collaborators, are trying to erase all memories of socialism and the Soviet Union from the streets. Worst of all, they have banned communist organisations.

The NCPN cannot stand idly by as imperialist competition and military violence force back the Ukrainian workers' movement. We stand alongside the Ukrainian communists and workers in the resistance against the attacks on their democratic rights and gains.

We appeal to the members and friends of the NCPN, and to the readers of our paper *Manifest*, to rally and demonstrate the party's positions on the street on Saturday, April 2nd.

Referendum, April 6th: No to the Association Agreement with Ukraine

The European Union is an imperialist and capitalist project. In the European Union, it is not the interests of the working people of Europe that prevail, but the interests of big business: freedom for capital, freedom to exploit the working class.

Likewise, the expansion of the EU benefits neither the peoples of the EU, nor those of countries seeking accession. The interests of the major businesses are in command.

EU expansion by means of economic and political integration of Ukraine is aimed at conquering markets from Russia. The Ukrainian oligarchs are not deposed, they are only given new leadership: European capital.

The NCPN calls on the people of the Netherlands to vote 'No' to the Ukraine-EU Association Agreement in the referendum on April 6th.

The Ukrainian regime that the Association Agreement benefits:

- The president is a billionaire and oligarchs are in power.
- They came to power through a fascist coup and European-American intervention.
- They stayed in power by means of a bloody civil war.
- They oppress the working people by banning communist organisations and killing trade unionists and independent journalists.

- They advance racist legislation against the Russian part of the population.

The role of the NCPN

The New Communist Party of the Netherlands organises the workers of the Netherlands in the struggle against the capitalist agenda of reforms and austerity, against fascism, for peace and socialism.

We cannot remain silent as European capital drags the Dutch people into confrontations with Russia, as in Ukraine and Syria.

The threat of war is mounting, all for the sake of capitalist profit. The freedom and democracy that the EU uses as a pretext to mobilise us, really only benefits the rich, the capitalist class, while the working people are being exploited more and more.

See also: our full statement on the Ukraine-EU Association Agreement.

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