

An Italian Perspective by Monia Benini



First of all I would like to bring you greetings from the political movement of Liberation Per il Bene Comune and then thank you for your kind invitation to participate in this important meeting.

It's a great opportunity for me to explain the situation my country is facing from the European Union dictatorship and at the same time to gather information about Britain, to reinforce our position in Italy, too.

I come from a nation (let me call Italy a 'nation' even if the EU has scorched the earth around us), I come from a country where people had been led to a contemporary form of slavery. A dictatorship run by structures such as the European Central Bank and the European Commission, through weapons like onerous treaties, binding memorandum of understanding, austerity, fiscal compact, European Stability Mechanism, debt, or European Redemption Fund (they also went to disturb also the Biblical Psalms, to hang us).

The former Italian Premier Mario Monti said that crises are useful to give more power to EU, so that they can appropriate member's sovereignty . Yes, he said that. Actually he also said that the biggest success of the Euro was Greece, and he made this statement while that country was facing a restricted default, and people were losing their houses, and jobs. As a matter of fact, the EU has stolen our sovereignty: monetary, economical and national sovereignty. And you know what? It was made against our constitutional charter, and with a decree that imposed a state secret on the entire route to Euro. And they talk about the EU as a cradle of democracy...

With the Maastricht Treaty, the Italian government gave the keys of the house to the ECB, from the money printing to the direction of economic policies, in the name of parameters decided on the progress of the German Mark.

In 2000, Giuliano Amato, former Prime Minister and later Vice President of the European Constitutional Convention said: "One must act 'as if' in Europe as if one wanted only very few things, in order to obtain a great deal. As if nations were to remain sovereign, in order to convince them to surrender their sovereignty. The Commission in Brussels, for example, must act as if it were a technical organism, in order to operate like a government and so on, camouflaging and toning down." So, before the Treaty of Lisbon and even before the European Constitution was rejected by referenda in France and in the Netherlands, the EU powerful 'minds' began to tease people. And they admitted it, too, like Amato did.

Until the 1980's, Italy was a G7 member, with a low rate of unemployment, with a good welfare state and with growing exports. When we were finally bound hand and foot to the Euro, a rapid descent began, or perhaps I should say ... that a rapid rise began...the rise of the debt.

With the blackmail of debt, the EU has managed to impose on countries such as Ireland, Portugal , Spain , Cyprus and Greece the memorandum of understanding, a real instrument of torture in the hands of the European masters and of the governments part of this non-democratic system. The ' troika ' requires all countries under the memorandum continuous lay-off; privatisations and the sell-off of national assets; cuts in wages, salaries and pensions; control regimes that destroy the national ability of government. The states no longer exist, robbed of their sovereignty , their independence and their ability to conduct political, economic, social and cultural independent choices.

With a global structure based on money that is inherently

debt, the ECB may tighten the noose around the neck of the states (if one can speak of states, given the European dictatorship) and decide how to occupy – in a contemporary way – the chosen victims. It's a new kind of war, waged by a structure made of persons who are not democratically elected (but appointed within an elite and above a brand, the EU brand), who act as a contemporary army against the peoples of Europe.

I think to Italy, to my country, dragged within this European dictatorship with accounting tricks, with a nightly compulsory levy on current accounts and even with a state secret, imposed by Dini's technical government in 1995. And everything was set to fulfil the roadmap designed within the EEC in 1970 by the Pierre Werner Commission, which provided the ultimate goal of the European union: a single currency, today the Euro, to be saved at all costs, as Draghi said.

Britain has been away from it and it has been a very wise decision. But the opting out was not enough to save sovereignty. It's not just a matter of Euro, it's the whole EU construction that imprisoned our countries. Let's think to the monstrous power of the European Commission, with Director Generals unelected that can rule for very long periods (and there won't be a direct election of the EC President to change this institution).

In Italy, we know their power perfectly. Our farmers cannot cultivate what our lands could traditionally produce; our breeders have milk quotas; taxes; our fishermen have to disrupt their activities; the labour market is disintegrated by EU rules and by a very high cost of desperate people who come mainly from Africa and Middle East, an immigration that local authorities are totally unable to cope with. While young people are emigrating abroad and more and more workers are fired in Rome or Milan or in other big cities it is possible to find older people (but not only them) rummaging in garbage cans to find something to eat. Artisans and traders must adapt

to directives and resolutions that deplete them, the industrial production is controlled and broken up and sacrificed to the dictates of certain structures that clearly do not operate in the interests of our peoples.

For example, in Italy last year 304 companies closed every day, every single day, also during Christmas and Easter. Every two and a half days someone has committed suicide because of the situation imposed by the EU. The decisions taken by a series of prime ministers not elected by the people (like Monti, Letta, Renzi) are nothing more than the executors of impositions delivered to Italy in November 2011 by Olli Rehn. The European Commission and European Central Bank decide for us and they're ruled by people not elected by us, not elected by our citizens.

Today we have the Euro and some countries have been keeping themselves away from it, but despite opting out, all the EU member states are forced to pay a price too high from the point of view of economy, production, employment and most of all...sovereignty.

We must realize that we are at war, a war waged against our people by the ECB, the European Commission and an unelected establishment. We do not live in democracy; it's a European dictatorship and we have the right, the duty to resist and to defend ourselves, to react and to save us. We must free ourselves. They will not have our lives! They will not have our countries, they will not take away our future!

The countries inside the European Union can use Article 50 of the consolidated Treaty of the European Union, which allows to exit from this European jail, with a negotiation process. Will it be costly? Probably yes, but what are we paying today to be slaves and starved?

We see social tensions inside European countries and we can also feel the dangerous seeds of hatred that can stop a

peaceful coexistence for years to come. If we want to prevent conflicts, we must be brave and responsible: we must exit from this EU that condemns our countries and our lives. It's time to become free and sovereign peoples.

They will do anything to stop us, but the ideas of those who work for the good of the people can never be arrested. We cannot remain with folded hands: everything we want is beyond our fears. We need to gain freedom with a withdrawal from the EU. Immediately.