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In this context the Spinelli Group is extremely worried. The so-called solution being envisaged by the European Council is dangerous, and can only be either inefficient - if the Council is not followed, as has happened in the past, or undemocratic - if it is followed. Even worse, it is a solution that could lead to the disaggregation of the Union because it would give enormous powers to a body that as such is not accountable.

The Spinelli Group will propose a comprehensive solution to the current crisis in the eurozone which replaces the Commission and the community method at the heart of the system.

This proposal will be discussed and then presented at its next meeting that will take place on 17 October - the same day as the European Council.

The meeting will take place in the Residence palace across from the European Council building. A press conference will take place at 15h00 on Monday 17 October to present the proposal.

### Le groupe Spinelli organisera un sommet européen alternatif le 17 octobre

**L'Europe a besoin de réagir rapidement et de développer une solution crédible et pérenne contre la crise : six précieuses décennies de construction d'un espace européen commun de prospérité et de paix partagée sont menacées. Certains se complaisent dans un scepticisme national, nombreux sont ceux qui aiment à croire qu'ils pourront trouver un moyen de sortir par leurs propres moyens de cette crise mortelle. Le moment est mal venu pour ce syndrome de Münchhausen ou pour ces comportements irresponsables. Il est temps de faire preuve de courage et de force d'âme. Un bond en avant dans l'approfondissement de l'intégration politique est nécessaire.**

Dans ce contexte, le groupe Spinelli émet une profonde inquiétude. La prétendue solution envisagée par le Conseil européen est dangereuse ou du moins restera inefficace et antidémocratique - si le Conseil n'est pas suivi, comme cela est arrivé dans le passé. Pire encore, cette solution pourrait conduire à la désagrégation de l'Union, en donnant d'énormes pouvoirs à un organisme qui comme tel n'est pas de comptes à rendre.

Le groupe Spinelli proposera une solution globale à la crise actuelle dans la zone euro. Il s'agit de remplacer la Commission et la méthode communautaire au cœur du système.

Cette proposition sera discutée et ensuite présentée lors de sa prochaine réunion qui aura lieu le 17 octobre - le même jour que le Conseil européen.

La réunion se tiendra au « Résidence Palace » en face de l'édifice du Conseil européen. Une conférence de presse aura lieu à 15 h 00 le lundi 17 octobre pour présenter cette proposition.



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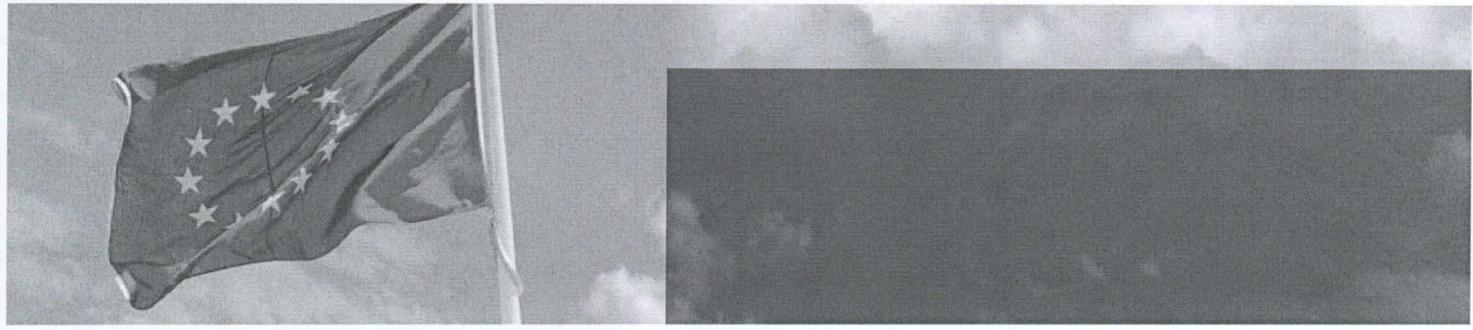
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**Altiero Spinelli**

*"Si je savois quelque chose utile à ma patrie, et qui fût préjudiciable à l'Europe. (...) je la regarderois comme un crime."*

**Montesquieu**



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