

REGIONE TOSCANA



Giunta Regionale

Il Presidente

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Florence, the 29th November 2018

Mr Frans Timmermans
First Vice-President of the European Commission
Spitzenkandidat for the PSE

CC:

Stavros ARNAOUTAKIS
Regional Governor of Crete (GR)

Erik BERGKVIST, President for the Regional
Executive Committee of Västerbotten (SE)

Loïc CHESNAIS-GIRARD, President of the
Regional Council of Brittany (FR)

Vasco Alves CORDEIRO, President of the
Autonomous Region of Azores (PT)

Susana DÍAZ, Presidente della Regione
Andalusia (ES)

Theodoros GALIATSATOS, Regional
Governor, Ionian Islands (GR)

Apostolos KATSIFARAS, Regional Governor
of Dytiki Ellada (GR)

Sergei STANISHEV, MEP and President of PSE

Maria João RODRIGUES, MEP

Dear First vice President,

I am contacting you following your participation in the Extraordinary Meeting of the PSE Group held on 26 November 2018 in the Committee of the Regions.

During this meeting, I referred to the **LEFT** Manifesto drafted together with other seven Presidents of Regions, in copy of this email.

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Please find attached a copy of this document, focusing on *Labour, Europe, Fairness and Tolerance* and addressing the evolving challenges of contemporary society such as, globalisation, the rise of populism, the decline of traditional work, climate change, unemployment and immigration.

The text also aims to provide some answers to Left and Social-Democrat parties and reaffirm their socialist identity.

During your presentation at the Committee of the Regions, in your capacity as *Spitzenkandidat* for the PSE, you mentioned your decision to visit a number of territories in Europe to reaffirm the PSE proximity to the ground.

We would be honoured if you take the decision to campaign in our Regions, namely Andalusia (ES), Azores (PT), Brittany (FR), Crete (GR), Dytiki Ellada (GR), Ionian Islands (GR), Tuscany (IT) and Västerbotten (SE), and we offer you all our political support for the coming months.

Due to our proximity to the ground and our credibility with citizens, we believe we can provide significant added value in creating the right balance between the EU and regional level, as well as highlighting the importance of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI) which represent tangible proof of the benefits of the European project on the ground.

I thank you for your kind attention and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Faithfully

Enrico Rossi

