

### Our publications

Our thinking led so far to a collection of published texts, most of them in French. Our main publication was released in 2008: the Utopia's Manifesto (in French) and more recently, before the 2009 European Elections, we released the Utopia's European Manifesto, in French and English languages.

Our proposals have been written by the members of Utopia through a collaborative and democratic process and in relation with the civil society. All suggestions of amendment have been confronted to the vote of th



### Work within political parties and organizations

Utopia is the only trans-party political movement in France: it is heard by the Socialist Party, the Greens and the *Parti de Gauche*. The Growth objectors and other non-governmental organisations as well as more generally the public area can be its forum: because Utopia's aim is to pull down the usual fences between the left wing political parties and the organisations by sharing its ideas with both.

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# Utopia's twelve proposals for a valid Copenhagen agreement

Born in 1996, the UTOPIA movement calls for an avant-garde leftwing movement with at its core ecology, alterglobalism and anti-productivism, able to renew the leftwing capacity for proposals and social change with a new vision and the will to put it into practice. Utopia pinpoints and critics three major dogmas: growth, consumerism and "work" as a central value.

Utopia wishes to bring together individual citizens, members of organisations, academics and politicians in order to bring a strong project for a human and fraternal society, going beyond capitalism.

### Internationalization of Utopia

Remember the European Social Forum in Athens in 2006, the ESF in Malmö in 2008, and the WSM in Belem in 2009: **Utopia** was there. And will be in Istanbul in 2010 and in Dakar. Meet you there!

And Utopia is not only alive in France but is growing fast in Latin America (Uruguay, Brazil, Mexico and Argentina) and of course in Europe.

We will be in Copenhagen for the climate world summit to lobby for our 12 proposals. At the same time we will be active in the local debates and demonstrations about the climate issues

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### The alter-development: our response to face the climate change

The Alter-Development is:

1. **A call for going beyond Capitalism** of which unique aim is to increase the returns on invested capital; which transforms people's desires into needs; considers work as an established value and economy as the most natural way to organise human beings relationships. It finally generates more and more inequalities and consumes natural resources.

2. **A critic of Consumerism**, for it is a real instrument of Capitalism. We consider that the system should help developing relations between people, services for people, and people's involvement in cultural or social organisations. The alter-development should reject built-in obsolescence. Consumption must be linked to a better quality of life and not lead to an unlimited accumulation of goods. In 2009, we have taken a clear position against the dissemination of advertisements or commercial information in all public spaces.

3. **A call for adopting new development indicators** (such as HDI, BIP 40 -a French indicator for inequalities and poverty, ISS, environmental footprint...), which would take into account the social and environmental impact of the economical activities. These indicators would allow parliament and the local authorities to discuss the ways and means of development of our societies.

4. **For an effective world citizenship**, within a reformed, democratized UNO with power over the WTO, the WB and the IMF is necessary. Within it, a new World Environment Organization should be created with massive financial and judicial powers so as to enable it to help or force the various states to implement the multilateral agreements on climate.

### Adopting a credible strategy to reach the factor-four by 2050

5. **The Negawatt Scenario** should be adopted in order to reach the factor-four goal -which is based on energy sobriety and efficiency and the development of renewable energies (solar energy, wind power, water power, geothermal energy and biomass) - so as to divide by four the French greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

6. **A progressive way out of nuclear energy** is possible by 2030 by adopting the Negawatt scenario and rejecting any new nuclear power plant set up.

7. **A public energy pole must be created and democratically administrated by citizens.** Electricity production should be decentralized as much as possible. It should limit supply failures and avoid an increase of electricity transport infrastructures.

8. **A proper environmental tax should be adopted.** In France, we call for the adoption of a "Carbon Tax", initially set at 40 euros per equivalent carbon ton, which should increase progressively. This tax should at first be applied to energy production, including electricity, and progressively affect the production of all goods and services so as to produce a constraining effect on every actor's behaviour.

### Enlarge fundamental rights and protect our common natural heritage

We call for:

9. **A free access to urban and peri-urban means of transport**, funded by an environmental tax system.

10. **A public pole for water supply** ensuring free access to a basic quantity of water for every day's needs. Although the UN, in 1977, claimed for "the right for people to access drinkable water", about 1.5 billions of people do not have, today, this access.

11. **A new International Agricultural Policy** should be implemented, excluding GMOs and agrofuels, respecting food sovereignty for each country, encouraging local and organic production and short distribution circuits.

12. **The creation of an International organisation which should protect forests** all around the world. Forests should, as a whole, be considered as Natural World Heritage. Deforestation plays a significant role in several issues such as the threat to biodiversity, CO2 production, population displacement, desertification and flooding, intensive farming... This is a major issue.