



## Letter from Irish socialist TDs to Jeremy Corbyn

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Dear Jeremy,

We are writing from the Anti-Austerity Alliance-People Before Profit (AAA-PBP) group in the Dáil Éireann concerning the European conference that you are proposing to organise in February to discuss a left-wing perspective on the Brexit negotiations.

We fully support efforts to take the opportunities created by the process of Brexit to promote the case for a fundamental recasting of European relationships, encompassing your stated opposition to EU-driven neo-liberalism and austerity and your support for public ownership.

We are not convinced that such a transformation can be achieved within the framework of the EU but the Brexit negotiations could provide a forum for debating the kind of Europe the left would like to see.

For these reasons we would like to participate in the February conference and this letter is a formal request for an invitation.

We understand that, as the Labour Party is part of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats group in the European Parliament, an invitation to the AAA-PBP group may be opposed by some of your colleagues. There are seven TDs who are members of the Irish Labour Party, compared to six members of our group.

On our part, however, we would welcome an exchange of views on how to fight EU-wide austerity, which must be one of the purposes of a conference such as you propose.

We look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

**Paul Murphy TD**

Anti-Austerity Alliance

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