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Across Europe voters in the European Elections rejected the Blairite policies being carried out by all the Social Democratic governments. In France people had a chance to vote for a joint slate of real socialists - the Ligue Communiste Revolutionaire (French section of the Fourth International) and Lutte Ouvriere the only candidates arguing and organising in defence of the welfare state and against NATO intervention in the Balkans. Working together their joint slate got 5.2% of the vote and took 5 seats. Alain Krivine, leading member of the Ligue and FI, was elected to the European Parliament alongside Arlette Laguiller of LO. The success of the LCR/LO slate puts on the agenda a debate on greater co-operaocialists to the left of the traditional social democratic parties. Europe-wide mobi lisations against attacks on social provision are being organised by forces on the left like the Fourth Internationa 1. Over 50,000 trades-unionists from across Europe recently demonstrated in Cologne outside the EU summ lit. An internationalist resistance is being organised. On his first visit 1 to Britian since being elected Alain Krivine will be explaining how, in France and across Europe, the Fourth International will be using the platform of the European Parliament to further the struggle of workers fightin g back against international capital's austerity programme.

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