

S&D vice-president Enrique Guerrero to represent the Global Progressive Forum at left-wing leaders' summit in Montreal

Leaders of progressive political organisations around the globe will meet in Montreal on September 14 and 15 to talk inclusive prosperity, diversity, trade, innovation and digital democracy among others. S&D vice-president Enrique Guerrero will be representing the Global Progressive Forum, a joint platform created by the Party of European Socialists and the S&D Group, to address the future of transatlantic relations and the common challenges ahead.

At this year's summit, Canadian prime minister Justin Trudeau will be hosting global leaders such as Thomas Perez, U.S. secretary of Labor; Sadiq Khan, mayor of London; Bill de Blasio, mayor of New York City; Tina Brown, editor and founder of Women in the World; Eric Schmidt, chairman of Alphabet, Helle Thorning-Schmidt, former Danish Prime Minister and currently president of Save the Children, and David Miliband, Head of International Rescue Committee and former UK minister for foreign affairs.

Enrique Guerrero MEP said:

"This is an opportunity for progressive leaders on both sides of the Atlantic to come together and address pressing issues. We are all facing growing populism, with irresponsible leaders disseminating xenophobic messages based on fear, if not on lies.

"There are no easy answers for challenges such as the war in Syria, terrorism, migration flows, financial instability, the growing gap between the few rich and the many poor, or climate change. We must find global answers for the global challenges. And our answer must be based on our shared progressive values: individual freedoms, solidarity, equality and respect for diversity.

"Unlike conservatives and neoliberals we believe that together we can build a better world for all, reinforcing multilateral organisations and taming globalisation. We are working together to introduce human rights, labour rights and environmental standards into trade and to adopt all the commitments adopted last year at the UN Paris summit on Climate Change.

"We will be discussing how to best deliver to our citizens, but it is clear that we will have a much better chance if we have strong progressive governments both in North America and in Europe. The upcoming elections in the United States will be crucial."

** Note to the editors:*

Created in 2003 by the PES and S&D Group, the Global Progressive Forum aims to connect progressive leaders, left wing experts, and social movement. The leaders' summit in Montreal is promoted by the Center for American Progress, a think tank and advocacy organization based in Washington D.C.

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