

Petition for a new financial system in Greece

To overcome poverty without help from outside, in furtherance of Human Rights and social peace and for the best possible economic and cultural development of the people, the government shall introduce an additional Financial System of Freedom (FSF):

An automated settlement system without cash is added to the existing monetary system. As no currency is emitted, this does not touch the EUR-monopoly of the European Central Bank. Each natural person and each corporate body is entitled to free settlement accounts with a new national, data protecting settlement house. Participants can effect payments electronically within the FSF without a deposit and without getting into debt. Other social security systems are no more required. Each person has the fundamental right to trust and can use the settlement system for its payments within the frame of democratically defined rules. With such financial freedom for everybody, prices lose their importance. To nevertheless keep the economy comparable with other countries, the sellers shall use the prices of a neighboring country, periodically published by the government. From each payment the government automatically deducts a tax percentage in order to generate a state income related to production. No other taxes are required. This tax income is needed only for the payment of foreign debts. For inland payments the government can use the settlement system. The central bank of the country holds Euro cash money and takes care of the payments in foreign trade where an inland buyer has not enough EUR on his bank account. The FSF-EUR unit of account can be exchanged into EUR money for payments abroad, in agreement with the European Central Bank.

The fundamental right to life and liberty (Art. 2 and 5 of the European Convention) contains a fundamental right to trust. Who has a fundamental right to liberty and free development of his personality also has to be trusted that his or her free development will be accordant with common weal. Trust means also credit worthiness, and that is why the fundamental right to life has to be linked unconditionally to credit worthiness. Each human being is to be regarded as trustworthy by nature and birth and not only by her or his wealth. Such credit worthiness as required by fundamental rights can not be realized in today's financial system. So far money is a 'limited' good, allocated by the interests of the money owners, requiring a deposit of security which prevents the availability of money where it is most urgently needed.

In today's financial system money has three constitutional functions: common medium of exchange, storage of value and unit of account. The Financial System of Freedom refrains from the storage of value function and makes the unit of account (credit money) the common medium of exchange. In the settlement system all money is pure number. As pure number, money fulfills its payment function best. The question of financial feasibility does not arise any more, and the dictatorship of empty safes, financial compulsion and extortion belong to the past.

Today money governs the world. Not the people rule the roast, but those who own the money. This entails a growing gap between the rich and the poor, and financially dependent policy is almost helpless towards social injustice. In a Financial System of Freedom there is no financial dependency. Money serves the people and enables the fundamental rights to be realized!

Although money as a number (money of account) is everywhere available without limit, this does not imply an inflationary increase, because money of account in the FSF bears no interest and is inseparably linked to production (work) and the prices. It is used as needed, like the air to breathe. Everyone can acquire what he or she needs as long as the required product or service is offered. But even if a required product is not offered, this represents a minor problem in comparison with today, because of everyone's unlimited financial capability in the FSF to produce everything that is needed or desired in harmony with common weal. Bottleneck situations are no longer due to the lack of money but only the result of limited availability of resources and co-workers; these gain in value and esteem.

There will be no reason to produce bad quality any more, as nobody is in the need to demand it. Competition will strive for better quality, regardless the costs, which will benefit the health of man and nature. With the Financial System of Freedom nobody will be in the need to do something only because he or she can get money for it. People cannot be bought any more, and that is a meaning of freedom.

Technically it is only a question of ensuring the undisturbed access to this cashless system of payment. Everybody keeps what he or she owns, the present currency remains the unit of account, and debts within the system are simply put to the credit of the creditors. The Financial System of Freedom cuts the ground from under financially motivated criminality, as struggle for life comes to an end. People get the liberty to dedicate themselves to their mission in life, and that is what Human Rights require.

In short: The Financial System of Freedom (FSF) realizes equality of opportunity and renders true democracy and wealth for all possible, simply by giving credit (trust) to the people.