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Among the measures we believe necessary are:

Soy Pública is a citizen-action platform which considers public education as the most appropriate and necessary future-proof model in the construction of a truly democratic society.

Our principles are aimed at enhancing public education and defending it against the regional and national policies which are trying to undermine the best investment for today and tomorrow: education.



- The development of an education law agreed and approved by all stakeholders to avoid changes in the legislation we have been experiencing constantly with every change of government and that is leading us to the "school of ignorance."
- The revoke of all regulations approved by regional administrations and the national government against public education which are deliberately worsening the working conditions of teachers and the learning of students.
- The abolition of hybrid publicly/privately funded education as this turns education into a business, violates equality criteria as students can be admitted selectively and also ignores the right to free education established by law.
- The introduction of legal measures aimed at matching the EU average investment in Public Education (6% of GDP) and that this quantity be well managed exclusively by and for the public system.
- The increase in technical professional resources needed to reduce school failure rates.
- The elimination of all projects -within and outside school hours- carried out by private companies which divert public money into private hands.
- The return to democratic principles in public schools, according to which the principal is elected by the school board (We are against principals who work for the administration and not for their schools).
- A clear commitment to the participation of the school in the neighbourhood and vice versa, as a cultural and recreational space of coexistence. Schools are for the neighbourhood and its people, not for companies.
- Dignify the Public School and teachers who work in it. Because respect to teaching is being undermined by politicians who have put public sector professionals in the spotlight.

It is important to know that public education is the only one that guarantees equality between men and women, is truly intercultural and open, changes at the pace at which reality does, looks ahead, fearless and for the better. Public education is the one that does not use outdated distinctions based on social class, background or religion to distinguish itself. It is also the one with more and better professionals and resources for their students.

Remember that the **public education system** is worth the 5% of a European country or region's wealth. Do not let them tell you that it is expensive or bad. **It is the best and cheapest.**

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Public education is the educational model which promotes the fundamental democratic right of free and universal education, of knowledge, critical thinking, based on values of progress and social justice.

Therefore we demand:

- Support from administrations for public education between the 0-6-year-old stage to University.
- Stop the investment of public money and cessions of property and of management into private or hybrid businesses; public administrations should not encourage private business with tax money in sectors which are key for society.
- The creation of sufficient job positions in public education to cope with the necessities, that are not currently met, especially in the 0-6-year-old stage and vocational studies.
- To immediately withdraw the cuts approved by the regional governments whose consequences are:

1. Teacher dismissals.
2. Classroom overcrowding.
3. Lack of support resources to meet the diverse educational needs of students: remedials, classroom splits.
4. Teachers forced to teach subjects outside their expertise.
5. Impossible to coordinate educational teams, to open libraries, to cover watch shifts, to carry out extracurricular activities.
6. Suppression of school bus routes.
7. Obstruction of the participatory work of parents associations.
8. Thousands of people have lost their place in vocational training.
9. Lack of administration and services personnel.
10. Job insecurity and labour rights cuts among education professionals.
11. Intentional discredit of public education in spite of its great academic and social value and of the high quality of its professionals.



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**PUBLIC EDUCATION IS NOT A BUSINESS.
THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IS A MERE EXCUSE.**

If there is public money to allow tax relieves for families who choose private education, how come there is no money for public education?
It is not about political parties, it is about education models: Public education against the business model of private education.

THERE IS NO LACK OF MONEY BEHIND THE PRIVATISATION OF EDUCATION, BUT A BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.

We have to stop this since it affects our future.