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#### DIAGNOSIS

The Valencian Country is at a critical and fragile turning point. Global crises—climate, economic, social, and democratic—are intertwined with a political shift. After a period of progress, the government council is now run by a right-wing and far-right coalition pushing a centralizing, authoritarian, and regressive agenda that serves the interests of the ruling classes. This new phase has exposed the weaknesses of a region still too dependent, precarious, and unequal. But it has also shown the strength of Valencian society, which has managed to move forward when institutions are able to care for, protect, and look ahead.

This reactionary wave is already impacting the lives of people living in the Valencian Country: halted climate adaptation policies, the rollback of laws protecting historical memory, social division fueled by stigmatizing migrants and the working class, efforts to reduce and exclude the local language, dismantling of public healthcare, education, and social protection services, and the weakening of democratic institutions' capacity and value.

The major humanitarian and natural disaster caused by the 2024 DANA storm revealed the irresponsible and criminal management by the dominant right-wing institutions in Valencia. On the day of the flood, they refused to take responsibility and shifted the blame to the central government. This approach has seriously deepened the crisis of trust in our democratic institutions and in the improvement of daily life that self-government should guarantee. At the same time, it confirmed that climate change is a clear, present reality in every region. The DANA storm showed us up close the devastating effects on human lives and the destruction of towns and vital projects. Despite its mild climate and tradition of welcoming people, the Valencian Country remains one of the most environmentally vulnerable areas on the planet when it comes to climate change, facing serious risks like wildfires, seasonal storms, and plagues. Loss of biodiversity, water shortages, and impacts on key sectors like agriculture and urban development prove that climate inaction isn't just an ecological problem—it's economic, social, and territorial too.

But the crisis we face isn't only environmental—it's also one of inequality. For decades, neoliberal capitalism has entrenched an economic model that concentrates wealth in the hands of a few, weakens labor rights, turns life into a commodity, and undermines community. At the same time, new forms of job insecurity are spreading: fake self-employment, platform work that shifts risks onto workers, impossible work hours, and low wages in essential sectors like care work, retail, and hospitality. Rising living costs are breaking the basic social and economic rule that wages should guarantee decent living conditions. Housing is now one of the main drivers of inequality: rent prices take up half of many household incomes, while speculation, vulture funds, and a lack of public housing make it hard to build stable lives. In short, the rich keep getting richer, while working and middle classes grow poorer.

We're also facing a social emergency with rising gender-based violence. Reports are nearing 30,000 annually in the Valencian Country, with the number of sexual assaults doubling in the last five years. This reality puts protecting women's safety, dignity, freedom, and security front and center, demanding urgent institutional and social responses to increasingly early and collective forms of violence.

Against this economic backdrop, the Valencian government makes policies that please the rich—the ruling classes—instead of the majority: salaried workers, self-employed people, single-parent families, pensioners, young people, migrants, and

others who suffer from worsening public services. Their firm commitment to privatizing Valencian healthcare, a "de-educational" agenda that cuts resources and staff in public education, and abandonment of our cultural ecosystem are just a few examples. On top of this, there's a complete linguistic backslide against Valencian, with identity symbols being twisted to justify the destruction of basic social agreements on language, culture, and self-government.

These inequalities have faces. Women suffer from wage gaps, glass ceilings, gender violence, and care burdens; migrants and racialized people face bureaucratic hurdles denying them rights under foreign residency laws, plus institutional racism limiting their real access to rights; children experience intolerable poverty rates; and older people face insufficient pensions and unwanted loneliness. The care crisis—made worse by an aging population—falls heavily on women who hold life together under precarious conditions. All these vulnerable, discriminated, and precarious people are the first to feel the rollback of policies promoting equality and diversity.

All of this is tied to an unprecedented mental health crisis hitting young people hardest—caught between unaffordable housing, job insecurity, and the climate crisis, plus toxic new ways of relating driven by capitalist instant gratification and tech consumerism.

Inequality also has a geographic side. In too many neighborhoods in València, Alacant, Elx, and Castelló, poverty, segregation, and lack of opportunity pile up. In many inland areas, the absence of public services, poor connectivity, and lack of jobs make it hard to stay or come back. Your postal code still too often decides your future, while right-wing parties deregulate land use to destroy the territory and get rich through speculation.

Democratic disaffection is growing. Corruption, social crisis, polarization, and tension all play a role. But the root cause is the housing crisis. Skyrocketing real estate prices hit young people hard, stopping them from building a life and creating huge inequalities. If democracy doesn't give them a chance for a decent life like their parents had, it's tough for them to trust institutions. This frustration, mixed with rising inequality and hate speech, is exactly where the far right gains ground. They exploit this discontent by blaming false targets—migrants, women, LGBTQ+

people, youth, or Valencian speakers—and sell a backward dream of a uniform, authoritarian society. Even worse, the current Valencian government gives institutional cover to these ideas: attacking the language, undermining social harmony, spreading fake news, and dismantling and privatizing public services.

On top of that, there's increasing use of lawfare—weaponizing courts against political opponents—which is an attack on democracy that's hit our space too. The response has to be clear: without institutional rigor and democratic guarantees, there's no freedom.

We also have to own our mistakes. Compromís has faced internal tensions and lost ground right when the country needed a strong Valencianist, feminist, ecological, and socially ambitious voice. It's important to highlight that we haven't managed to give Compromís a stable structure that protects pluralism and responds quickly to political challenges.

But at the same time, we can't ignore what we've done well: our time in government has been positive and transformative. We've shown we know how to govern, manage the economy, public services, and institutions with rigor, honesty, and efficiency. We've finally busted the myth that progressive politics doesn't know how to manage, leaving behind a legacy of useful policies that have improved people's lives—many of which are here to stay.

Still, today's realities aren't yesterday's. Where once the main fight was proving management skills, today's battle is cultural: it's about what it means to live together as a community, what freedom really means, and what kind of country we want—one that welcomes, protects, and guarantees rights. And in this battle, too often, irrational fear of the “other” seems to outweigh the real safety that comes from having a nearby, public, and humane care system for your mom, or a child growing up in a decent neighborhood with basic services guaranteed. The right and far right have turned hatred and identity clashes into political tools, and fighting this means politics must focus on everyday life and the future, not just management.

That means truly listening to people—their worries, discomforts, and fears—without dismissing them, mocking them, or falling into emotional demagoguery or

anti-politics. Listening, understanding, and acting locally is essential to rebuild democratic trust.

Some suggest “eco-populism” as a progressive response to fascism, and maybe they’re right. We need to defend bold, rooted politics that can turn ecological and feminist transformation into everyday security, practical protection, and a shared vision of good living.

This reality shows how necessary it is to take on a cultural battle to redefine the welfare model. That’s why we’ll launch a think tank connecting academic knowledge with the pulse of social movements—to win cultural leadership against the far right’s advance; a strategic space to build new narratives that make feminist, ecological, and social justice values the new common sense. Only by listening and thinking strategically can we recover the narrative, rebuild an alliance between working and middle classes, and strengthen the public services that support real freedom: healthcare, education, social services, emergency response, housing, culture, and language rights. Eroding this social pact puts the very foundation of democracy at risk.

The challenge for Valencia is also a democratic one. We're fighting to keep being an open, equal, feminist, diverse, and united society. We want to remain a Mediterranean people with our own language, brave and community-oriented, claiming self-government and cooperating with other peoples in the State.

This document is born from that: to reflect together, honestly critique ourselves, and bring back the strength of left-wing and ecological Valencianism, offering a future-focused project that puts life at the center and inspires the diverse majority—workers, feminists, and environmentalists.

At the national level, two opposing forces coexist. On one hand, there's a wave of progressive policies proving austerity isn't the only way: labor reforms reducing temporary contracts, raising the minimum wage, progress on feminist and LGBTQIA+ rights, better conditions for domestic workers, increased support for dependency care, and cheaper public transport. These have improved millions of lives.

Still, structural inequalities persist: ongoing child poverty, wages failing to keep up with living costs, reliance on precarious sectors, and a housing crisis that suffocates young people and families. The country is moving forward but not fast enough to guarantee basic security.

Meanwhile, the right has fully embraced the far-right agenda: denialism, anti-immigration, anti-feminist and anti-science rhetoric, rollbacks on democratic memory and LGTBQIA+ rights, and attempts to recentralize language and tax policies. All this happens against a backdrop where the State's established powers are used against the plurinational majority and the progressive government elected in 2023.

That's why we must keep pushing a social, feminist, ecological, and democratic agenda: shorter workdays, housing rights, stronger mental health support, extraordinary migrant regularization, community energy self-consumption, progressive tax reform, local and regional finance reform, and a deep review of state structures. In opposition to neoliberal capitalism, we want a good life society with maximum democratic freedoms.

The world is deeply divided. Extreme poverty has dropped, but inequalities have skyrocketed: the richest 1% control an ever-growing share of wealth and financial assets. The Global South (80% of the world's population) holds only a tiny fraction of that wealth. This imbalance creates corporate power blocks that stall climate action and strangle indebted countries.

Climate change is speeding up: extreme heatwaves, violent storms destroying local economies, rising sea levels, biodiversity loss, and threats to food security. Science is clear: we still have time if we leave the fossil economy behind and make a just transition.

Geopolitics are tense: the war in Ukraine, genocide in Gaza, conflicts in the Middle East, Central Africa, Southeast Asia, alongside America's growing imperialism, show a weakened international law. Europe needs its own voice to defend peace, human rights, and multilateralism against militaristic escalation.

But there are bright spots: progressive wins like Claudia Sheinbaum in Mexico, Lula's governments, New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani, Zack Polanski's leadership in England, and mayors across Europe offering alternatives to extreme neoliberalism represented today by figures like Trump, Milei, or Meloni. In this environment, we stand as a left-wing, ecological, feminist party with real aspirations to govern.

That means we'll never rule against anyone but always fight for the rights of the majority and, when necessary, against the privileges of the ruling classes.

The biggest global threat is the "reactionary international": a far-right constellation spreading racism, climate denial, antifeminism, and authoritarianism fueled by digital misinformation. Their goal is to destroy democratic consensus and divide societies.

Our response has to be a democratic, climate-focused international alliance: a global partnership for justice, human rights, multilateralism, peace, and sustainability. International values like solidarity, human rights, peace, and global justice are more needed now than ever.

The Valencian Country, as a territory open to Europe, the Mediterranean, and the world, has to embrace these values and put them at the heart of its future project.

In this context, the diagnosis is clear and urgent. Facing a Valencia inserted in an unequal and rapidly tense world, we need to rebuild a political project that sees a good life as its ultimate goal.

We share a commitment to embracing a fair eco-social transformation as the essential path to ensure prosperity and vital security; to defend rights, freedoms, and democratic quality as the backbone of a united society; and to approach politics from a Valencian perspective, grounded in our territory yet open to the world. This isn't just an ideological stance—it's a matter of collective survival and a historic opportunity to redefine the role of the Valencian Country during these times of multiple transitions.

That's why we need to revive the transformational ambition of the Botànic agreement, the strength of local governance that cares for people, the pride of self-rule that dignifies our land, and the ability to build broad consensus, which has made the best public policies of our recent history possible. It's time to ignite a new wave of enthusiasm that expands the progressive social majority—a majority built from the ground up with labor unions, small businesses and cooperatives, feminist and anti-racist movements, housing rights platforms, climate justice groups, and community organizations already fighting for rights and dignity in neighborhoods and towns—that puts the Valencian Country back where it belongs: a people moving forward, protecting itself, and boldly facing the future.

Iniciativa-Compromís must connect citizens' disillusionment and widespread concerns with our transformative and just eco-social response. That's why we're needed now more than ever.

## POLITICAL PROPOSAL

### PRIORITY 1: GOOD LIVING

Within this context, Iniciativa-Compromís wants to outline a realistic way of life that addresses everyday needs and fights frustrations caused by a selfish, polluting capitalist system. We want to focus all our efforts on guaranteeing conditions for a life that isn't just dignified but good, comfortable, and happy. Simply put, an economy where no one has to struggle to make ends meet, with strong public services, democratized wellbeing, and accessible conveniences. Let's change economic indicators to put people and the planet at the center, ensuring growth benefits present lives and reduces structural inequalities. If we want to fight apathy, increases in GDP or growth forecasts must actually improve everyone's current lives.

The lack of this connection only proves that inequality and unfairness require mechanisms to redistribute income and wealth as a counterbalance to capitalist accumulation.

Iniciativa-Compromís aims to make the economy serve good living, with a cross-cutting feminist perspective that pushes for wealth and power redistribution. The goal isn't just to meet basic material needs but to enable a full life, through enough income, public services, and social networks. However, right now, falling purchasing power is a real barrier to living well. Rising prices across the board and the sky-high cost of decent housing, combined with stagnant wages over decades, have raised the bar too high for many to afford the goods and services essential to a dignified life, causing sacrifices in leisure time and access to culture—both crucial for a fulfilling life.

For these reasons, it's essential to strengthen social and economic mechanisms that rebalance power, like social dialogue, active citizen participation, redistribution of income and wealth, and more. Automatic wage indexing and price controls on essential goods, as well as fighting speculation, are tools that must be smartly and rigorously combined to benefit the social majority.

Also, it's important to highlight that wage increases are necessary not only for workers but also for pensioners. The sustainability of the pension system depends both on rising wages and employment levels. If wages grew alongside GDP and kept pace with price increases, there would be enough income to fund current pensions, justified increases, and updates. Keeping this wage-pension connection in mind helps design policies that avoid pushing retirement ages back or forcing people to work longer, ensuring a pension system based on intergenerational solidarity rather than market whims. This system supports life in a socially fair way, without falling prey to financialization or privatization.

This also shows that all generations share the same struggles, and generational divides only hold back collective progress.

At Iniciativa-Compromís, we believe it's time for a thorough review of our tax system, ensuring that the significant growth in income and wealth among powerful individuals and companies is properly reflected in benefits for all. In a society where we understand that losses and tough moments affect everyone collectively, it's easy to see that successes should be shared too. Taxes are one of the most useful tools to redistribute resources and address inequality. They make it possible for many families to make it through the month without major struggles, ensure

that improved wellbeing isn't just a privilege for a few, and allow small and medium-sized businesses to continue developing their projects in our economy.

That's why we need to restructure our tax system to distribute the burden in a socially fair way. The main goal of this redistribution should be to balance the incomes from work and capital since the current system relies more heavily on income from labor, widening the gap of inequality in both earnings and wealth.

Additionally, the tax system should guide economic activity by encouraging what's socially beneficial and discouraging what harms society as a whole. For this reason, we need to support the introduction of things like green taxes, taxes on tourist stays, and health-related taxes such as those on sugary and energy drinks. We have a tool at our disposal that could lay the foundation for rethinking the current system to break down structural inequality.

At Iniciativa-Compromís, we aim for more radical, long-term redistributive solutions like a European universal basic income, implemented through negative taxes. This proposal puts life and personal freedom at its core, shifting social power by no longer centering work as the main axis and reducing the influence of capital. This wouldn't just change how we live but also how we consume and get around, promoting ways that are more in harmony with the planet and give us more time for life, reducing our dependence on work as the only way to organize society. With this, we could eliminate labor exploitation and improve both physical and mental health, among other major benefits.

It might seem far off, but with rapid technological advances in productive sectors and a growing tilt toward speculative activities, we'll need to share work hours and income more fairly to ensure a good quality of life. These pre-distributive measures connect with a new, democratized labor model that places care, life, and shared wellbeing at its core - empowering young people, women, migrants, single-parent families, people with disabilities, and historically excluded groups like trans people, Roma, and rural communities, guaranteeing equal labor rights and social protection regardless of origin or legal status.

A huge part of our shared life has been, and still is, our contribution as workers. Ensuring a good quality of life means believing new work relationships need to be

based on a better balance of power at work and life time. This new framework must guarantee job stability, put an end to abusive temporary contracts, support strong collective bargaining, and protect the right to disconnect—while regulating remote work and platform economies so no one is controlled by opaque algorithms or experiences false autonomy. At the same time, we must use productivity gains from digitalization and artificial intelligence to reduce working hours without cutting pay, advance toward a 32-hour workweek, and create time for personal growth, training, and social participation throughout working life.

These goals translate into tangible ambitions: limiting and penalizing excessive overtime culture, making sabbaticals and reduced hours more accessible with a gender perspective, and raising the effective retirement age so more people enjoy free time after decades of work. Expanding social and labor rights (like universal benefits, paid parental leave and caregiving, and financial and scheduling support for caring for the elderly and dependent people) needs to go hand in hand with a shift in values that honors caregiving and breaks the unequal burden that mostly falls on women. Along those lines, we also call for better labor conditions and social protection for self-employed workers, as well as a fairer contribution of their fees in line with their income.

One of the biggest current material concerns causing inequality and frustration is housing. The right to housing is a fundamental pillar for social cohesion and a dignified life. The ongoing crisis, fueled by a rent-seeking model that turns a basic need into speculative commodity, is creating an emergency hitting youth, families, and working-class people the hardest, threatening community harmony. People can't wait any longer: we need urgent, decisive action to protect housing's social role and reverse decades of deregulation.

Iniciativa-Compromís firmly believes public intervention must take bold action in the market: cap rent prices so they match wages, stop speculative buying that displaces residents, strictly regulate tourist rentals, and apply progressive taxation to crack down on all kinds of hoarding and chase down speculation. At the same time, we must put empty homes owned by big investors to good use, and make full use of first refusal and buy-back rights to reclaim properties that ended up in the hands of bailed-out banks or vultures funds, especially considering the slow pace of new public housing development. We also have to make sure there are enough areas and homes strictly for residential use to guarantee the basic human right to decent housing.

This effort will truly make a difference only if we significantly expand the public housing stock, aiming to reach the European average. Building new available homes, especially by rehabilitating existing ones, should focus on creating comfortable living spaces designed to keep costs, energy use, and materials low, while opening up new economic opportunities across various sectors.

When we talk about decent housing, we mean healthy, welcoming spaces that are well-heated or cooled, with enough room for families to live their lives — far away from the overcrowding and subpar living conditions that neoliberal policies force on people.

All this needs to be tied to urban planning that preserves natural land, prioritizes comprehensive rehabilitation, promotes green neighborhoods, and halts urban sprawl that damages non-urbanizable land and worsens the climate crisis.

Taking housing out of the market also means exploring different models: cooperatives with user rights, property stewardship programs, and community-led projects that focus on people's lives and encourage socially managed housing. These alternatives strengthen people's independence, ease speculative pressure, and help residents put down roots in their neighborhoods.

To make all this happen, we need institutions capable of leading and carrying out bold policies. Citizen participation must be part of public housing governance to ensure transparency, democratic oversight, and incorporate the real needs of the community, especially the most vulnerable groups. This means making sure access to public housing and rental assistance cannot be restricted based on nationality or legal status, recognizing that everyone living and contributing here has the right to a decent home. The goal is to prevent housing shortages from sparking conflicts among the most affected groups while big landlords keep raking in profits.

The challenge is huge but essential: turn housing into a real right, making sure no one is left out just because of money, and build an urban model that brings the country together. Housing can't keep being a source of inequality; it has to be at

the heart of a social justice and sustainability project that holds society together and guarantees a dignified future for everyone.

Alongside material reality, income, and securing housing, Iniciativa-Compromís firmly believes that universal public services are the cornerstone of a fairer society that ensures good living conditions, suits all families and situations, respects the environment, and fosters community and a sense of belonging. We support public services that are accessible and intrinsically coordinated, putting people – not the system – first. We will also promote fairness in access with pricing adapted to everyone's needs and reverse all attempts to commodify these services.

The first thing for a good life is health. The Valencian public health system is a vital collective asset we must keep defending as a universal and inviolable right. Nobody should die because they can't afford treatment. This underlines the need for a fully public, collectively funded healthcare system that covers 100% of health needs, without territorial or social discrimination. This healthcare must strongly focus on prevention and primary care, increasing its budget share, and fitting into the system with multidisciplinary teams rooted in local communities—especially catering to the needs of the elderly, children, youth, and rural areas, often the most disadvantaged.

At Iniciativa-Compromís, we stress that timely care is crucial: quick access to your family doctor, early diagnosis, and cutting down waiting lists for specialist assessments and surgeries reduce anxiety and save lives.

COVID-19 feels far behind us now, but we mustn't forget the lessons it taught us. Public health must stop being just an emergency response and become a structural pillar, with enough resources for epidemiological surveillance, prevention, and promoting daily wellbeing: creating healthy environments, safe mobility, sustainable food, universal access to clean water, and regulating harmful practices like gambling and unhealthy food advertising. Mental health has to be tackled across sectors: through close care, coordination with education and social services, and policies that cut down on over-medicalization and gender biases in diagnosis and treatment while steering clear of anti-scientific ideas. When it comes to access to medicines and healthcare services, we must solidify a system based on regulation, innovation, and strong public leadership that guarantees fair prices and crisis readiness. That's why it's essential to boost public or mixed

pharmacies for essential drugs and expand public coverage to include services like podiatry, physiotherapy, nutrition, eye care, and dental health, aligning with what we're already achieving nationally. Taking care of visual or dental health shouldn't be a luxury based on income.

All this should happen in a framework of international cooperation that highlights health sovereignty and reduces global inequalities, both within and beyond the Valencian Community.

We need to complete the Valencian Public Social Services System so it becomes a real, visible, and recognizable network for everyone. Having the structures in place isn't enough—it has to run smoothly, fairly, and coherently. Public leadership is crucial to fend off privatization attempts but should go hand in hand with collaboration with non-profit organizations, always under public management and with clear space for innovation, community work, and grassroots social action.

Building a strong system means expanding infrastructure, ensuring territorial equity, increasing coverage for dependency care, and raising wages in the care and social services sectors. We also need to meet diverse and specific needs without breaking system unity or creating disconnected networks.

Social services must finally move away from the old charity-based approach and shift towards a rights-based model. One that promotes personal independence, care, relational support, and community involvement, putting people at the center with a socio-affective and respectful approach. It's not just about providing material aid or redistribution (which is more of a fiscal matter) but about guaranteeing support, presence, and relationships that allow each person to live their own life.

To do this, it's critical to remove access barriers that many migrants and racialized people face today, ensuring their registration, social care, and support without fear of being penalized or expelled due to their administrative status.

On that note, advancing deinstitutionalization is a priority: promoting family fostering and living arrangements for children, boosting community care and day

centers for people with disabilities or mental health challenges, and guaranteeing comprehensive support for women who have experienced violence, focusing on recovery, safety, and independent living.

At the same time, in a world marked by extreme individualism and new forms of isolation, it's vital to strengthen social ties and community bonds. Promoting kindness, gender equality, inclusion, and solidarity between generations is key to combating unwanted loneliness and building a more cohesive and humane society.

Closely linked to this, sports and physical activity play a crucial role in physical and emotional well-being. Encouraging sports isn't just about prevention and public health—it also fosters civic and community values. Iniciativa-Compromís believes in a public, accessible sports model that ensures equal opportunities and becomes a driver for personal and collective growth, embracing universal values like diversity, sustainability, and teamwork. Sports also serve as a backbone for our region, helping strengthen identity, social cohesion, and quality of life.

Therefore, sports policy must be cross-cutting, integrating health, education, and community action. We need more local spaces for grassroots sports, universal access programs throughout the territory—especially in vulnerable or rural areas—and support for sports associations and citizen participation through initiatives encouraging diverse outdoor physical activities and social use of municipal sports facilities.

These efforts contribute to a healthier, more inclusive, and more connected society. Promoting popular and amateur sports, supported by networks of Valencian clubs and sports societies, is essential to build a strong, sustainable sports community that fosters a sense of belonging and collective identity.

That same commitment to cohesion and equality should also guide education policies in the current situation. After multiple attacks from the far right and extreme right, the political goal of Iniciativa-Compromís has to be reversing the education cuts and the divisive, damaging policies of the current Generalitat government. In a context that's more diverse and complex than ever, we must guarantee the right to free, quality education for everyone, including legally

universalizing the 0-3 years age group and launching an ambitious full-time education program in collaboration with local communities.

We want an education system that ensures equal opportunities and inclusion, ends segregation, strengthens language immersion and support, and fully integrates education in democratic values, critical thinking, empathy, and a culture of peace throughout all stages.

This education model must also include coeducation at all levels, addressing gender stereotypes and building a foundation of genuine respect and equality, preventing gender-based violence, and giving all students the same chance for personal growth. Teaching without gender bias is the only way to ensure a fairer, more balanced society free from structural discrimination.

Vocational training—covering initial, occupational, and ongoing education—should become a tool for fairness and competitiveness, aligned with ecological and digital transitions to create green professional profiles that promote sustainable local economies, energy efficiency, and new social and community sectors. At the same time, adult education and lifelong learning must be established as basic rights, supported by strong local networks providing quality ongoing training that boosts social participation at all ages.

As with all public services, the backbone of the system is the people dedicated to education, and respecting and valuing them is our starting point. We need to raise the social recognition of education professionals and do it without delay because education is the foundation for the social change we all want. This recognition must come with better working conditions and pay for all public education staff.

We need a strong commitment to pedagogical innovation and continuous quality training that genuinely matters, putting students at the center and moving beyond rote learning to create critical, cooperative citizens committed to global justice. This means seeing cross-cutting content not as more subjects but as a holistic education in democratic values, in spotting fake news, in responsibly using social media and digital tech without demonizing them. Also, education for democratic coexistence has to include a real understanding of institutions, social rights, work, and how economic decisions impact the majority.

Yet the education system still has a major flaw: school segregation. Iniciativa-Compromís has a clear stance: we must strengthen public schools as guarantors of equality and demand that publicly funded private schools take on more responsibility managing diversity and complexity. To ensure real fairness, we call for universal free school meals—not tied to family income—as part of the education system and for removing university fees.

The ultimate goal is moving towards a single education system based on equality, fairness, and social justice, ending the dual public-private setup. That means facilitating the gradual transfer of private publicly funded schools into direct public management, despite legal hurdles.

Finally, education doesn't end at the school gate. We need a new approach where the educational community truly includes families, local councils, sports clubs, media, and social networks, all actively involved. This means boosting universal access to educational leisure and complementary activities that create spaces for socializing and positive relationships, and turning schools into hubs for ecological transition and community health: school and community gardens, waste reduction, shared renewable energy projects, healthy, locally sourced food. Only a broad social and territorial educational alliance will ensure every young person grows up in an environment combining fairness, wellbeing, and real freedom to develop their personal and collective autonomy.

This community-based approach, seeing education as a living and collective process, naturally extends to another cornerstone of democratic society: culture. For our party, culture is fundamental—it defines us as a people and a society rich in diversity, knowledge, and creativity. It's both heritage and a driver of identity, critical thinking, and freedom of expression. Culture also acts as a social elevator, opening development and inclusion opportunities for people from all social and economic backgrounds. That's why Iniciativa-Compromís believes we must guarantee universal access to culture that encourages active participation in creating, preserving, and passing on arts and traditions, solidifying culture as an essential tool for wellbeing, social cohesion, and sustainable development.

We need to promote cultural policies that are inclusive and decentralized, focusing on creating local cultural spaces in neighborhoods and towns, with cultural centers, libraries, and decentralized programs that make culture accessible—

especially in vulnerable and rural areas. We should support affordable programs for young people, families, and marginalized groups. It's also essential to give creative work the respect it deserves, with fair pay standards, ongoing production support, and opportunities through residencies and cultural labs.

Strong connections between culture, education, and technology must be built to foster innovation, creativity, and new culture-based industries. Amateur activities, especially our unique network of musical societies across the Valencian Country—the only one of its kind in Europe—should be valued as they boost community involvement, education, and passing culture down through generations.

This approach has to be rooted in a culture of self-esteem, strengthening the Valencian language and identity in all its forms while recognizing the region's cultural diversity. We must encourage producing local and Valencian-language content and support research and promotion of our historical, linguistic, and ethnological heritage. At the same time, we need to boost the Valencian Cultural Brand as a sustainable tourism attraction and an economic driver tied to the region.

Culture is a right that should reach everyone, everywhere. It's the foundation of a fair, healthy, critical, and creative society that shapes the future of the Valencian Country toward a sustainable and transformative economy and coexistence.

To make this full vision a reality, an unprecedented administrative revolution is needed—starting by moving beyond the neoliberal dogma that still governs us. Iniciativa-Compromís firmly rejects the idea that policies improving people's lives must be limited by supposed financial “sustainability” over social and ecological needs. We need to rethink concepts like deficit, spending cuts, debt, and staffing limits by adopting new administrative approaches used in other countries, like future impact reports that prioritize intergenerational well-being and planetary boundaries over strict financial constraints.

We have to make real what we always say: the administration should adapt to people, not the other way around. That means bold simplification and cutting red tape—without removing essential protections—by ending unnecessary

procedures. This is perfectly doable with today's IT tools and even more so with the potential of artificial intelligence.

We need to break rigid hiring systems that block motivated, innovative, and diverse profiles, and overhaul civil service exams to ensure more democratic access to key positions like police, judges, or diplomats. We require sufficient staffing but also new hiring processes suited to modern work styles—focusing less on bureaucracy and rote memorization and more on creativity and innovation to solve real people's problems.

Public-private cooperation should be limited to genuinely innovative areas beyond the administration's reach, avoiding the commercialization of public services. Fast-tracking hiring and legislation is crucial. The green, social, feminist, and Valencianist left must lead this transformation to make government action credible and counter the growing attacks on public administration, anti-tax rhetoric, and indifference toward service privatization.

This revolution goes beyond digitalization; it calls for an administration that truly fits today's society. We must bring in new professional roles, especially from vocational training backgrounds, through more democratic, flexible selection systems—breaking away from corporative mindsets that block needed changes. The goal is a more agile, efficient, and humane administration.

Transformative politics is based on empathy—solving problems and improving people's lives. That's why we need to rethink admin-citizen relations to ensure universal access (including clear administrative language), remove the apparent hostility of bureaucratic structures, and move toward positive administrative silence and broad trust in the people served. Ultimately, the administration and its workers must serve citizens, not procedures.

In times of antipolitics, we must stand up to technocracy and its bureaucratic powers. Defending politics and ideology means promoting public services, sustainability, equality, and, ultimately, well-being.

## PRIORITY 2: FAIR ECOSOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

Iniciativa-Compromís is working for a change in the Valencian economic model to transform and boost our productive sectors and economic fabric. We need to move beyond a growth model that ignores planetary limits, fosters unsustainable competition, and puts unbearable pressure on working-class people.

We're proposing a resilient, social, and sustainable post-capitalist model, based on local, cooperative economies that guarantee social rights and ecological balance. Tackling political disengagement means ensuring prosperity translates into real fairness, addressing the root causes of inequality to build a cohesive and sustainable society.

Valencian industry—including traditional sectors like textiles and footwear—has increasingly incorporated higher-tech manufacturing. These sectors are leaders in our region for creating added value and providing more stable jobs.

So, the shift needs to focus on strengthening these productive sectors by listening to their specific needs, boosting their competitive advantages from their history and specialization, and encouraging innovation. We must see innovation as the key to the urgent sustainable transformation, which requires strong investment in this ecosystem, especially in technology that improves resource efficiency and pushes for production processes with less environmental impact. Our industry's roadmap must be based on thoughtful development, leaving behind outdated ideas of limitless growth.

At Iniciativa-Compromís, we believe public leadership and reliable institutional support are the best allies to help industries drive the social and ecological transitions we want. Supporting local industry will also counteract offshoring by organizing production according to the collective needs and desires of our region and planet.

We want to focus on local goods (kilometer zero), neighborhood commerce, and conscious consumption. This isn't about turning into some kind of isolated economy, but about avoiding becoming just a transit zone for merchandise. The

way we organize our economy affects job creation, environmental impact, public health, and dependence on external sources.

In this sense, we need clear policies promoting responsible consumption that challenge the harmful effects of fast fashion, encourage reuse, recycling, and waste reduction, and put public health and fighting pollution at the center of economic decisions. Consumption is also a matter of citizens' rights: we must tackle abuses faced by users and consumers (from passengers to shoppers), and stop the mass design, production, and sale of goods that are made to break quickly, which increases dependence, costs, and waste.

We support a model demanding transparent info about the geographic origin, labor conditions, and environmental impact of raw materials to help people make more conscious choices. At the same time, we call for consistency in both internal and external policies to prevent the intensive exploitation of natural resources aimed only at feeding an excessive level of consumption that exceeds the planet's limits.

Similarly, we see it as essential to promote diversity within our business landscape and among self-employed people, to support the care and sustainability of small and medium companies that make up the majority of the Valencian business ecosystem, and to especially encourage the cooperative business model. We work so that those most involved in collective well-being get the support they deserve.

These goals would be easier to reach if we had tools like public banking to access credit. In this respect, the Valencian Institute of Finance could play a key role in strategically directing resources to companies—supporting socially valuable projects, helping SMEs in emergency situations, acting as a business incubator, or offering affordable loans to families.

We also need to talk about the role of private financial institutions in our economy. Valencian financial markets must be transformed into well-regulated systems that guarantee universal financial inclusion—especially for seniors and migrants—with affordable and transparent services, free from deceptive products like opaque investments or unfair mortgages.

We must block risky operations that cause real estate bubbles, fund weapons, or polluting activities by placing strict limits on private banks and strengthening public oversight.

Similarly, in our region, there has been unchecked abuse and growth of extractive tourism focused on low-value-added sectors like “sun and beach,” which often leads to overcrowding, rising prices, and a significant ecological footprint. But the solution isn’t to villainize this sector; rather, we need to regulate tourism to stop the economic power from concentrating in the hands of a few big tourism companies, since that just piles all the power into the hands of these elites, ignoring what the majority of society wants.

This tourism regulation needs to pay special attention to how housing is used. Specifically, it’s essential to set clear boundaries about where tourists can stay, separate from residential housing and properties used for making money. The right to access housing must be protected above every other use, meaning residential use should be the primary purpose of housing until this housing crisis is fixed. What’s needed is a decentralised management strategy that, among other things, keeps our neighborhoods alive and avoids pushing out or suffocating local residents.

Likewise, tourist towns have to strengthen public sectors that might get overwhelmed by the influx of visitors, like healthcare and public transport. Taking these steps helps ensure better coexistence between visitors and the locals who keep living their daily lives in the most touristy areas.

At the same time, this regulation should promote higher-quality, year-round tourism by highlighting our rich cultural heritage—things like music, theater, exhibitions, crafts, and sports activities. Job insecurity is also a big problem for many workers in these sectors (most of them women). That’s why it’s crucial to keep improving their working conditions, paying special attention to the demands of groups like the Kellys (hotel chambermaids). All these limits and safeguards come in response to neglect in the sector and a pressing need for regulation to improve coexistence and ensure that the benefits of tourism reach everyone in society.

Science and innovation must drive a fair eco-social transformation rooted in the territory and focused on the collective good—not on precarious jobs or brain drain. This means ending the toxic uncertainty faced by researchers through stable positions in both public and private sectors, clear career paths, and conditions that allow for quality research without having to choose between dignity and passion—especially for young people and teams working in strategic fields like energy transition, mobility, data, and electrification of transport and industry. The technological sovereignty we fight for isn't about isolation but about deciding what gets produced, how, and for what purpose—cutting reliance on giant corporations and fragile supply chains—and steering knowledge toward open, resource-efficient, and low-carbon solutions.

For this approach to be fair, we have to make sure that knowledge and value generated by public investment in R&D come back to society as rights: universal access to key technologies, stronger public services, and quality jobs. This means tying public funding to social return clauses, open or shared licenses in strategic projects (such as health, energy, or green digitalization), and boosting our own capacity in areas like efficient microchips, sustainable digital infrastructure, or water and energy management technologies that respect ecological limits. Meanwhile, multilateral cooperation must ensure global rules that make innovation compatible with justice—sharing critical knowledge during health or climate emergencies, revisiting patent systems when they block access to essential tech, and pushing international programs that put research on health and climate adaptation at the center of wellbeing agendas, not just private profit.

The economic ecosystem we're talking about requires not just new ways of producing, consuming, or making sectoral policies but also a radical change in how economic actors operate. Another top priority for Iniciativa-Compromís is democratizing the economy. That means strengthening workers' direct participation in decision-making and promoting democratic business models where employees have real voice and control over the company and working conditions. The state's strategic role in key sectors shouldn't just be about occasional aid but must involve buying shares and fostering public and community management that guarantees the common good and social and environmental sustainability. This strong government commitment helps create decent, stable jobs in sectors linked to the ecological and technological transition, where innovation serves the many, not just capital interests. Shared responsibility among workers, government, and communities is key to moving toward a fairer, more democratic economic model.

Democratizing the economy also means making sure the green and tech transitions create stable, well-paid jobs in sectors like green industries, knowledge-based fields, and care work, putting the wealth we collectively create towards a freer, healthier, and more shared life. Instead of demonizing every business as a rule, we should support social and innovative economies that use entrepreneurial drive and private capital to achieve the just ecological and social transformation we want.

But democratizing the economy also means rethinking our relationship with the land that sustains us: there can be no real eco-social transformation without a united Valencian Country, with protected landscapes and villages that keep life and opportunities alive. Iniciativa-Compromís calls for a new agreement with the territory that looks after the coast, the city, and the inland alike, seeing the landscape as a common good with value in itself, not just a place to exploit economically. This means protecting the orchards, wetlands, mountains, and historic irrigation systems as key infrastructures for food sovereignty and climate adaptation, while halting urban speculation and the kind of tourism development that pushes locals out and ruins villages and neighborhoods.

Rural areas should no longer mean abandonment. We need quality public services, digital connectivity, and sustainable transportation so people can stay, return, and revive rural life.

Iniciativa-Compromís proposes a city model that starts in the neighborhoods—especially the most vulnerable—and promotes green, re-naturalized cities where decent housing, climate-safe spaces, communal areas, facilities, and local shops are easy to reach on foot or by public transport. Revitalizing neighborhoods shouldn't mean pushing people out, but investing in livable public spaces, energy-efficient renovations, affordable transportation, and community culture, focusing on the people living at the crossroads of social, health, and pollution inequalities. A feminist, community-focused urbanism must guarantee safe streets, shade, water, spaces for kids and the elderly, and decision-making processes where residents, associations, and environmental groups shape how they want their neighborhoods, towns, and landscapes to be.

The devastating storm on October 29, 2024, along with the severe wildfires—at least the sixth wave we've faced—are clear consequences of refusing to take

strong action against climate change, which hits our region especially hard. Now, alongside preventive measures, we need well-coordinated emergency services ready to respond to complex situations like these. Questioning policies that expand staff, resources, and pay for emergency response is dangerous for our safety and health. We need a strong state with enough well-trained, well-paid personnel acting under effective coordination to handle emergencies.

Iniciativa-Compromís understands the urgent need to tackle the climate emergency and reduce pollution caused by human activity. We have to change the way we live to rebuild a respectful and caring relationship with our land. Preventive actions are necessary, but so is adaptation—because we're already late.

Part of the needed green transition is fighting against unchecked urban development and resisting the temptation to go back to big speculative projects or building right on the beachfront, which endanger native wildlife and protected Natura 2000 areas. We must protect and restore these spaces, ensure ecological connectivity, and promote strict management that prevents biodiversity loss and degradation of the natural systems vital for the territory's resilience. That's why we demand achieving climate neutrality by 2040 and fully embracing the European Green Deal on all fronts.

Proper conservation of natural spaces means planning with ecosystems in mind, respecting micro-reserves for plants and protected wildlife areas, and reversing artificialization and pollution processes. This protection shouldn't be symbolic but must come with regulations, adequate budgets, and institutions with real executive power at the autonomous level. Protecting the Valencian coastline especially means prioritizing public land purchases to prevent privatization and degradation.

Air quality, fire prevention, waste management, circular economy, and biodiversity protection are all essential parts of managing the land and reducing pollution, as Iniciativa-Compromís insists.

All these efforts culminate in sustainable mobility that connects green cities with electrified public transport. Mobility is one of the clearest signs of this

transformation: we need to move toward a model that prioritizes accessible, affordable, zero-emission public transport.

Bringing back free public transport for young people and expanding frequency, connections, and schedules to make it a real alternative to private cars. At the same time, active mobility—walking, cycling, and connecting safe urban and suburban networks—needs to become an everyday, respectable option. The idea of fifteen-minute cities, where everything essential is just a 15-minute walk away, is a key strategy to cut unnecessary travel, improve public health, and strengthen neighborhood life.

This vision doesn't line up with projects that push speculative, polluting models, like the expansion of the Port of Valencia, which keeps relying heavily on fossil fuels, worsens pollution, and ignores the coastline and affected communities. The Valencia region needs infrastructure policies that prioritize sustainability, safety, and territorial cohesion—not endless growth aimed at attracting more traffic, emissions, and urban pressure. At the same time, we have to rethink massive road projects that add capacity without reducing traffic and instead back strong, electrified rail corridors that fit the territory and industry needs.

The green transition must also deeply include universal accessibility: it's not enough just to be able to get around, people must be able to engage with public spaces safely and independently, considering all cognitive, sensory, and physical abilities. Sustainable mobility is a social, feminist, and care-focused policy—it makes daily life easier, reduces inequalities, and connects people to services, communities, and opportunities.

The future is about greener cities and rewilded neighborhoods, as many Valencian projects already show by reclaiming space for people, increasing climate resilience, and cutting pollution. This approach needs to spread and become standard in all towns and cities, involving local governments, civil society, and the productive sector in a shared strategy. This resilient environment depends on well-managed natural resources like energy and water—key pillars of sovereignty.

The energy transition is now the heart of the climate fight and one of the deepest transformations in our society. For decades, we lacked political courage, keeping

us stuck in a fossil fuel model that's neither viable nor fair anymore. We start from a place with no real energy democracy, where energy sovereignty has been taken from people and handed over to a few powerful interests. So, control over resources must go back to the people: energy sovereignty means communities having the power to decide and legislate how they want to manage the energy they need for their social, daily, economic, and production lives.

Guaranteeing the welfare state requires a lot of energy to ensure health, education, culture, and mobility. If we want a universal standard of living, what needs to go down are waste and inequality—not rights. That's why we need to fully embrace a renewable model that guarantees dignified lives for everyone and keeps energy affordable for families and industries, avoiding a transition that worsens economic inequalities.

Meeting this challenge means producing energy where it's consumed, rolling out renewables on a massive, organized scale. Prioritizing built-up areas, promoting self-consumption, energy communities, and distributed generation is essential, but so are larger-scale installations that make decarbonization possible. This calls for a pact between city and countryside with fair economic returns and real citizen participation because the green revolution can't just copy the existing energy oligopoly. Renewable energy must be universal, accessible, and clearly reject nimbyism: like public services, energy production is a common good and collective responsibility.

The environmental movement, including Iniciativa-Compromís as part of it, now faces the challenge of combining conservation with a commitment to modernization and transformation—without extractive or capitalist logic but understanding that blocking renewable development effectively means perpetuating a polluting and unjust model. At the same time, we must boost producing these green technologies here in Europe, with our own industrial base, circular strategies like waste reuse, responsible management of critical raw materials, and support to industries in their electrification with sustainable processes.

The transition isn't just swapping dirty tech for clean—it's about transforming the social and production model, ending waste, and putting energy efficiency front and center. Not to lower quality of life but to guarantee it by cutting energy resource

use. The environmentalism we stand for isn't nostalgic or anti-progress; it's realistic, ambitious, and ready to use the achievements of modernity to face the climate crisis with new solutions, not unrealistic sacrifices.

In a time of rapid electrification, it's also urgent to strengthen system reliability: managing the electric grid publicly, preventing blackouts, modernizing and digitizing networks, incorporating storage solutions at every level to ensure flexibility. Without strong infrastructure, the transition will be slower, more expensive, and less safe. At the same time, we have to clearly rule out nuclear power—it just doesn't fit economically, environmentally, or socially with the future we want. The unavoidable shutdown of the Cofrentes nuclear plant must come with a fair transformation plan for the affected regions, based on renewables, new industries, and stable jobs.

Iniciativa-Compromís strongly supports a new water culture that recognizes the water crisis isn't just about drought, but also the degradation of our aquifers, rivers, wetlands, and seas. Water is a common good essential for life and ecological balance. That's why our party pushes for comprehensive planning that protects ecosystems, limits unsustainable consumption, and promotes a model focused on reuse, pollution reduction, and climate adaptation.

Defending natural water cycles is key to ensuring a livable future. That means investing in advanced water treatment, circular economy practices, recharge systems, and river restoration—stopping pollution and slowing ocean acidification.

Water management must be public, transparent, and participatory because water is a human right and a basic service that can't be left to private interests. This transparency also means clear, accessible information on water quality indicators so everyone can monitor it—from urban areas to consumption points—through straightforward, direct communication and monitoring systems.

In a global context where water is now traded on financial markets and multinational corporations aim to turn it into a business, we need a strong political commitment to guarantee universal access and block privatizations that risk future generations. This isn't just about a service—it's about our shared ability to protect a resource that's vital for ecological and social sovereignty.

But real public management isn't just about changing ownership. It requires training, technical strength, and institutional independence. We need to strengthen decision-making powers at the local level, especially in smaller towns that often manage incredibly complex services with minimal staff and sometimes face political or legal pressure when trying to keep or regain public control. That's why higher administrations need to provide consistent support: technical assistance, shared legal services, public procurement offices, shared tools, and resources to make sure no municipality is left out of the right to manage water as a common good.

Taking on this agenda means recognizing water as a foundation of well-being and social justice, just as important as energy or internet access. Strong, public, universal, and environmentally responsible services must set minimum standards that shape the market, protect everyone's rights, and ensure natural resources are managed in the public interest, not for profit. This is an ecological, democratic, and national issue.

Energy and water sustain organic farming and sustainable fishing, which are crucial for healthy diets and generational renewal. Iniciativa-Compromís champions politics rooted in love for our land, our fishing, our farming, and the local, quality products that define us as a community. In short, politics aimed at preserving the health of our environment, our wellbeing, and making sure we leave a legacy for the future to protect our food sovereignty.

We can't forget that what we eat, the air we breathe—all of it affects our health. Human health, environmental health, plant health—they're all deeply connected and dependent on each other.

We're committed to the land and the kind of society and economy we need to protect people, their health, and our territory. That's why we support the European Green Deal and the EU's climate adaptation strategy. Still, we call for reform of the Common Agricultural Policy to ease the transition toward diversified crops suited to future climate scenarios and to provide real security so that Valencian farming can continue across generations.

When we talk about farming, livestock, and fishing, we're really talking about food sovereignty—the right of communities to healthy food. We demand culturally appropriate foods produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods, always considering the hopes and needs of those who produce, distribute, and consume food. But we must ensure they're not subject to market demands or corporations dictating our diets—instead, food production must serve public health, the health of everyone: the health of our land, our territory, and ourselves.

We recognize local communities—our farmers, ranchers, and fishers—as key players in the fight against poverty and hunger, and also the need to support and ensure generational renewal. Two main goals are to make sure our farmers, ranchers, and fishers never have to sell their products for less than it costs to produce them, and to promote organic farming, which lowers greenhouse gas emissions and improves everyone's health—both in what we breathe and what we eat. This helps reduce degradation of our soil, rivers, and seas, benefiting the quality of our products and allowing us to live in a more sustainable, healthier environment.

These principles also guide our specific approach to fishing, which must be sustainable—guaranteeing a future for our seas, the industry, the families involved, and the cultural tradition of fishing based on traditional, environmentally respectful methods that don't threaten marine ecosystems. That's why we oppose expanding the Port of Valencia and polluting actions at Alicante's port, and support increasing protected areas in rivers, wetlands, and the sea—the best way to ensure fish for the future.

Our food system is enriched by animal care, extending empathy to all living beings in our land. In Valencian society, animal welfare has become a growing concern, driven by organizations and an increasingly aware public. This calls on us directly and pushes us to face new challenges boldly and responsibly, understanding that sharing our land means guaranteeing decent living conditions for all creatures who live here. At Iniciativa-Compromís, we believe animal welfare goes beyond pets: it means protecting wildlife in our forests, coasts, and wetlands; ensuring humane conditions in livestock farming; and firmly rejecting bullfighting and any other entertainment that involves animal cruelty, even if it's wrongly defended as tradition. Animal rights, seen through justice, equality, protection of the vulnerable, and empathy, aligns perfectly with our political values.

That's why we believe public administrations must give real identity, resources, and power to these policies, which are often just a sideline. We demand properly funded structures with specialized staff that can push us toward a more respectful coexistence and prevent animal suffering caused by human decisions or neglect. This means supporting public management of abandoned pets; recognizing and humanely managing feral cat colonies in every town using the trap-neuter-return (TNR) method, ensuring their health and proper feeding; granting the same rights to dogs used in hunting; implementing ethical controls on urban birds; improving protection for wild animals with specific emergency protocols like those for forest fires; decisively including education on animal welfare and healthy, sustainable eating habits (including reducing meat and fish consumption) in school curriculums; and guiding livestock farms towards models that minimize suffering. Finally, we state clearly and firmly that any form of entertainment involving animal abuse can't be up for a referendum—it must be banned outright.

With this in mind, we aim to make animal welfare a core public policy, consistent with our values and a society that demands a fairer, more responsible, and compassionate relationship with all living beings sharing our land.

### PRIORITY 3: RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

At Iniciativa-Compromís, we're driven by hope—not naïve hope, but a political project that protects and unites, that stands up to fear and hate, and that offers security and community. This hope is built on mutual care, solidarity, friendship networks, neighbors, and love, dignifying every life and every way of living: women, children, older people, the LGTBQIA+ community, diverse families, migrants and racialized people, those in precarious jobs, and anyone who doesn't fit into cisheteronormative or capitalist productivity norms.

This axis is about rights that broaden horizons, break down hierarchies, put life at the center, and remind us that a dignified society is one that cares, listens, shares fairly, and leaves no one behind. Justice must stop being a distant, opaque, patriarchal institution and become a living tool that serves rights, equality, and everyday people. A justice system that is neither patriarchal nor hostile to poverty, that doesn't look away when violence, poverty, or racism impact real lives. We need a system...

A political stance that protects vulnerable people, not questions them; that listens before judging; that brings rights closer to those who have the least, not to those who hold the most power.

We take a clear stand against punitive justice: we know harsher punishments don't mean more justice, and more prisons don't mean more safety. The judicial system suffers from deep-rooted issues like favoritism, lack of transparency, and internal corruption that's too often ignored, all of which block real and equal access to justice.

We must openly call out lawfare—the biased and selective use of judicial institutions to go after political dissidents and social movements—and the improper ties between judges and certain media outlets. It's also vital to democratize access to the judicial career path to break the revolving door favoring the upper class and ensure justice that's truly diverse, plural, and serves the people.

In times of disillusionment and fatigue, trust in institutions will only come back if justice can provide real safety: protection against abuse, quick responses, support, and the ability to reach neighborhoods, towns, and communities that have never been priorities for the justice system.

A dignified justice system needs an anti-racist and feminist perspective—one that understands structural violence, digital inequalities, and discrimination embedded in rulings, reports, and protocols. That means training, cultural change, new tools, and above all, political courage. We want justice to be a right, not a privilege. Justice that protects lives, not power.

The right-wing wants us to believe safety means more fear, more cameras, and more cops. But at Iniciativa-Compromís, we stand for something else: protection and safety as social rights, rooted in community, coexistence, and daily life. Safety isn't about authoritarian control; it's about knowing your neighborhood has well-kept public spaces, strong neighbor networks, social services that show up, and institutions that support you, not point fingers at you.

We don't want a society under constant surveillance; we want a safe society. That means prevention, building community, investing in neighborhoods, strengthening public services, and tackling the real causes of fear: isolation, inequality, hate, and the misinformation the far right uses to divide us. Safety can't keep being an excuse to criminalize migrants, youth, entire communities, or various dissenting groups.

This also means reviewing ID checks, arrests, and deportation protocols; fighting judicial racism; and ensuring migrants and racialized people get specialized legal advice, protection against institutional violence, and interpreters when needed.

We need to build our own message, radically different, one that understands coexistence doesn't come from fear but from respect and guaranteed rights.

Racist, punitive, and reactionary rhetoric tries to split the left and link security to social control. We offer the opposite: safety as freedom, safety as community, safety as lively, inclusive neighborhoods.

And we can't talk about safety without talking about the climate crisis. Torrential rains, extreme weather, heatwaves, and ecological emergencies are real threats now. The security of the future also means environmental protection, smart urban planning, climate refuges, green infrastructure, and collective preparedness for risks impacting working-class neighborhoods the most.

Community protection means understanding that the best safety policy is the one that gets people to know each other, care for each other, and be considered. It's neighbors supporting each other, local businesses building networks, young people reclaiming public spaces, women organizing mutual support, and institutions respecting and promoting this strength. Safety isn't watching over each other more closely; it's caring for each other better.

That kind of protection, that society with strong bonds, requires a feminism that unites and empowers. An intersectional feminist perspective is essential for *Iniciativa-Compromís*. It's not just another topic in this debate—it's the core that runs through all policies, the tool that helps us understand how patriarchy, racism,

and capitalism affect real lives. Without feminism, there's no transformation; without intersectionality, there's no justice.

We defend a feminism that frees women from all patriarchal oppressions, especially those facing double discrimination—racialized women, precarious workers, young women, elders, single mothers, women with disabilities, lesbians, and trans women. It's about the small, everyday policies that actually change everything.

Our demands revolve around time, wages, housing, mental health, neighborhood networks, real work-life balance, making it to the end of the month, and above all, the right to live without fear.

With a clear antifeminist attack underway, the right wants to sweep us away. We stand firm with a feminist message because feminism has always been the antidote to authoritarianism. Our protection against extremist threats is communal: support networks, critical education, and a feminism that fiercely defends life.

A feminist perspective needs to cut across and transform every area, including the economy — pushing for the redistribution of wealth and power; labor rights — ending the wage gap, job insecurity, and vertical segregation; and social relations — paving the way for non-patriarchal masculinities that take shared responsibility and see gender deconstruction as a daily political act.

We defend the right to our own bodies with conviction. Abortion must be guaranteed as a right, provided by the public healthcare system in Valencia. This right should be ensured without interference, objections, delays, or harassment from groups that deny women's right to choose. It must also be guaranteed as an exercise of autonomy and freedom. We need to reclaim control over abortion services by demedicalizing them when possible, removing guardianships and barriers, and making sure no one has to travel, wait, or justify their choice about their own life.

We will work to close any legal loopholes or mechanisms that allow surrogacy bans to be bypassed through practices abroad that indirectly legitimize it, often

happening in contexts marked by economic and gender inequalities — always ensuring protection for children.

We also call out the glass ceilings limiting women's access to decision-making spaces and the sticky ground holding us trapped in precarious situations that the system presents as natural. The feminism we defend doesn't just want to "break the glass ceiling," it wants to change the whole building; we don't want to fit into the system, we want to transform it so everyone can live with dignity and freedom.

In short, the feminism we propose isn't decorative or institutional—it's a tool to change everything. It's demanding, radical, and class-conscious.

On the other hand, talking about feminism also means talking about time, one of the areas where inequality shows up most strongly: the care gap, invisible work, mental load, and the struggle just to survive. Reconfiguring how we use time is a democratic necessity that calls for responsible involvement from public authorities, businesses, and families. We need measurable, bold policies based on the right to rest, shared responsibility, cultural and community participation, real work-life balance, and environmental protection.

For Iniciativa-Compromís, it's crucial to measure and make visible unpaid work — the work that sustains life but doesn't show up in GDP, without which nothing would function. This feminist accounting should influence social needs planning, public service design, and basic benefit definitions. Domestic and care work cannot keep being an obligatory unpaid gift women give to the system.

We defend the right to our own time and a dignified life: the right not to live in survival mode, the right to well-being, peace, time for family, community, desire, politics, and pleasure. We claim time as a collective right and a condition for freedom.

Reclaiming time as collective freedom means embracing a transformative feminism that covers the whole of life: from childhood to old age, making care the engine of well-being. Talking about kids and seniors means reflecting on how we understand life together. We live in a society that's always put productivity at the

center, leaving aside those who don't fit into the market logic. That's why we say children, teenagers, and older people are first-class citizens, and the society we want to build will only be dignified if it cares for the bookends of life: those just starting out and those who have held the world together for decades.

We believe childhood shouldn't be about productivity but freedom. We can't educate through competitiveness, anxiety, or usefulness, because kids aren't here to "serve." They need to live, play, and grow without the pressure of a system that confuses value with performance. Likewise, policies must not legislate over children without them being heard: kids' participation is a school of democracy and a key part of building critical, engaged, and collective citizenship. Childhood needs strong public services, coeducational schools that are secular and free from censorship, safe spaces to grow up, and protection that doesn't depend on where they come from or their parents' passports. We reject the use of migrant children as pawns—no kid should ever be used to spread hate.

Our commitment is clear: public education, guaranteed language rights, diverse environments, and communities that raise kids together.

On the other hand, older people are being pushed out of their own neighborhoods because of a housing market driven by speculation. We demand the right to age in our own communities, with quality public services, support, independence, and safety. It's time to break the neoliberal myth of independence: everyone depends on someone else, and that shared dependence is the foundation of community.

We stand for more humane, safer living arrangements where people live together peacefully—especially women with disabilities and LGTBIQA+ folks who still face discrimination in traditional spaces.

We, the people active in *Iniciativa-Compromís*, fight for the radical right to just be ourselves—without fear or needing to explain ourselves. LGTBIQA+ people are targeted by the far-right because we represent a future they can't control: a future of freedom, diverse connections, and identities that don't fit into the traditional cis-hetero-monogamous box.

We defend trans identities and non-binary existences as central to a just society, demanding healthcare and administration that serve our lives without pathologizing or guardianship. Our vision goes beyond traditional regulation. We want to bring politics into the complex reality of our lives: family is whoever takes care of you. That's why we defend the importance of care networks and bonds with friends and non-family support systems that the state often ignores or refuses to recognize. We need to open up the debate about legally recognizing new family structures, emotional bonds, and parenting models, because life is richer than the law and politics must rise to that challenge.

We know we live in a time of hostility aiming to silence dissent. That's why we have to keep fighting for real, concrete rights that protect our bodies and our lives. This means guaranteeing healthcare for everyone, including mental health services free from LGTBQA+ phobia, and full access to treatments without unfair delays. It also means developing policies to fight LGTBQA+phobia in housing access and promoting community living models (like for older adults), while ensuring education respects diversity, with schools as safe spaces and engines of change working to dismantle gender stereotypes, racism, classism, fascism, and fully include people with disabilities—with comprehensive, plural, and uncensored sex education.

Finally, we must keep actively fighting the trans employment gap and the precarious conditions faced by the most vulnerable groups. Diversity should be the norm.

In a system that still sees disability as an individual problem rather than the result of social barriers, we are clear: ableism is a structure of oppression, just like sexism, racism, and classism. And, as such, it must be fought with bold politics—without an androcentric, paternalistic approach—using public resources and deep cultural change. We defend a perspective that recognizes functional diversity as a legitimate and enriching part of being human. Ultimately, we want a system that doesn't just adapt people to a hostile environment but transforms the system so that everyone, regardless of physical, mental, intellectual, sensory, or cognitive diversity, can live freely and with dignity.

People with functional diversity are rights holders, political agents, and community builders. They know best the physical, social, and administrative barriers that limit

their lives. That's why we want policies made with them, not about them, with their participation in all phases: design, implementation, and evaluation. Life—all lives—comes before productivity.

We demand communities that care, spaces that include, neighborhoods where everyone can participate, decide, and contribute based on their diverse abilities. We insist: we don't want a future where inclusion is just a favor granted; we want a society without exclusion, with guaranteed rights and full coexistence, where functional diversity is part of the whole.

A society that puts people at the center, not the margins. One that leaves no one behind because a dignified community is built by considering all the ways people live, move, communicate, and exist.

In that kind of society where everyone feels comfortable, we need to shift the mindset: it's not about inclusion, it's about no exclusion—about rights, coexistence, and true equality. The state is built on racial capitalism, which ranks who gets access to resources, opportunities, and rights. The Valencian Country isn't white, nor is its history, and denying this is just continuing colonization.

Migration isn't a problem; it's just a fact of reality. The real problem is the criminalization fueled by the far-right and, too often, tolerated by so-called progressive voices that don't go deep enough. We need our own narrative, one that's separate from security issues, that talks about social rights free from racism and xenophobia, that breaks down stereotypes and prejudices about foreigners and different cultures. The right to housing, decent work, education, health, social services are key to living together and respecting human rights.

Iniciativa-Compromís rejects racism and xenophobia and promotes respect and harmony among people of different ethnicities, communities, and cultures.

We reject “fixes” that just change words without changing anything else. The organized anti-racist movement has been leading the way for years. Making the call to regularize half a million people our own is a political and democratic duty. Race

is a social and political construct, but its effects are real: control, internal borders, inequalities, and exclusion.

Our response is anti-racist and rights-based: no human being is illegal. Along with regularizing migrants, we defend deep reforms to immigration laws that put an end to undocumented limbo, deportations, and immigrant detention centers (CIEs). We commit to making sure that, within our powers, no one is denied access to healthcare, education, housing, social services, justice, or community participation based on nationality, skin color, religion, or legal status. Guaranteeing registration, access to social rights offices, and specific legal support for migrants and refugees will be a priority in our public policies.

From a decolonial perspective, we recognize current racism has roots in colonial history and a system that ranks who gets access to resources, opportunities, and institutional protection. That's why the fight against racism must be part of all our policies: from mandatory training on institutional racism for justice, healthcare, education, and police staff, to including migrants and racialized people in political and social decision-making spaces.

Regarding the Roma people, let's be clear: they are not "others", not a problem, not media stereotypes of "clans" or "settling scores." They are full citizens who have endured centuries of institutional persecution and deserve reparative policies—not paternalistic, folkloric, or criminalizing ones.

Against the catalogue of rights and freedoms we aim for in Iniciativa-Compromís, we must tackle the violence that violates and blocks the full development of these rights. Gender-based violence and hate crimes continue to violate rights every day and cannot be treated as isolated incidents: they are forms of domination that uphold patriarchy, racism, and LGTBIQA+phobia, mainly affecting women, migrants, racialized people, Roma, trans people, and other groups that don't fit the norm. We need a bold feminist response that understands these violences' roots are structural and that political denial only empowers the aggressors.

We urgently need to renew the Valencian Pact against Gender-Based Violence: clear condemnation, enough resources, economic independence for survivors, and guarantees that no woman has to stay with her abuser because she can't

afford a place to live. Sexual violence calls for responses focused on consent, sex education, and effective protection—without falling into fearmongering or empty punishments that don't change anything.

We condemn all forms of exploitation, including sexual exploitation, and recognize the need to act to fight it and protect people in this area, both legally and socially. As a feminist party committed to real equality between women and men, Iniciativa-Compromís will work to eradicate commercial sexual exploitation—a system that institutionalizes inequality by turning women's bodies into commodities for men who exploit their vulnerability, whether pimps or clients. We will also demand public policies that never punish women but guarantee them a dignified way out, with comprehensive support—social, psychological, work-related, and housing—that helps them regain autonomy and live free from violence.

Hate crimes aren't just minor incidents or exaggerations—they're a form of violence rooted in centuries of racism, LGTBQIA+phobia, and antigypsyism. Our response needs to be institutional, educational, and courageous: we have to call out racism when it's racism, call out patriarchy when it's patriarchy, and fight hate speech without staying neutral, because that always ends up protecting the attackers.

We live in a digital world that amplifies noise and hate while ignoring brave politics. That's why we need our own communication style—direct, honest, with humor, and able to get clear messages across to people. Our battle is also cultural: fighting misinformation, organized hate campaigns, and the attacks mainly aimed at women, racialized people, and visible LGTBQIA+ activists online. Strengthening the Valencian media ecosystem, especially our public media, is key to ensuring truthful, high-quality information.

Journalism has a huge responsibility: to inform rigorously without reinforcing stereotypes. We want media that dignify, explain, and heal. We need institutions that act on digital hate crimes and understand that violence on the internet is real violence. Iniciativa-Compromís stresses the need to act and raise awareness among society, the media, and all social institutions because if we don't respond strongly and consciously to those fueling political disaffection, if we don't boldly defend politics based on principles, we risk losing so much of what we've achieved.

In a hyperconnected society, we must give real weight to fourth-generation rights. Digital rights are fundamental human rights: privacy is part of freedom and security, and it can't be left in the hands of big companies or algorithms that discriminate—especially against migrants, racialized people, and those living in poverty. Universal access to the internet and digital tools should be a basic right to exercise other rights (like getting informed, expressing yourself, organizing, accessing public services, or maintaining relationships), with special attention to seniors, people with disabilities, rural folks, and those in poverty, so technology doesn't become another barrier.

We support democratic control over data, community-based and feminist digital literacy throughout life, and a strong fight against digital hate crimes that silence activists and dissenters.

A rights-based digital space must protect the privacy and security of the most vulnerable, exposing discriminatory algorithms and platforms that spread hate, misinformation, or fascist propaganda—especially targeting young people and those at risk. We need transparency, accountability, quick complaint mechanisms, and support systems for those facing harassment or attacks, so everyone can take part in public life without fear. Technology should serve people and social justice, not uphold hierarchies. That's why we can't backtrack on local or international laws against platforms and big tech companies that abuse their power by controlling all our data.

Knowing, using, and valuing our own language (we have two, and one is being marginalized) is essential to building society and fully achieving our rights and freedoms. At Iniciativa-Compromís, we see language rights as central to an inclusive, united society where Valencian is a real tool for opportunity, coexistence, and equality.

We're committed to a proactive approach that guarantees learning and use of the language across the territory, with resources tailored to each area, especially in Spanish-speaking zones and diverse neighborhoods. In these areas, we must keep in mind how the right-wing has historically hindered or even stopped our everyday work by dragging us into debates over whether there's an official language, its use, or the language's unity. It's clearly a distraction tactic, but it directly affects our

political work. So, we can't ignore our country's sociolinguistic diversity, and on top of that, we need welcoming policies and efforts to promote Valencian, helping people see it as their own language—even in mainly Spanish-speaking areas.

We see language as a living cultural heritage that needs eco-linguistic policies to empower citizens and make Valencian a vital part of daily life and our shared future.

This means boosting language activism from local towns to Europe, supporting community initiatives that make Valencian a space for unity, critical thinking, and collective trust. At Iniciativa-Compromís, we back policies that establish Valencian as the preferred language in administration, public services, and all community life, with a culture that puts it front and center as a driver of well-being and creativity. At the same time, we must protect academic institutions such as thw AVL (Valencian Language Academy) working to keep Valencian alive and adaptable to the current sociolinguistic reality. We also want a digital and audiovisual future where Valencian has a normalized presence, with more original productions, dubbing, subtitles, and accessible platforms. Commerce and services should naturally use the language, with free, specialized training for professionals. In the workplace, we commit to adopting good practices and clauses in agreements that guarantee the language rights of all workers. These language rights must be ensured through institutional transparency and democratic memory, making sure that the collective voice, in any language, has a place in politics and justice.

We're at a crucial moment where it's essential to reclaim politics and its value in democracy: the need for debates, dialogue between different viewpoints in representative bodies, obligations of transparency and accountability, and making sure all voices and concerns are heard through participation. Thanks to politics, we enjoy a society of rights and freedoms—though some question these on purpose to serve certain economic interests. But politics must also offer real solutions to people's everyday problems, like access to housing.

It's clear some use politics just to gain power and get rich, while others truly believe in politics based on values to tackle multiple ecological and social challenges and citizen issues. Corruption, in this sense, is deeply discouraging when it comes to defending political action and democracy. Iniciativa-Compromís

has never been involved in corruption, we have no convictions, and we're the party with the most proposals made to prevent corruption and ensure transparency—seen as the best way to stop practices that go against the public interest.

To make this oversight real, people need clear and accessible tools to monitor institutions. That means pushing for open data repositories where all info from public administration is published in a structured, accessible, and updated way. This transparency allows economic and institutional activity data to be easily analyzed by informed individuals or groups, or through digital tools, enabling effective and participatory citizen oversight.

We also need a strong commitment to civic education that teaches people how the system really works and how to use these transparency tools. With this knowledge, people can better expose bad practices, demand excellence, and help build public policies based on values and solving real problems. Without this foundation of participation and information, politics becomes vulnerable to tactics like lawfare and public disillusionment, which benefit economic interests opposed to the common good.

Lastly, and just as importantly, we need to give historical meaning to this broad model of rights we dream of at Iniciativa-Compromís. If we forget the struggles of the past and how we achieved these rights, we won't be able to look ahead and push forward new freedoms. Historical and democratic memory guarantees victims' right to know the truth, to justice, and to reparations. It's a key part of preventing repetition, establishing a democratic identity as a people that's much harder to dismantle. Memory is justice because it acknowledges the wrongs and harms suffered by victims and the need to make things right.

The right to memory challenges public authorities, and Iniciativa-Compromís is firmly committed to guaranteeing, protecting, and promoting the memory rights of the Valencian people. This means implementing cultural and educational policies that use knowledge of the past to prevent abuses from happening again and to foster democratic culture and human rights.

We find it unacceptable that even today some people haven't been able to recover the remains of their loved ones or find their families because they were victims of the stolen babies scandal.

Similarly, Iniciativa-Compromís pushes for public institutions to promote necessary legislative changes and work with the justice system on democratic memory matters—listening to the demands of memory organizations, especially regarding legal actions aimed at ending impunity for Francoist crimes.

We are completely against policies that try to create a false official history to silence collective memories that don't fit their agenda, hiding the victims who were killed and the survivors of violence, as well as all the damage caused—even going so far as to blame the victims of genocide.

We're also worried about attempts by the right wing to manipulate society, especially young people, aiming to discredit democracy in favor of dictatorships.

Knowing our history helps us understand the present and can guide us in finding solutions for the future. Take, for example, the church-state relationship—it doesn't make sense without knowing what happened during 40 years of dictatorship: the Catholic Church opposed secular education, which during the Republic sought to spread reason and culture, and was harshly persecuted.

That's why Iniciativa-Compromís stands for the secular nature of the State as a principle of harmony among all people, guaranteeing neutrality towards the different religions that citizens freely choose to follow, exercising their freedom of conscience. This way, public institutions serve the interests of all citizens, from whom they derive their legitimacy.

#### PRIORITY 4: A VALENCIANIST WORLDVIEW

We come from a long, deeply rooted silence; we are people others call the lower classes, but we have raised our voices to break that silence that was never

accepted. We, ordinary people, have only our word, our hands, our work, and a firm will to make a fairer and more sustainable world possible.

Iniciativa-Compromís declares that the Valencian Country deserves to progress as a people after years of neglect, underfunding, and policies that have fueled inequalities and blocked the ecological transition. This is our political subject and the framework from which we shape our worldview. Faced with right-wing governments imposing backward, privatizing, and environmentally outdated models, we claim our political autonomy and the ability to chart our own course based on social justice, sustainability, and collective rights. We've shown we know how to do politics up close, without interference or dependence on any external authority, and that our only commitment is to the Valencian people, their problems, and their real solutions.

We aim for a new popular Valencianist majority on the left, ecological, feminist, representing the diversity of the country, and promoting a welfare model based on strong public services, guaranteed social rights, a green productive fabric, and strong self-government. This majority must be built from the ground up, involving labor unions, small businesses and cooperatives, feminist and anti-racist movements, housing rights platforms, climate justice groups, and community organizations already defending rights and dignity in neighborhoods and towns. To transform a country, a parliamentary agreement isn't enough: Valencianism should provide cohesion for a broad social majority sharing values, goals, and a shared vision of the future.

Iniciativa-Compromís believes in deepening our self-government and sovereignty to move towards a plurinational and supportive republic, based on the free association of peoples and real decentralization. We reject authoritarian recentralization but also a complacent regionalism that doesn't address inequalities; we stand for more fiscal and legislative power, more authority for municipalities, and fair funding that allows for full exercise of social rights. We want the Valencian Country to be a political actor with its own voice in state and European decisions, building alliances with other territories to democratize the State, strengthen public services, and jointly face global challenges.

We support a popular, civic, feminist, and inclusive Valencianism that sees Valencian identity as a shared space based on a sense of belonging and equality of

rights— not as an essentialist, uniform, or exclusionary identity. We oppose identity-based nationalism that tries to divide citizens or impose mythical stories denying the country's real diversity. Our idea of community is open and plural, centered on our own language, democratic rights, and shared social and environmental prosperity. Valencian is a key element of cohesion, and we must promote it in education, culture, media, commerce, the workplace, and all economic policy, ensuring that any company receiving public support contributes to its normalization and to creating decent, locally rooted jobs.

This country project means strengthening our own institutions and giving them real power to serve the people — from weather services and mapping to civil protection. Among many lessons, the recent storm showed us that self-government isn't just about opposing the state, but about actually handling the responsibilities that solve people's problems.

In these fast-changing times and global challenges, it's our job to spark a new community energy and push forward the democratic struggles that move us toward a fairer and more sovereign Valencian Country. We have to identify the big conflicts, mobilize society, and build leadership in defending our land, social rights, and a just ecological transition.

Iniciativa-Compromís aims to be the tool that brings together many different people united by what really matters: defending the Valencian people, our democracy, and the right to live with dignity in a country that recognizes its diversity, identity, and future.

Valencianism can't be understood without its local base — the neighborhood, social, ecological, and union struggles. For us, local government is way more than just an administrative level: it's where politics connect with daily life, and where democracy becomes real. Being close to people links decisions, responsibilities, and results directly, and it's here that real participation can happen — through participatory budgets, neighborhood discussions, or community co-management of services.

This local rootedness is the foundation of a living democracy, able to defend social, political, and ecological rights through daily sovereignty and self-government.

But believing in local government doesn't mean falling into easy populism that just says what's immediately popular. Because we're committed to local politics, we know it must be guided by solid principles, thorough analysis, and a culture of public service that offers eco-socialist answers to real problems. That's why it's essential to strengthen our local councilors and teams with a critical and transformative outlook — one that balances understanding neighborhood needs with providing fair, sustainable, and effective solutions. Doing local politics isn't about going along with what “sounds good” but building real alternatives that truly improve people's lives and their communities.

Local politics with real substance means effective management, transparency, and actively defending what's public: clear, participatory water management; local social services; day centers and preschools that make everyday life easier; community-rooted culture; supporting local bands and community life. It also means pushing for healthy environments, streets made for walking and biking, less dependence on private cars, much better public transport; reducing waste, preventing pollution, and making every town and city a place worth living in.

But to make all this happen, we need a deep reform of local government. Town halls need real power to invest and, therefore, to decide. Funding has to match the responsibilities they already handle daily — not an outdated system that strangles them or makes them dependent on arbitrary grants. We must expand staff, modernize procedures, and ensure no town gets left behind due to a lack of technical or administrative resources. Plus, there must be economic and legal room to stop or reverse privatization of public services, or at least guarantee effective control over companies working for local entities.

At the same time, it's time to move beyond provincial structures that no longer make democratic sense. Getting rid of provincial councils and strengthening inter-municipal associations would help share services, create economies of scale, and foster real local cooperation — not provincial clientelism. And where these associations can't reach, the regional government must have a strong municipal support department: helping with contracts, public offices that draft requirements and reports, shared professional teams, and cooperation tools ensuring all town halls, big or small, can fully do their jobs.

This is how we see local government: close to people but with real political depth, autonomous yet responsible, and a transforming force that improves people's lives starting from the streets, neighborhoods, and towns — always staying true to the eco-socialist values that give the whole project meaning.

Aligned with our internationalism and environmentalism, Iniciativa-Compromís is a force that sees local action and global transformation as two sides of the same coin, working toward a more just and green future. That's why we define ourselves as clearly pro-European — not blindly following the current EU path, but because we believe Europe is crucial to facing huge global challenges: social justice, ecological transition, peace, human rights, and equality. In an increasingly divided world ruled by block-vs-block mentalities, Europe must stand as a space for democratic values, cooperation, and peaceful coexistence.

This means strengthening the European project by giving it more legislative and executive power, with enough resources, more agile institutions, and mechanisms to prevent a single government from blocking common rights or policies. A Union with more shared powers must also provide stronger protection against authoritarian backslides in member states, able to defend the rule of law, human rights, and civil liberties when they're under threat, as we've seen in cases like Hungary.

This federal horizon requires working both from the top down and, especially, from the bottom up: building new social and political majorities within states and EU institutions that stand for more democracy, not more technocracy. We want a Europe that doesn't confuse integration with elitism, or security with militarization or isolation, but one that defends fundamental rights, sustainability, gender equality, and an economic model based on post-growth, resilience, and well-being as a shared public good.

From our perspective as environmentalists and the left, internationalism is part of our DNA. We know that, just as when we govern we don't implement our full program all at once but step by step, we also can't expect to find forces that fully align with our ideology right away, given the different realities, contexts, and political traditions in each country. We have to roll up our sleeves, get involved based on calm analysis, and work with aligned forces to make progress, seeking friendships and alliances based on solidarity. That's why Iniciativa-Compromís

supports a committed integration into the structures of the European Green Party as a first step to push a common green, feminist, and rights-based agenda across our continent. At the same time, we'll keep building dialogue and collaboration with other like-minded movements in Europe but also in the Mediterranean and Latin America, sharing struggles for global social and environmental justice — not dogmatically, but with pragmatic transformative spirit.

Looking at the bigger picture, we have to acknowledge that we're living through a time of rapid global transformation, where the post-World War II multilateral system is being challenged by geopolitical tensions, hybrid conflicts, and economic competition that fuels rivalries.

In a world with growing conflicts, our stance is clear: we must always seek negotiated, balanced, and mutually acceptable solutions. Many conflicts will require agreements that today seem difficult but are essential to build lasting peace. This doesn't mean justifying aggression or imperialism—it means understanding that political reconciliation is always more transformative than force. In light of this, our pacifist stance isn't about passivity: it's about action, transformation, and liberation. Peace is not just the absence of war; it's justice, equality, rights, and coexistence. That's why we defend a realistic pacifist approach that, without giving up on values, is able to act in a turbulent world.

When it comes to defense, the EU needs its own capacity to protect itself. But this must go hand in hand with a strategy of peace, diplomacy, conflict prevention, and mutual understanding. We support creating a European Defence Union and developing our own defense industry to eventually replace NATO—which we should leave as soon as possible—and free ourselves from dependence on the American arms industry, while maintaining a clear commitment to international law, progressive disarmament, and peaceful conflict resolution.

This also means pushing strongly for a deep reform of the UN and international governance institutions—covering human rights, trade, finance, development, and universal justice—to make them more democratic, representative, and effective. At Iniciativa-Compromís, we believe Spain should take a leading role in updating the multilateral system so it responds to new challenges and gives the Global South a real voice.

From a left-wing perspective, we reject both simplistic demonization and blind acceptance. Russia and China are key actors we must engage with, but this doesn't mean endorsing authoritarianism, imperialism, or human rights abuses. We need to combine firmness against international aggression with diplomacy and cooperation on vital global issues like climate change, health, and technology regulation. Understanding their fears and aspirations means finding a realistic role in the global landscape. Concerns about pollution, lack of freedoms, or labor rights violations are the same whether you're in Moscow, Washington, or Alicante.

Our position is clear: we support progressive, green, feminist, and modernizing governments that advance rights, sustainability, minority protections, and democracy. We are equally firm in rejecting authoritarianism, corruption, and demagoguery wherever it comes from. Likewise, we condemn external interference, lawfare, economic pressures, and imperialist dynamics that have historically burdened the Global South.

In this context, the global migration challenge calls for a response grounded in human rights and solidarity. Strong defense of asylum and refuge for those fleeing wars, violence, and climate crises, without borders that criminalize survival. At Iniciativa-Compromís, we keep stressing the need to strengthen development cooperation that prioritizes investment in countries of origin, that involves the end recipients of support, addresses the root causes of poverty like debt, and doesn't support authoritarian governments. Likewise, we stand for universal justice to try crimes against humanity wherever they occur, and for a progressive global tax system that taxes big fortunes and multinationals, redistributing wealth toward common goods and ending tax havens that keep inequalities alive. We back fair and sustainable international trade, far from sterile protectionism and self-sufficiency, but based on regional alliances, short supply chains, horizontal cooperation, and equal partnerships.

Trade that reduces rivalries, promotes win-win outcomes, and helps stabilize the planet instead of feeding into extractivism.

The debt crisis hits the global South hardest, but it also affects the US and other economies tied to an unsustainable financial model.

What's needed is a deep restructuring, a major international debt pact, and a global financial system that doesn't choke societies or block social and ecological policies.

Our vision is peaceful coexistence of all political and cultural spaces, far from imperialism and colonialism. We believe in citizen and state alliances that drive a sustainable, post-growth development model where wellbeing, global public services, and common goods are at the heart of international politics. Building this future means unlearning violence, strengthening communities, putting a decent life front and center, and understanding peace as a way of being in the world: independent, supportive, and happy.

## ORGANIZATIONAL PROPOSAL: THE CHALLENGE OF A STRONG, ALIVE, AND TRANSFORMATIVE PARTY

Since its founding in 2007, Iniciativa-Compromís has gone through different phases. On one hand, joining the Compromís coalition, which from the start became a powerful political transformation tool.

But now that the coalition has such a solid brand, it's crucial to work simultaneously to boost Iniciativa-Compromís's political capital and ensure the coalition also focuses on tackling today's challenges. Strengthening Iniciativa-Compromís guarantees that, both within Compromís and the broader transformative left, we have an organization that puts feminist, social, and green policies at the center, while also bringing experience in governance and acting as a channel for citizens' demands.

On the other hand, joining the government of the Generalitat Valenciana and key city councils from 2015 on was a political moment when still limited resources had to prioritize delivering the political changes citizens demanded. The 2015 political shift was so huge it even overwhelmed the structure of a still small organization like ours.

So this new phase gives us a chance to focus more on growing membership, creating new collectives, activating new spaces for dialogue and debate, and strengthening ties with civil society.

Our challenges as an organization also include moving from an era of hyper-leadership to the shared leadership that's essential in the medium and long term. We need to build strong leaders who, using a new political language, can embody the values of Iniciativa-Compromís and motivate citizens in their roles as reference points. This approach allows room for the diversity within our group, strengthens our public image through a wider network of representatives, and ensures the continuity of the project. This is a goal that requires a new organizational culture and must be present across our daily work.

At the same time, this new political phase should help us make cooperation a fundamental principle within the organization. Aware of the harm internal conflicts cause, we must prioritize the importance of the collective project and make collaboration a guiding principle in our work. Not only because pointless fights damage our public image, but also because we are committed to fostering a new political culture that cares for and respects its members.

This also ties into the need to ensure friendly spaces for political debate where everyone can participate, recognizing the diversity in our group and the social barriers that often limit public engagement.

Of course, all these points need to be backed up by a specific focus on 1) encouraging open debate, constantly updating our political ideas, and training both our public officials and party members. Our work must ensure not only that we respond to urgent issues but also that 3) we have a solid foundation to truly meet people's needs. These are times when easy, anti-democratic rhetoric is rising in response to multiple crises, fueled by lawfare tactics and different centers of power. That's why our political education must keep building proposals hand in hand with social groups and experts, creating the necessary change to keep guaranteeing citizens' well-being and defending democratic rights. In the end, our political strength lies in how useful our proposals actually are. That's why clear thinking must be at the heart 9) of *Iniciativa-Compromís*, combined with a clear strategy and effective communication that get our project heard.

The organization recognizes it's at a political and social crossroads that requires us to step up. We commit to a historic promise to improve the material conditions and dignity of working-class people, focusing public action on verifiable results: affordable housing, jobs with labor rights, efficient public services, reducing inequalities, and strengthening communities.

We agree to push for responsible political renewal based on three pillars:

- (1) thorough and rigorous assessment and management,
- (2) ethical consistency and austerity in power, understood as sobriety, transparency, and leading by example, following Enrico Berlinguer's legacy,
- (3) ability to build social majorities by prioritizing the common good over pointless internal conflicts.

The organization pledges to speak openly to everyone in society, without hesitation, addressing issues others try to monopolize—like security, order, merit, efficiency, and a culture of effort—with a rights-based perspective: security without cuts, merit without inequality at birth, efficiency to improve public services, and order to guarantee peaceful coexistence and opportunities.

Given all this, we must adapt our organization to these needs and help achieve the collective improvements we all want.