

Dear colleagues,

for all those that participated in the European-wide Cancel Greek debt-petition (and all other people interested of course), we would like to announce a social media action during this morning, on occasion of the parliamentary debate today in the German Bundestag about the "negotiations of the German government about granting new rescue loans to Greece". This debate is more or less about the mandate for the German government to negotiate about the details of a new rescue package, it is not the final vote on detailed austerity measures or other reforms and conditions. However, there will likely be a debate about the proposed measures that were presented to the public beginning of the week. The debate will start at 10 am Berlin time and last for 3 hours.

Given that the German chancellor and finance minister belong to the hardliners in Europe when it comes to the question of debt relief for Greece, we would like to remind them that debt relief is needed and show them European solidarity with Greece. Thus we need your support today!

Jubilee Debt Campaign has made a marvellous job last night: Jonathan translated the Cancel-Greek-Debt-projection to German and adjusted the mock-up of German Chancellor Angela Merkel as the three wise monkeys (which JDC has projected against the German embassy last week) accordingly. Thus the picture of Merkel displays the German translation of 'Cancel Greek debt' now - 'Streich Griechenland's Schulden'. The picture is attached to this email.

Together with JDC (who had this great idea about the social media action), we've drafted the following three tweets in German, which can be used together with the picture at Twitter.

1. *Mal ehrlich #Merkel: Die Hilfspakete haben die europäischen Banken gerettet. Es ist Zeit für #CancelGreekDebt* **PICTURE**

English: Let's be honest #Merkel: the Greek bailouts were used to save the European banks. It's time to #CancelGreekDebt

2. *#Bundestag: Zeit für die Lösung der griechischen Schuldenkrise. Das geht nur durch #StreichGriechenlandsSchulden* **PICTURE**

English: It's time/No more time to waste to solve the Greek debt crisis. The only way is #CancelGreekDebt

3. *Auch der IWF sagt: Ohne Schuldenerlass, keine Lösung. Wann hört ihr endlich zu? #CancelGreekDebt #Merkel #Bundestag* **PICTURE**

English: Even the IMF says, without debt relief, no solution. Will you finally listen?

In these tweets there is enough space to include the attached picture. The picture needs 23 characters.

There is no official twitter account of the parliament and Merkel is using her personal account only sporadically, but most people who relate to the debate this morning use hashtags instead, which are #Bundestag, #Merkel, #Greece, #Griechenland. If you want to design your own tweets, make sure to include #Merkel or #Bundestag.

Here are the links to the erlassjahr tweets if you would like to use those:

<https://twitter.com/erlassjahr/status/621932481609076736>

<https://twitter.com/erlassjahr/status/621933985871056897>

<https://twitter.com/erlassjahr/status/621931177058897920>

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