

# **Prosfygika Delegation in Brussels, Demands Halt to the EU-Funded Eviction Plan and Protection of 400 Residents and Two Hunger Strikers**

## **Invitation to the Press Conference by the Community of Squatted Prosfygika in Athens**

**BRUSSELS, May 26, 2026** - A delegation representing the Community of Squatted Prosfygika in Athens will travel to Brussels from June 2–5 to call on European Union officials to halt funding connected to the planned eviction of the historic Prosfygika community in central Athens.

The delegation is scheduled to meet with Members of the European Parliament, participate in an international demonstration on June 3, and hold a public press conference on June 4 in Brussels.

Supporters and participating organizations from Berlin, Cologne, Augsburg, Amsterdam, Liège, and Leuven are expected to join the delegation.

The campaign focuses on opposition to plans approved by the Region of Attica in June 2025 for the “restoration” and evacuation of parts of the Prosfygika housing complex, a historic refugee settlement originally built in 1933. Campaign organizers say the project is expected to receive approximately €15 million in EU funding.

Today, Prosfygika is home to more than 400 residents, including refugees, migrants, families, elderly residents, and people receiving medical or social support through community-run structures. Residents and supporters describe the neighborhood as one of Greece’s largest self-organized housing communities.

The delegation will also highlight the ongoing hunger strikes of two Prosfygika residents, Aristotelis Chantzis and Suzon Doppagne, who are protesting the planned evictions. Chantzis has been on hunger strike since Feb. 5, while Doppagne began her hunger strike on May 1.

“I begin this hunger strike based on our collective decision as a community to carry this struggle through to the end,” Doppagne said in a public statement.

Amnesty International Greece has called for a suspension of the eviction plans, warning that the displacement of residents could violate housing and human rights protections affecting vulnerable populations.

According to organizers, support actions linked to the #SaveProsfygika campaign have taken place in more than 29 cities internationally, including demonstrations, solidarity hunger strikes, and public statements from academics, artists, and advocacy groups.

Lawyer Nikos Kolokotronis, representing members of the community, said Prosfygika already functions as a form of social housing maintained through collective organization and labor.

“The community has maintained the buildings for many years through collective labor and self-management,” Kolokotronis said. “Without this effort, these historic buildings would likely have collapsed after decades of state neglect.”

## **PRESS CONFERENCE**

- Thursday, June 4, 2026

- 4 p.m. CEST

- La Fleur en Papier Doré Rue des Alexiens 55



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