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Political Platform

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Political Platform text

From line 538 to 540:

violence and repression and towards prevention and cooperation as tools for dealing with conflict in our societies. ~~Defunding the police would lead to this structural change by refocusing public money towards social good.~~**Refunding the police - to move the money away from heavy weapons over to impoving their education, research on peaceful interactions, funding for investigations of crimes that affect marginalized people (such as sexual violence and domestic violence) - can lead to this**

Reason

We state that we want to improve the education and the working-conditions of the police, as well as increasing the investigations of gender-based violence. In order to do so, they need enough funding. Thats why we call for refunding the police instead of defunding them.

Today - thousands of sexual and domestic violence - are not being investigated by the police in Europe. We must increase the spending on social services to prevent crimes (as is written in the current platform text), but social workers and psychologists can't replace the police. The police need enough funds to ensure that they have an increased capacity to investigate these crimes, when we (hopefully some day) put and end to the heavily weaponized police that exists today.

As a social work student, I know that one of the main things needed to ensure peaceful (and safe) interactions with people in desperate situations, is to ensure that enough staff is present to ensure that the staff don't panic and turn to violence.

Thats why we believe that we should not cut the fundings for the police, but reform the police and turn away from weapons and military-like equipement, ans instead spend the money of the public on improving their education, using more funds on investigating violence against marginalized people etc.