

European activists protest banks on 10-year anniversary of Lehman Brothers' collapse



Paris, September 18 (RHC)-- Activists in Europe protested outside banks in France and Germany to mark the 10-year anniversary of the collapse of Lehman Brothers, whose bankruptcy on September 15, 2008, is seen as the start of the global financial crisis.

Millions of people in the United States and around the world lost their jobs, homes, and life savings, even as the U.S. government bailed out some of Wall Street's biggest failing banks. The financial crisis also sparked massive global anti-capitalist movements, including The Occupy Movement, the M-15 movement in Spain, and the massive anti-austerity movements in Greece.

One organizer, Aurélie Trouvé, spoke at the protest in France. He said: "The government should make it so that we can take the money from the wealthiest, from financial institutions, for this ecological and social transition. Today, they make us believe that the money isn't there, but I assure you that with an efficient tax on financial transactions, with a real fight against fiscal evasion, we will have the means and the needed money for this ecological and social transaction."

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