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DRAFT AGENDA (updated: 20 October 2023)

VENUE: Press Club, Rue Froissart 95, 1040 Brussels

9.00: Arrival of participants, opening of the online platform & registration

9.45: Opening of the meeting by the Presidium

- Technical explanation of the rules of the meeting
- Formalities:
 - Election of the Tellers
 - Election of the Credential Committee
 - Election of the Resolution Committee
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - Approval of the Minutes of the last FC meeting (11-12 February 2023)

10.00: Presentation of the new positions appointed by the Executive Bureau

- Domènec Ruiz Devesa. Appointed by the EB President of the UEF
- Confirmation by the FC of the 3 new positions:
 - New President: Domènec Ruiz Devesa
 - Treasurer: Roland Hühn
 - Acting Coordinator of the Secretariat: Luisa Trumellini, Vice-President

10.30: Welcome and introduction to the meeting

- Domènec Ruiz Devesa, President of UEF

10.45: Financial Report

- Roland Hühn, Treasurer of UEF
- Q&A

Report by the Auditors

- Approval of the 2022 Balance sheet
- Approval of the revised Budget 2023

12.00: State of preparation of the XXVIII European Congress

- Membership and delegates

12.30: Activity Report

- Luisa Trumellini, Acting Coordinator of the Secretariat and UEF VP
- Q&A

13. 00: Lunch Break

- Meeting of the Resolution Committee

14.30: Political Debate *The AFCO Report and the process for Treaty reform*

Political Debate in cooperation with Political Commission I of the Federal Committee of the Union of the European Federalists

Interventions

- DOMÈNEC RUIZ DEVESA, MEP (S&D), President of the Union of European Federalists
- GABRIELE BISCHOFF, MEP (S&D), Vice-President of the Europa Union Deutschland
- MARKUS FERBER, MEP (EPP), Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists
- DANIEL FREUND, MEP (Greens)

Followed by Q&A

Moderator: GIULIA ROSSOLILLO, Professor of European Union Law at the University of Pavia, PC I Rapporteur, Member of the Executive Bureau of UEF

16.30: Report of the Political Commissions

- Political Commission 1: Institutional Affairs
- Political Commission 2: Rule of Law, Values & European Cohesion
- Political Commission 3: Foreign Affairs & Security
- Political Commission 4: Economic, Fiscal Policies & Social Policies

17.00: Report from

- National sections
- Young European Federalists
- World Federalist Movement

17.30: Vote on resolutions

17.50: Closing remarks by Domènec Ruiz Devesa, UEF President

18.00: End of the meeting

DRAFT MINUTES of the February Federal Committee meeting

11 and 12 February 2023, Brussels

Start of the meeting: Saturday 11 February, 9:15.

End of the meeting: Sunday 12 February, 11:58.

Opening of the Federal Committee meeting

Chairman Philipp Agatonos opened the Federal Committee meeting at 9:15.

Formalities Election of the Tellers

Alejandra Almarcha, Ilaria Caria, and Alexandre Météreau are appointed Tellers, on a suggestion by Anna Echterhoff.

Election of a Credentials Committee

Massimo Malcovati, Eszter Nagy, and Luisa Trumellini are appointed members of the Credentials Committee, on a suggestion by Anna Echterhoff.

Election of the Resolution Committee

Antonio Argenziano, Daphne Gogou, François Mennerat, Eszter Nagy, Carlo Maria Palermo Alejandro Peinado, Giulia Rossילו, Luisa Trummellini, and Florian Ziegenbald, are appointed members of the Resolution Committee.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Philipp Agathonos demanded to add the mention to the vote on the resolutions on Sunday morning's agenda.

The agenda is approved by acclamation as amended.

Approval of the Minutes of the Federal Committee Meeting on 10-11 December 2022

The minutes of the Federal Committee meeting of 9 and 10 July 2022 are approved by acclamation.

Welcome speech by Friedrich von Heusinger, Director of the Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union

Friedrich von Heusinger welcomed the UEF Federal Committee members to the Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union and presented the activities of the Representation, as well as the commitment of the State of Hesse to European integration.

Political introduction by Sandro Gozi, President of the UEF

Sandro Gozi took the floor and thanked Friedrich von Heusinger and the Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union for its welcome. He thanked Markus Ferber for arranging the help of the Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union.

He opened a discussion on the recent news in European politics. It is images of European history that help federalists to continue their fight. For instance the image of Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand in Berlin, or the image of Altiero Spinelli leading the federalist fight within the European Parliament, the picture of Altiero Spinelli when the Treaty of the European Union was adopted in 1984, the images of the signature of the Treaty of Rome in 1957, the image of Robert Schumann indicating the way ahead with the Declaration in Salle de l'Horloge at the Quai d'Orsay...

The latest image to make history is the image of Volodymyr Zelenskyy at the European Parliament. This image made it simple for Europeans to understand what is happening in Europe.

Europe is writing a new page of its history. Things are going much faster than the ordinary European calendar would have thought. The President of Ukraine is a front-runner in the fight for freedom and democracy, a fight that will determine how Europe conducts relations between people and communities and organise and manage peace, cooperation, and stability on the continent. Volodymyr Zelenskyy not only thanked the members of the European Parliament but each citizen of the Union, the lawyers, the teachers, etc. A passage of his speech is a hymn to the values and the ideas of federalism, recognising that the European projects belong first and foremost to the citizens, much before the institutions.

Never as now has the debate on the Europe we want been so necessary. We are not there yet. But this moment is much more favourable than it used to be for federalist action and initiatives.

This is the context in which the UEF evolves. The Ukrainian government is filling up the Commission's questionnaires for its accession at an incredible speed. The next legislature of the European Parliament might have to deal with the issue of the accession of Ukraine to the Union.

This is an additional reason for national governments and their representatives to show the same sense of urgency and history as someone like Alcide de Gasperi in the 50s, when the European project was being conceived, to avoid the mistakes that were made in the past, like the failure of the European Defence.

Federalists should not give up their fight for building up Europe in a different way, in a more democratic way, and in a more participatory way. The Council is trying to forget about the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE). This is a historical mistake and federalists cannot allow it. There is a little opening into the intergovernmental approach to Europe. There is a little hole and the role of federalists role is to open it, to widen it up. Federalists should use this opening to create a new form of democratic participation.

The conclusion of the CoFoE must be respected and implemented. The Parliament is advocating for it, but European federalists have to do more. The Italian section call for launching a campaign. This is a good initiative.

It is also the occasion to insist on treaty revision and put the Council in front of their responsibilities. The Parliament is elaborating a report on the trigger of the revision of the Treaty. Six rapporteurs are involved in this report. This will be at the centre of the European Elections of 2024.

This election will be even more Spinellian than it has ever been. Ukraine could access the European Union — a country as big as Germany. Such a major structural change for the European Union makes it an existential duty to reform the Union.

It is not the people of Ukraine who should pay the price of our disagreements and reluctance in reshaping the European project. It would be a major historical mistake that we would make if people at the frontline have to wait for our six parliamentary rapporteurs to agree on a text.

It is not the Ukrainians who should pay this price. We should. Our generation must assume its political responsibilities like the generation of Adenauer or Schumann did. One does not choose the time one lives in. But one can make a difference. Europe must discuss, in 2024, how to best reshape the European project. It is time to put on the table the project of a sovereign and democratic Europe. The federalist project.

The Union is now debating on the funds it wants to create. It took months of intensive debates to take the right decision and to create a fund to respond to the COVID-19 crisis. Now, everyone understands how good it is that Europe took responsibility, although that's the only moment where Europe did what Spinelli asked for. Now, we want to build up a European industrial policy and a European Defense policy. How do we do it with the current state of play? We don't.

All this power we want to give to Europe must be democratic. This is the other issue. Who, among us, will say that *"after all, a confederation is the right way to move ahead"*? We have an opportunity to promote our project and try to exert influence on the different political parties at the national and European levels. We will have to confront the different alternatives of Europe. That is an opportunity on which we must insist.

This European power must be democratic. We must insist. A package for European democracy is being discussed between the different institutions. Thanks mostly to the input, the push, the demands that have been made by the citizens and the organised civil society at the CoFoE.

Take for instance the strengthening of the European Parliament. Transnational lists are an instrument to develop the democratic unification of Europe, which goes together with the issue of European power. Both must go ahead together. If we want a European economic, green, digital, industrial, and military power, we must advance on issues that are blocked at the Council at the moment in the Democracy Package of the electoral law reform, political parties, political advertising, etc. The Council wants not only to forget the conclusions of the CoFoE but also the Democracy Package that the Parliament proposed with the help of the UEF and the civil society.

I am co-rapporteur of the new distribution of seats at the European Parliament in 2024. The treaties oblige us to check whether the number of members of the European Parliament in each country corresponds to the implementation of democratic principles. The European People's Party agreed to use this to reopen the debate on transnational lists. The Parliament is ready to move ahead only if member states are serious about starting the negotiations on the electoral law. There will be no seat redistribution without transnational lists and electoral law reform.

This is why the UEF is so important. We can't give up. National sections of the UEF must put pressure on their national governments and their national parliaments and ask them to seize the occasion.

We must "name and shame" and tell citizens who did what for them. We must ask candidates to the European Parliament in 2024 what they did to support the electoral law, to support the CoFoE conclusions, to turn EU political parties into something more visible. This is accountability. This is part of our democracy.

To do that, the UEF must be in shape. It needs goodwill, cooperation, and team spirit from each of its members. If the association cannot go back in shape internally and be credible as an organisation, it would not be credible in asking for the reform of other organisations. This is why the support and recommendations and contribution of the members of the UEF are so important. The fight must go on.

Political debate: the CoFoE a key democratic moment

Julian Plottka moderated a debate on the CoFoE, a key democratic moment.

Speakers included:

- **COLIN SCICLUNA**, Head of Cabinet of the Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka Šuica and former Co-Head of the Common Secretariat of the CoFoE
- **MARKUS FERBER**, MEP (EPP), Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists
- **SANDRO GOZI**, MEP (Renew) President of the Union of European Federalists
- **GIULIA ROSSOLILLO**, Professor of European Union Law at the University of Pavia, Member of the Executive Bureau of UEF
- **DOMÈNEC RUIZ DEVESA**, MEP (S&D), Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists

UEF finances & activity report

Report on the financial situation & presentation of the draft budget 2023 by Roland Hühn, Treasurer of the Union of European Federalists

In the absence of Roland Hühn, Anna Echterhoff presented the draft budget 2023.

Anna Echterhoff apologised for the late sending of the documents to the Federal Committee members, as the Secretariat team was delayed by the handling of the operating grant. The draft budget was to be handed to the Commission on 8 September.

The first challenge for the budget was to allocate as many activities under the scope of the operating grant resources as possible. The co-financing share is a second challenge, as the UEF must bring its own resources to finance external projects.

In comparison to last year's budget, the resources from the operating grant rose by 55%. She thanked Julian and Daniel for their help in the drafting of the application for the 2023 operating grant.

The increase in staff costs is due to the mandatory indexation of salaries to inflation. Furthermore, the Secretariat applied for a new part-time position to cover the management of the regranting scheme.

For the first time, the budget takes into account the value brought by volunteers.

In 2023, the Secretariat will follow up on the online activities that it started in 2022. The Secretariat will build on these new ways to reach people outside of traditional circles. The German and Austrian sections opened the way, and other languages will be explored.

On the Re-granting scheme. This is a test balloon for the UEF, but also for the Commission, which trusts the UEF with testing this system. It is of course an administrative burden that the Secretariat will have to manage.

In September, Anna Echterhoff and Roland Hühn calculated a total of € 12.180 of own resources for the UEF, including smart cooperation, donations and membership fees. Then Deloitte conducted an audit of the UEF. She compared the conclusion of the audit to an earthquake for the UEF.

The Executive Bureau received from the auditors at the end of January an Excel file in which Deloitte lists all the items for which the Secretariat did not manage to provide evidence to back up linked expenses. Deloitte identified € 84.233 of unjustifiable expenses. The Secretariat's efforts reduced this figure to € 27.295, although it could go down to € 18.558.

In addition, Deloitte asked for the travel policy of the UEF. She recommended the Executive Bureau draft one as soon as possible, to be presented at the next Federal Committee. The European Commission is analysing the Deloitte report and will send an official letter to the UEF.

Anna Echterhoff recalled that at the December Federal Committee, she and Roland Hühn announced that the UEF would lose € 10.080 over the We Are Europe project because of a meeting for which

there is no evidence. The Secretariat provided evidence for a € 5.290 potential loss for the Crossword Europe project.

Anna Echterhoff thanked François Mennerat and Alejandra Almarcha for their calculation to repay € 455.000 for the Make Europe Bloom project. The UEF is considering a legal dispute with the artist, but the letter of the UEF's lawyer to the other party remains unanswered.

On the income side, Anna Echterhoff explained that the grant revenues cannot be used to repay the losses. The UEF will have to find partnerships and donations. There is a need for € 43.000 to pay back the European Commission. She warned that either the UEF finds this amount or it will have to close business.

Anna Echterhoff reported on the activities of the Secretariat. The Secretaries-General and Presidents of the organisation met to discuss a new initiative for Ukraine, as well as international cooperation. The UEF will soon extend to Denmark in a bid to increase its network to northern countries. A conference will take place in Lithuania with the help of Laura Tatarelyte. Furthermore, a conference at the Sorbonne University in Paris, in collaboration with the UEF France, is already on track.

On the granting scheme: the Secretariat will be able to start once it gets the OK from the Commission. The Secretariat will reach out to interested sections in March.

Massimo Malcovati thanked Anna Echterhoff for presenting the budget. He exposed that there is no other choice but to approve the budget. The UEF must find new own resources. He proposed to revise the rules to determine the Section's membership fees. The value that volunteers bring to the UEF must be accounted for. He regretted that most of the planned activities are made with new media and addressed to a German-speaking audience. He asked to involve all national sections and possibly introduce calls for proposals, with a minimal 20% participation from national sections. He asked if it was possible to modify the budget as the political situation advances.

Christelle Sivall commented that it is difficult for the Federal Committee members to read and assess a document that was sent on the eve of the meeting. She warned that some points in the draft budget do not add up. She then asked why the budget foresaw ten Executive Bureau meetings for a total of zero euros.

Camilla Walstad asked if the Executive Bureau had a discussion to find the missing €43 000.

Julien Bourgeois asked when a final assessment of Deloitte would be available. He also asked for preventive measures on how it will impact the activities of the UEF.

Philipp Agathonos recalled that there was a travel policy for the UEF in the past. He asked if there is the option to repay the Commission over several years.

Anna Echterhoff welcomed Philipp Agathonos's mention of a travel policy.

Anna Echterhoff confirmed that the new membership and contribution order should generate more money into the UEF's account. This order needs implementation, which was not done in the past year. She regretted that some sections did not indicate their membership figures to the Secretariat. She

added that 2023 volunteer calculations into the budget were conservative. The figures on the grant column can be changed, except with the regranting scheme.

The regranting scheme can apply only if the sections commit to the 20% share of co-financing. The funding guidelines will show this rule. The regranting scheme is limited to €6.000 per project. The events in cooperation with JEF Austria were a test balloon. They were successful. New editions will feature other languages.

Anna Echterhoff once again apologised for the late sending of the budget. She recalled that it was up to the Federal Committee to take a decision or not. She committed to amending the mistakes in the costs categories.

She announced that the Commission is assessing the report of Deloitte. She expects to finalise the procedure by the middle of 2023. She asked the Executive Bureau to fight for every euro the UEF can recover. The preventive measure is not an official terminus, but rather a test to control and help an organisation that struggles to perform according to the rules. Overall, the audit is a positive experience for the UEF. It must show the Commission that it is willing to improve and learn.

Anna Echterhoff welcomed the idea to repay the Commission with several instalments over a long period. The UEF will enter into a negotiation with the Commission once the formal letter is received.

She called for a relaunch of the financial task force including members who have experience in finances and grant management, to discuss together co-financing rules, donations, and find solutions.

Finally, there are no foreseen expenses for the Executive Bureau meetings because the UEF can do with in-kind contributions.

Chairman Philipp Agathonos called for a vote on the draft budget. The draft budget for 2023 was approved, with 34 votes in favour, no vote against, and 7 abstentions.

The draft budget for 2023 is approved.

Meeting of the Political Commissions

The Political Commissions 1 (Institutional Affairs), 2 (Rule of Law, Values & European Cohesion), and 3 (Foreign Affairs & Security) met.

Political Commission 4 (Economic, Fiscal Policies & Social Policies) and 5 (Digitalisation, Climate & Biodiversity) postponed their meeting to a later date.

End of the meeting

Chairman Philipp Agathonos adjourned the Federal Committee meeting for the day at 18:30.

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The Federal Committee meeting reconvened on Sunday 12 February. Chairwoman Matilde Ceron opened the meeting at 10:00.

Reports from national sections on their activities

The following people presented a report of their section's activities:

- Daphne Gogou, on behalf of the UEF Greece,
- Eszter Nagy, on behalf of the UEF Hungary,
- Venera Kaun, on behalf of the UEF Finland
- Florian Ziegenbald, on behalf of the Europa Union Deutschland,
- Silvia Romano, on behalf of the UEF France,
- Alejandro Peinado Garcia, on behalf of the UEF Spain,
- Stefano Castagnoli, on behalf of the Movimento Federalista Europeo.

Reports from the Young European Federalists & World Federalists Movement

Christelle Savall presented the activities of the Young European Federalists (JEF).

Report from the PC meetings & presentation of resolutions

Report from the PC-meetings

The following Political Commissions presented a report of the debates of the day before

- Giulia Rossolillo presented the discussions held at the PC1 meeting.
- Ester Nagy presented the discussions held during the PC2 meeting. She asked the Executive Bureau to find a solution to compensate for the absence of PC2 Chairwoman Léonie Martin. Christelle Savall explained that Léonie Martin cannot continue to hold the chairmanship of PC2 due to personal reasons. Anna Echterhoff answered Christelle Savall and regretted the absence of warning from Léonie Martin leaving her role.
- Carlo Maria Palermo presented the discussions held at the PC3 meeting.

Presentation and vote on the resolutions

Resolution 1: Resolution on the 92th Anniversary of the Memorandum of Valencia: a visionary appeal for a federal Europe

Chairman Julian Plottka invited Alejandro Peinado Garcia to present the resolution I "Resolution on the 92th Anniversary of the Memorandum of Valencia: a visionary appeal for a federal Europe." A vote was cast on the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted

Resolution 2: Resolution on a victorious Ukraine in a federal Europe

Christelle Sivall proposed to mention that “Therefore, the Union of the Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists (UEF), considers that enlargement should take place in parallel with an institutional reform of the EU.” on line 17.

Julian Plottka called for a vote on the amendment. The amendment is carried with 30 votes in favour, no vote against, and 10 abstentions.

The amendment is carried.

A vote was cast on the entirety of the resolution, as amended.

The resolution is unanimously adopted.

Resolution 3: Resolution on the future of EU cultural and educational cooperation

Catherine Vieilledent propose to change to title of the resolution to “Resolution on the future of EU cultural and educational cooperation”, instead of “Resolution on the on the 40th Anniversary of the Stuggart Declaration on the future of EU cultural and educational cooperation”. The proposal was adopted.

A vote was cast on the resolution. The resolution was carried with all votes in favour minus two abstentions.

The resolution is adopted.

Resolutions 4: Resolutions on an energy assistance plan

A vote was cast on the entirety of the resolution. The resolution was carried with all votes in favour minus 5 abstentions.

The resolution is adopted.

Closing remarks by Luisa Trumellini, Vice-President of the UEF

Luisa Trumellini thanked the Presidium and the Secretariat of the UEF for organising the event. She thanked the participants for coming to the FC meeting. To come together is always an important moment, and this occasion was fruitful from political and organisational points of view.

The Federal Committee leaves after having discussed important topics, such as the program for the coming year and a half. This year will be an important moment for Europe, and for federalist ideas, as the President said during the debate on Saturday morning. A federal Europe represents a hope for the

future, for the world of tomorrow. Either Europe is ready to reform so it can face the current challenges, or it will not be able to defend its model of society in an increasingly aggressive world.

For federalists, this is a moment of responsibility, a moment to support our partners. European federalists fight within the European Parliament, within the organised civil society. The Federal Committee ends with the promise of engaging in many months of political campaigning: delegates discussed the initiatives to take in the next months, such as a demonstration in Strasbourg. Federalists must be ready now to prepare the campaign for 2024.

Luisa Trumellini reminded that now is the moment to fight and achieve the results European federalists are calling for.

Chairwoman Matilde Ceron pronounced the end of the meeting at 11:58.

UEF NATIONAL SECTIONS, MEMBERSHIP AND DELEGATES TO THE CONGRESS

| Section | Section Name | Status <i>de facto</i> | Contribution in 2023 | Number of Delegates |
|------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | 31,203.85€ | 145 |
| Austria | Europäische Föderalistische Bewegung Österreich | Active | | 4* |
| Belgium | UEF Belgium | Active | 270.00€ | 2 |
| Bulgaria | UEF Balgarija | Active | 120.00€ | 2 |
| Cyprus | European Federalist Movement of Cyprus | Active | | 2* |
| Czechia | UEF Česká Republika | Inactive | | |
| Finland | Eurooppalainen Suomi ry | Active | 237.00€ | 2 |
| France | UEF France | Active | 378.00€ | 3 |
| Germany | Europa-Union Deutschland | Active | 12,870.85€ | 40 |
| Greece | UEF Greece | Active | 330.00€ | 3 |
| Groupe Europe | UEF Group Europe | Active | 282.00€ | 2 |
| Hungary | Európai Föderalisták Uniója Magyarország | Active | 100.00€ | 2 |
| Italy | Movimento Federalista Europeo | Active | 10,278.00€ | 36 |
| JEF Europe | JEF Europe | Active | | 14 |
| Kosovo | UEF Kosova | Active | 100.00€ | 2 |
| Lithuania | Europos Federalistų Sąjunga Lietuvoje | Active | | 2* |
| Luxembourg | UEF Luxemburg | Active | 225.00€ | 2 |
| Montenegro | Unija Evropskih Federalista Crna Gora | Inactive | | |
| North Macedonia | Унија на Европски Федералисти на Македонија | Inactive | | |
| Portugal | UEF Portugal | Inactive | | |
| Romania | Uniunea Europeană Banat din România | Inactive | | |
| Serbia | Unija Evropskih Federalista Srbija | Inactive | | |
| Slovakia | Unia Europských Federalistov Slovenko | Inactive | | |
| Slovenia | Društvo Združena Evropa Slovenije | Inactive | | |
| Spain | Unión de Europeístas y Federalistas de España | Active | 2,163.00€ | 11 |
| Switzerland | Neue Europäische Bewegung Schweiz / Nouveau Mouvement Européen Suisse | Active | 3,750.00€ | 14 |
| United Kingdom | Federal Union | Active | 100.00€ | 2 |

* The number of delegates will be confirmed in consultation with the EB following the outstanding payment of the contribution.

Article 12 (UEF Statutes)

1. The Congress shall consist of:

- a. the Members of the Executive Bureau eligible to vote who are in office at the start of any given conference;*
- b. the delegates of the Sections comprised of one basic delegate and one additional delegate for each started amount of 100 members;*
- c. the delegates of the JEF, comprised of one delegate for each started amount of 10 delegates in reference to a., b. and paragraph 2.*

2. No Section shall have more delegates than the double amount of the total number of delegates of the 10 Sections that are entitled to have the lowest numbers of delegates.

3. If, with regard to paragraph 1 and 2 the number of delegates of the Congress falls below 100 or raises above 200 the Executive Bureau may take by a majority of its component members the decision to modify the rule for the number of delegates “each started amount of 100 members” in steps of 50 each way.

4. Members of the Executive Bureau that are not eligible to vote, members of the other organs of the U.E.F. and individuals invited as guests on a decision of the Executive Bureau following a registration of Sections or the JEF. They shall not be eligible to vote.

For a more democratic Europe now

proposed on 28 September 2023 by **EUD Kreis Heilbronn, MFE Sezione di Sondrio, UEF Belgium, UEF Groupe Europe, UEF Luxembourg**

The Federal Committee of the Union of European federalists (UEF), meeting in Brussels on 21 October 2023,

whereas

- the process to unite the peoples of Europe has been actually triggered on 9 May 1950 in Paris by Robert Schuman’s speech;
- in his speech on that day he declared “*Europe will not be built all at once, or as part of an overall project: it will be built through concrete achievements, first creating de facto solidarity*”, adding “*By pooling basic production and setting up a new High Authority, whose decisions will be binding on France, Germany and the countries which join them, this proposal [i.e. the pooling of coal and steel production] will lay the first concrete foundations for a European Federation (...)*”;
- 73 years later to date, several such concrete achievements have been performed, some of them, in particular, being in whole or in part federal in nature, such as (1) the Court of Justice of the European Union, (2) the election of their representatives in the European Parliament by direct universal suffrage by all citizens of the European Union, and (3) the Economic and Monetary Union;
- democracy is one of the uttermost values on which the European Union is founded (Art. 2 TEU);

considering

- that however, the functioning of the current institutions of the European Union suffers from a blatant lack of democracy and of democratic legitimacy that European citizens are constantly denouncing, just as the Federal Constitutional Court of Karlsruhe stresses, in particular, in its Judgement 2 BvE 2/08 of 30 June 2009;
- that, as the founders and members of the European federalist movement, including Altiero Spinelli and Mario Albertini, have consistently proclaimed from the outset and so far, the democratic functioning of the *European Union* can only be reached and guaranteed at European level by the adoption of a European federal constitution by its citizens — who, summoned together to the polls, constitute Europe’s *demos* —, therein bringing their union process to its conclusion;
- that in essence, the constitution that a sovereign group of citizens gives itself can never be granted by international treaties, even if possibly reformed, and that the spurious so-called “*Draft Constitutional Treaty*” of 2004, among others, indeed an international

intergovernmental treaty, had none of the characteristics of a democratic constitution and still leaves the constituent process in abeyance;

- that the proposal No 39 “*EU Decision making process*” of the Conference on the Future of Europe suggests in its paragraph 7 “*Reopening the discussion about the constitution, where applicable, to help us align better on our values*” adding “*A constitution may help to be more precise as well as involve citizens and agree on the rules of the decision-making process*”, while democracy is undoubtedly one of the most important values, if not the most important, underpinning the European Union;
- that the events through which Europe has collectively been passing over the last four years — pandemics, climate change, accelerated environmental degradation, immigration pressure, together with the repeated evidence of its geopolitical incapacity and absence of defence autonomy, as well as other circumstances that are most likely to occur in the short term — underline the extremely urgent need for legitimate collective governance capable of overcoming categorical and national selfishness or blindness;

strongly urges

1. that the Parliament seize its intrinsic mission by enabling the citizens who elect it between 6 and 9 June 2024 to benefit at last from the highest possible level of European democracy by setting itself up as a constituent assembly to draft a federal constitution for Europe, with the possible participation of such organisations and bodies as it deems appropriate;
2. that, throughout the election campaign, candidates standing to represent those citizens be firmly reminded of their imperative duty to fulfil that task;
3. that, to this end, in all Member States, the election campaign for that election give this issue the top priority it deserves, with the involvement and active support of all UEF sections.

AMENDMENTS

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| Your Name: | Domenec Ruiz Devesa, Luisa Trumellini, Dafne Gogou, Giulia Rossolillo |
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| Line number(s): | 26 addition | |
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| European citizens are constantly denouncing, just as the Federal Constitutional Court of Karlsruhe stresses | European citizens are constantly denouncing, - as they have done in the framework of the Conference of the Future of Europe – and just as the Federal Constitutional Court of Karlsruhe stresses | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – that <i>there is an absolute necessity, following the situation created by Putin's full-scale war in Ukraine, to combine an urgent and crucial enlargement with the political deepening of the integration project, if EU wants to be successful. Indeed, in this framework, at least abolishing unanimity on policies of a strategic nature (foreign policy, taxation, multiannual budget, own resources, electoral law, monitoring of the rule of law, reform of the Treaties, among others), becomes unavoidable;</i> | |

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| | <p style="text-align: center;">welcomes and firmly supports</p> <p>the AFCO Draft Report on Proposals of the European Parliament for the amendments of the Treaties (2022/2051 (INL));</p> | |

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| | <p>that the Parliament seize its intrinsic mission by enabling the citizens who elect it between 6 and 9 June 2024 to benefit at last from the highest possible level of European democracy by setting itself up as a constituent assembly to draft a federal constitution for Europe, with the possible participation of such organisations and bodies as it deems appropriate</p> | <p>that the Parliament seize its intrinsic mission by largely approving the Draft Report thus enabling the citizens who elect it between 6 and 9 June 2024 to benefit at last from the highest possible level of European democracy by setting itself up as a constituent assembly to draft a federal constitution for Europe, with the possible participation of such organisations and bodies as it deems appropriate</p> |

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| | <p>that, throughout the election campaign, candidates standing to represent those citizens be firmly reminded of their imperative duty to fulfil that task</p> | <p>that, throughout the election campaign, candidates standing to represent those citizens be firmly reminded of their imperative duty to fulfil that task and to commit, with a view to the opening of a Convention for the reform of the Treaties, to undertake that it turns into a constituent occasion to lay the foundations for a new European juridical system, of a federal type, which would establish the transition from a community of states ruled by treaties, to a political community of a state nature, based on a true constitution</p> |

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STATE OF PLAY OF THE CERV GRANT 2023

This report will serve the Federal Committee members to understand that state of play of the implementation of the CERV Grant 2023, as well as the plan for its completion by the end of the year by the Secretariat of the UEF.

The UEF Secretariat Office

Before we start with the advancement of the CERV grant activities, we wanted to share with you the following information concerning the organisation of the UEF Secretariat Office.



Following the departure of Alejandra Almarcha, Ilaria Caria took the coordination role of the Secretariat office, under the leadership of the Executive Bureau, UEF President and Vice-President acting Secretary-General.

Elias Barth seconds ilaria Caria with the financial administration of the Office. Alexandre Météreau, Policy and Communications Officer, and Davide Negri, remain at their positions, with the responsibility of Policy Communications, and the fundraising strategy.

On the CERV Grant 2023

The CERV grant (also called operating grant) is a funding opportunity the UEF signed with the European Commission this year. We must apply every year to access its funds. It concludes with a report.

The 2023 grant is divided into five work packages:

- WP1: General Management and Running of the UEF
- WP2: Conceive, Propagate and Advocate
- WP3: Deepening and Enlarging the UEF Network
- WP4: Dissemination and Communication
- WP5: Re-granting scheme

Implementation of the grant activities

WP5: Re-granting scheme

The Secretariat had to cancel its participation in this innovative programme of the European Commission. The UEF does not have the resources to face the complicated requirements of this work package. We communicated this situation to the European Commission, which agreed that the UEF will not deliver on the regranting scheme this year.

It will be possible to apply for it again at a later date.

WP1: General Management and Running of the UEF

This work package deals about everything related to the statutory meetings of the UEF. This package is well underway since we delivered already 9 items out of 14.

Delivered (deep green)

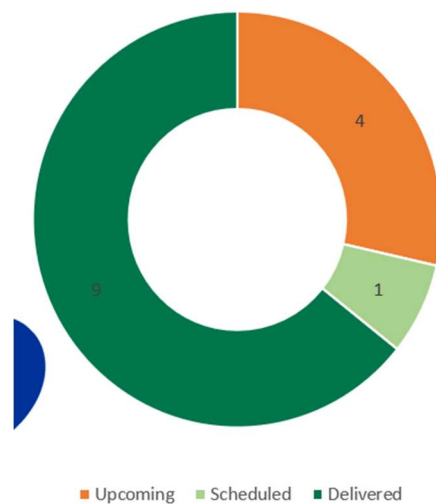
- 7/10 Executive Bureau meetings
- 2/2 Federal Committee meetings

Scheduled (light green)

- European Congress (25 & 26 Nov.)

Upcoming (orange)

- 3 Executive Bureau meetings
- 1 FC meeting



WP2: Conceive, Propagate and Advocate

Work package 2 covers the political actions and promotion of federalist ideas. We organised meetings with the Spinelli Group, events with our network (such as the European civil society or the World Federalist Movement). We organize also academic conferences.

We unfortunately had to cancel our participation in this year's EuropaForum Bodensee. We informed the European Commission about this situation.

Delivered

- 3/6 Spinelli Group lunch meetings
- 6/6 UEF Network events
- 2/4 Academic debates
- 3/6 Interregional Conferences

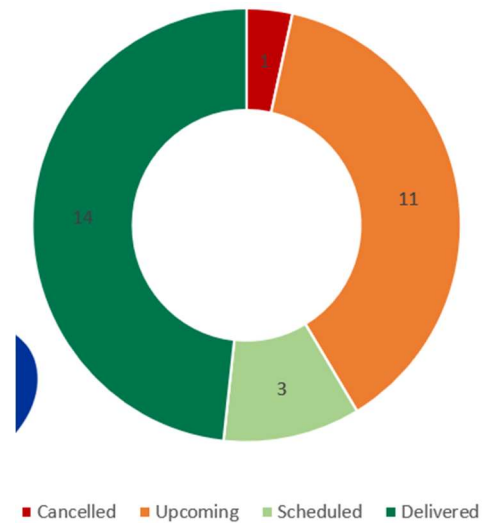
Scheduled

- 2 Academic debates
- 1 Interregional Conference

Upcoming

- 3 Spinelli Group lunch meetings
- 6 coordination meetings with EMI
- 2 Interregional Conferences

Cancelled: EuropaForum Bodensee (in red).



WP3: Deepening and Enlarging the UEF Network

Work package 3 is about enlarging the UEF network. It includes meeting with our sections and PC chairs, training our members, and publishing a Handbook for Civil Society Activists, which we delivered a few months ago.

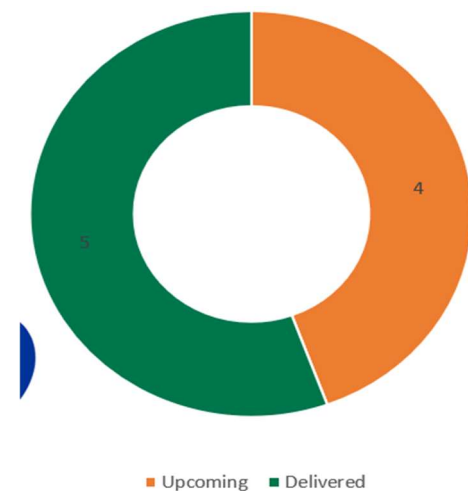
With the new website that will be presented to you and the resolutions discussed at the Congress, we will be able to advance this item forward to completion.

Delivered

- 3/4 Meetings of the Sections
- 1/3 Network Academy training
- UEF Handbook for Civil Society activists

Upcoming

- 1 meeting of the Sections
- 2 Network Academy Training
- Strategy workshop on the EU elections



WP4: Dissemination and Communication

Work package 4 is about communications. It covers press release (15 this year), podcasts, etc. We had to cancel two podcast formats (22 episodes in total). Once again, the European Commission was made aware.

Delivered

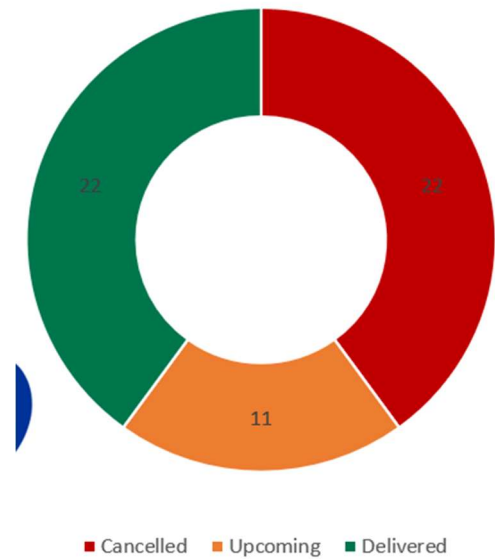
- 9/15 Press releases
- 7/12 UEF « Spinelli Group » podcasts
- 6/6 #moreEUROPEnow podcasts

Upcoming

- 6 Press releases
- 5 UEF « Spinelli Group » podcasts

Cancelled:

- Ferngespräch podcasts (12 episodes)
- EuropaJetzt podcasts (10 episodes)



Upcoming activities

WPI: General Management and Running of the UEF

Dates in *italic* are indicative.

3 Executive Bureau meetings

- *20 November* pre-Congress EB meeting
- Post-Congress EB meeting
- End-of-year EB meeting

2 Federal Committee meeting

- *13 December* Post-Congress FC meeting

1 European Congress (25 & 26 October)

Work Package 2: Conceive, Propagate and Advocate

3 Spinelli group meetings

- Undetermined topic (November)
- On the Plenary vote of the AFCO report (November)
- Undetermined topic (December)

6 Coordination with EMI meetings

Political Commission meetings

- More information will be provided in time
- Activities of PC5 have been cancelled

2 Academic debates.

- 28 October, Verso una riforma dell'UE? Riflessioni a 80 anni dalla fondazione del MFE - Scuola Sant'Anna di Pisa
- 17 November, University of Pavia

3 Interregional Conferences.

- 24 October : event co-organized by UEF local sections of Lyon-Milan-Frankfurt
- 16 November: Interregional conference #5
- 2 December: EU dialog in Paris

Work Package 3: Deepening and Enlarging the UEF Network

Meeting of the sections

- 15 November - pre-Congress

2 Network Academies

- End of October - Beginning of November The new UEF website
- 20 December: The Communication campaign ahead of the European elections

Milestone: 25 November strategy workshop for the European elections.

Expert database

- Reach 250 experts

Twinning programme between sections

Work Package 4: Dissemination and Communication

6 Press Releases

- 23 October: Post-Federal Committee
- 8 November: Plenary vote of the AFCO report
- 27 November: Post-Congress
- 4 December: Press release #14
- 22 December: End of the Spanish EU Presidency

6 UEFxSpinelli Group Podcasts

Collaboration with media partner

- Karim Hallal Peche
- The EU Made Simple (Lambertus Robben)
- MEPassistant (Quentin Deschandeliers)
- Euractiv Italia
- La Miniera di Ivan Grieco



**IN NOVEMBER, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VOTES
 ON A FEDERALIST TREATY REFORM PROJECT
 LET'S MAKE OUR SUPPORT HEARD!**



Action of the campaign of the Union of European Federalists
 "Petition to the Council of the EU: TreatyReformNOW!"

The European context

On 14 September 2023, a draft report was presented to the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) of the European Parliament with a federal reform of the Treaties.

[LINK HERE](#)

The text was born from the agreement of the representatives of the main pro-European parties in the European Parliament: The Left, The Greens/EFA, S&D, Renew Europe and EPP. Once the European Parliament has approved the text in plenary, the process of reviewing the Treaties referred in article 48 of the Treaty of European Union will formally open.

The European Council will therefore be called to convene a Convention by majority vote, which will elaborate amendments to the Treaties on the basis of the text prepared by AFCO.



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Stages of the proposal to the European Parliament



13-14 September

25 October

20-23 November

- Presentation, by the 5 co-rapporteurs, of the proposal for federal reform of the treaties to the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) of the European Parliament
- [WATCH THE PRESS CONFERENCE HERE](#)
- AFCO vote on the proposal and amendments to the proposal.
- Vote in the Plenary of the European Parliament on the final proposal.

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The federal reform of the EU

The proposal represents an **extremely advanced federal reform project of the Union**, capable of establishing a democratically legitimized European sovereignty.

This important result was possible largely thanks to the debate that took place during the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) and the conclusions reached by CoFoE itself, which AFCO's proposal aims to follow up on.

Unlike the experience of the Treaty introducing a Constitution for Europe in 2004, **the reform project advanced by AFCO sets the conditions for the development of European political power and for a substantial emancipation of the European Union from the member States.**

The European Parliament [...]

whereas the amendment of the Treaties is necessary, not as an end in itself, but in the interests of all citizens of the Union, as such amendments aim to reshape the EU in such a way as to strengthen its capacity for action, as well as democratic legitimacy and accountability; [...] plural financial framework;

[READ THE TEXT OF THE REFORM PROPOSAL HERE](#)

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Saving the reform from the "sharks"

AFCO's courageous proposals must now overcome a series of difficult steps, in which attempts at sabotage by governments will not be lacking.

It is possible that the text will be amended in a logic of compromise and extension of consensus. However, there are at least three fundamental reforms on which the success of the Union's federal leap depends:

- 1 the extension of majority voting and the equal involvement of the European Parliament on essential issues such as:** the adoption of own resources; the adoption of the multiannual financial framework; foreign policy decisions.
- 2 the strengthening of the "flexibility clause":** in extraordinary circumstances the Union will be able to acquire the ability to act even in cases not provided for by the Treaties through a majority vote of the Council, without the possibility of individual national vetoes.
- 3 the introduction of the principle according to which the reform of the Treaties must be done by majority;** even if logically these are rules to be applied to subsequent revisions, **breaking the unanimity taboo** is fundamental for the success of the current reform.

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Let's make our support heard!

At this historic moment let's make our support to the European Parliament heard!

Just as happened years ago with the Spinelli Project, European federalists are once again called to create consensus on the proposal:

- among CITIZENS, so that they know the proposal which is not currently disseminated by the mass media;
- among the POLITICAL CLASS (in particular the European parliamentarians) to ask to support this relationship
(see the *UEF letter to all MEPs*)

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European level

Let's make our support heard!

The Union of European Federalists is organizing debates and events online and in person with the Spinelli Group to make its support felt in the European Parliament and create awareness among citizens about this reform of the EP.



[WATCH IT HERE ON YOUTUBE](#)

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Let's make our support heard!

For the vote on the reform text in the plenary session of the European Parliament on 20-23 November 2023 held in Brussels, the Union of European Federalists is organizing in-person and online events to make its support heard for the European Parliament.



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Let's make our support heard!

Why is this proposal for federal reform of the European Union important?

What are the most important points?

READ THE FEDERALIST PAPERS HERE

Sent with the European Letter to the European Parliament, Italian, French, German, Austria, Netherland, Belgium and Spanish Parliaments

FEDERALIST PAPER

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INSTRUMENTS

Let's make our support heard!

Let us take to the streets with Saturdays For Europe and demonstrate within a recognisable framework our goals for a federal Europe. After this phase, Saturdays For Europe can be the time to demonstrate for the next European elections.



SATURDAYS FOR EUROPE

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PROPOSAL OF ACTIONS

Let's make our support heard!

Download here the FLYER TO DEMONSTRATE IN THE SQUARE in the next SaturdaysForEurope

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INSTRUMENTS

SHARING UEF POSITIONS ON MEDIA



Video pills co-produced with
THE EU MADE SIMPLE
YouTube Channel (ENG)

Collaboration to organize online
debates with MEPs of the Spinelli
Group and Federalists members

FOCUS EUROPA series with IVAN
GRIECO's Twitch Channel (ITA)

Collaboration to organize online
debate with MEPs about the Future
of EU (ESP)

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Letter from Giulia Rossolillo to European Commission CERV GRANT, 17 October

To

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Date: 17 October 2023

UEF Finances: Explanatory Letter Budget 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

thank you again for helping and guiding UEF through the difficult times we are going through with your motivating understanding.

We refer to our former explanatory note where we informed you of the changes in our leadership and the new team who took over at the beginning of August.

Our main task was to restructure and empower our secretariat in Brussels, implement rules and regulations for reimbursement, handling financial matters and an overall organisation of the office. Secondly, we solved one of our staff issues by ending the employment contract by a cancellation contract. Thirdly we have to develop a strategy to widen and secure our financial basis to cover the co-financing share for the EU grant and for the expenses which are not eligible for the grant in a way that secures steady revenues. Fourthly and most important is to finish the final report for the CERV grant 2022, which has our highest priority, report on the budget execution and grant 2023 and secure the grant for 2024 where we can rely on your and your colleague's great assistance.

The new team also assessed the budget execution for 2023 to identify which events are finished, which events can be implemented with the limited available staff and all the additional task we explained above.

First of all, we assessed the regranting project, where all internal regulation were written but no implementation was started. Knowing the complexity of the regranting scheme and the selecting and supervising work, we decided to skip the scheme for this year. We regret to do so since we welcome your idea of a regranting scheme which would bring the Commission and the EU but also UEF closer to our local sections and create a link from the local level directly to the European level.

We also had a critical glance at the other events. We want to highlight the successful "infotainment" events which attracted many participants. Unfortunately, these events were only in German language for an audience in the German speaking part of Europe. We are planning to restructure these events by involving other partners

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to produce the events in different European languages. We also want to make them more cost-effective by introducing certain procedures.

Furthermore, we have to stress, that the budget we present for the operating grant 2023 does not fully take into account the cost for running an office that can manage all our activities. This adjustment we will have to postpone into one of the next years. We had to realize that managing the grant properly and managing the re-granting scheme requires a lot of manpower, which we could provide by volunteers in the past. We also had to realize that volunteers working sometimes 15 hours, or more are very rare and almost no longer available. Professional activities and professional managing of funds require professional staff and that will have an effect on our budgets in the future.

We also refer in particular to the budget items relating to marketing services, cleaning maintenance, equipment and general costs for organizing statutory events and meetings such as catering, revenues, technicalities to guarantee hybrid formats. There will be a better reallocation of resources from one subcategory to another in the budget line c relating to the purchase of goods and services. These changes may be better detailed during our financial and technical report at the beginning of 2024 at the last deadline.

Best regards,


Giulia Rossolillo

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Internal Balance
Ope 2022 --> Clo 2022

EUR

01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022

| | | Ope 2022 --> Clo 2022 | |
|--|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 | |
| FIXED ASSETS | | 21/28 | 1.564,19 |
| Tangible assets | | 22/27 | 1.064,19 |
| Furniture and vehicles | | 24 | 1.064,19 |
| 240100 HARDWARE | | | 1.596,20 |
| 240109 AFSCHR/HARDWARE | | | (532,01) |
| Financial assets | | 28 | 500,00 |
| 288000 Financial guarantee | | | 500,00 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | 29/58 | 105.540,88 |
| Amounts receivable within one year | | 40/41 | 15.447,30 |
| Trade debtors | | 40 | 15.447,30 |
| 400000 Customers | | | 15.447,30 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 54/58 | 45.057,57 |
| 550000 BNP current account | | | 3.075,93 |
| 550010 | | | 41.981,64 |
| 580000 internal financial transfers | | | 0,00 |
| Deferred charges and accrued income | | 490/1 | 45.036,01 |
| 490000 Deferred charges | | | 236,01 |
| 491000 VERKREGEN OPBRENGSTEN | | | 44.800,00 |
| Total assets | | | 107.105,07 |

Internal Balance
Ope 2022 --> Clo 2022

19/10/2023

Mixte Model

EUR

01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022

| | | Ope 2022 --> Clo 2022 | |
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| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 | |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | 10/15 | 644,55 |
| Contribution | | 10/11 | 18.688,63 |
| Capital | | 10 | 18.688,63 |
| Issued capital | | 100 | 18.688,63 |
| 100000 Starting capital | | | 18.688,63 |
| Reserves | | 13 | 44.224,27 |
| Available reserves | | 133 | 44.224,27 |
| 133000 Reserves approved by General Assembly | | | 44.224,27 |
| Profit carried forward | | 140 | 35.645,86 |
| 140000 Cumultd profit(+)/Loss(-) brought forw | | | 35.645,86 |
| Balance 6 and 7 | | | (97.914,21) |
| *** 149999 Result of current year to appropriate | | | (97.914,21) |
| AMOUNTS PAYABLE | | 17/49 | 106.460,52 |
| Amounts payable within one year | | 42/48 | 83.460,52 |
| Trade debts | | 44 | 66.250,33 |
| Suppliers | | 440/4 | 66.250,33 |
| 440000 Suppliers | | | 59.583,22 |
| 444000 Invoices to receive | | | 6.667,11 |
| Taxes, remunerations and social security | | 45 | 17.210,19 |
| Taxes | | 450/3 | 0,00 |
| 453000 Withholding tax on salaries | | | 0,00 |
| Remunerations and social security | | 454/9 | 17.210,19 |
| 454000 Social security on salaries | | | 0,00 |

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| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 | |
| 455000 Salaries | | | 1.609,77 |
| 456000 Paid vacations provision | | | 15.600,42 |
| Accrued charges and deferred income | 492/3 | | 23.000,00 |
| 492000 TOE TE REKENEN KOSTEN | | | 23.000,00 |
| Total liabilities | | | 107.105,07 |

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| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 | |
| INCOME STATEMENT | | | |
| Operating income | | | 334.433,06 |
| Turnover | 70 | 30.392,78 | |
| 700000 MEMBERS FEE | | 26.053,76 | |
| 700100 DONATIONS | | 4.339,02 | |
| Other operating revenues | 74 | 304.040,28 | |
| 740000 CONGRESS AND PARTICIPATIONS | | 2.259,00 | |
| 740100 RENT RECEIVED | | 15.600,00 | |
| 740200 Democracy in Europe DIE | | 42.717,60 | |
| 740800 OPERATING GRANT UE | | 224.000,00 | |
| 743000 OTHER INCOME | | 859,68 | |
| 746000 CHARGES RECOVERED | | 18.604,00 | |
| Operating charges | | | (402.949,87) |
| Raw materials; consumables and goods for resale | 60 | (94.571,21) | |
| Purchases | 600/8 | (94.571,21) | |
| 600000 Crossroads - ES Foundation | | (5.000,00) | |
| 600002 | | (7.000,00) | |
| 600003 | | (43.372,67) | |
| 600004 | | (1.658,21) | |
| 600005 Ukraine | | (37.540,33) | |
| Services and miscellaneous goods | 61 | (162.101,16) | |
| 610000 Office rent | | (30.151,20) | |
| 611000 Cleaning and Maintenance | | (690,21) | |
| 611200 MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS | | (246,42) | |
| 612130 Email marketing services | | (3.357,79) | |
| 612300 Office supplies | | (1.264,79) | |
| 612305 Office Equipment | | (1.379,76) | |
| 612310 Printing & publishing | | (2.297,18) | |
| 612400 IT Services | | (804,45) | |
| 612405 New UEF website | | (9.500,00) | |
| 612410 Telecommunications | | 90,41 | |
| 612450 Translation | | (429,94) | |
| 613135 Online hybrid event | | (162,48) | |
| 613140 Insurances | | (4.973,81) | |
| 613210 Legal advise | | (18.459,73) | |

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| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 | |
| 613220 | Accountancy | | (20.805,92) |
| 613231 | FC 2022 | | (229,55) |
| 613232 | FC 2022 - In Brussels | | (2.786,00) |
| 613235 | Lunch debates | | (1.758,50) |
| 613236 | Think Tank / Workshop debates | | (25.500,00) |
| 613237 | Network Academy Events | | (12.308,38) |
| 613240 | Social Secretariat | | (4.039,13) |
| 613260 | EMI Membership | | (750,00) |
| 613261 | WFM Membership | | (71,25) |
| 613290 | Trainees, Volunteers, small fees | | (2.500,00) |
| 613310 | Accommodation | | (10.028,55) |
| 613330 | Travel | | (3.495,10) |
| 613400 | Subsistence | | (4.065,00) |
| 613401 | HONORAIRES TRADUCTIONS | | (136,43) |
| | Remuneration, social security and pensions | 62 | (145.676,59) |
| 620200 | GROSS SALARIES | | (85.716,64) |
| 620400 | IN BETWEEN SERVICES | | (15.260,99) |
| 621000 | EMPLOYERS' SOCIAL COTISATION ON SALARIES | | (18.876,39) |
| 621100 | | | (105,74) |
| 623000 | LEGAL WORK INSURANCE | | (3.369,84) |
| 623100 | MEAL VOUCHERS AND FORFAIT INTERNE | | (5.103,70) |
| 623230 | DOMICILE/WORK TRANSPORT ALLOCATION | | (4.294,23) |
| 623900 | OTHER LABOR FORCES COSTS | | (411,06) |
| 625100 | PROV. for paid vacation | | (12.538,00) |
| | Depreciation of and other amounts written off formations expenses, intangible and tangible fixed assets | 630 | (532,01) |
| 630200 | AFSCHRIJVINGEN OP MATER. VASTE ACTIVA | | (532,01) |
| | Other operating charges | 640/8 | (68,90) |
| 640110 | | | (68,90) |
| 641200 | | | 0,00 |
| | Operating profit | 70/64 | |
| | Operating lost | 64/70 | (68.516,81) |
| | Financial charges | 65/66B | (29.397,40) |
| | Recurring financial charges | 65 | (29.397,40) |
| | Interest and other debt charges | 650 | (29.134,62) |

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| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 | |
| 650000 BANK INTERETS AND OTHER FINANCIAL COSTS | | (29.134,62) | |
| Other financial charges | 652/9 | (262,78) | |
| 657000 Bank costs | | (262,78) | |
| Profit for the period before taxes | 70/66 | | |
| Loss for the period before taxes | 66/70 | | (97.914,21) |
| Profit fo the period | 70/67 | | |
| Loss for the period | 67/70 | | (97.914,21) |
| Profit for the period to be appropriated | 70/68 | | |
| Loss for the period to be appropriated | 68/70 | | (97.914,21) |

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| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 | |
| APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS | | | |
| Profit to be appropriated | 70/69 | | |
| Loss to be appropriated | 69/70 | | (97.914,21) |
| Profit for the period avail. for appropri. | 70/68 | | |
| Loss for the period avail. for appropri. | 68/70 | (97.914,21) | |

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| | | 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022 |
| Accounts out of accounting plan | | |
| 149999 | Result of current year to appropriate | (97.914,21) |

| UEF BUDGET 2022 | TOTALS 2022 | GRANTS | | UEF PROJECTS | | OTHER ACTIVITIES | | | EXPENSED AS PER 31/12/2022 | | | TOTAL |
|--|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | OG-SGA-2022 | FORMS OF FUNDING | Make Europe Bloom 2022 | Other Projects | Non-Eligible for Grant (i.e. CH, UK, ...) | Other | Spinelli Group (*Donation in kind - tbc) | OG-SGA-2022 | Make Europe Bloom 2022 | Other/INTERNAL | |
| Version 3.0 (03 February 2022) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS | 377.546,74 € | 280.000,00 € | | 75.746,74 € | 12.000,00 € | - € | 9.800,00 € | - € | 286.167,34 € | 65.904,46 € | 35.211,17 € | 387.282,97 € |
| A. COSTS OF STAFF assigned to the action | 156.032,23 € | 135.000,00 € | | 21.032,23 € | - € | - € | - € | - € | 128.883,61 € | 21.895,28 € | 6.410,64 € | 157.189,53 € |
| A.1 Employees (or equivalent) | | | | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| <i>Director of the Secretariat</i> | <i>Details - See extra sheet</i> | | | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| <i>UEF Policy & Communication Officer</i> | <i>Details - See extra sheet</i> | | | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| <i>UEF Project/Policy/Network Officer(s)</i> | <i>Details - See extra sheet</i> | | | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| <i>CIP / Erasmus+ / Intern contracts</i> | <i>Details - See extra sheet</i> | 135.000,00 € | Actual costs | 21.032,23 € | | | | | 111.576,48 | 19.922,05 | 3.890,88 | 135.389,41 |
| <i>social secretariat</i> | | | | | | | | | 3.369,34 | 650,03 | 19,76 | 4.039,13 |
| A.2 Natural persons under direct contract (negri) | - € | | | | | | | | 0,00 | | | 0,00 |
| A.3 Seconded persons | - € | | | | | | | | 13.937,79 | 1.323,20 | | 15.260,99 |
| A.5 Volunteers (Value from OG Grant Unit Costs) | - € | - € | Unit costs (S) | | | | | | 0,00 | | 2.500,00 | 2.500,00 |
| B. SUB-CONTRACTING COSTS | 61.684,51 € | 15.000,00 € | | 39.684,51 € | - € | - € | 7.000,00 € | - € | 24.932,02 € | 43.372,67 € | 14.333,63 € | 82.638,32 € |
| B.1 Accountancy (External Accountant - External Auditors) | 12.000,00 € | 12.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 20.805,92 | | 0 | 20.805,92 |
| B.2 Legal Advise (Change seat organisation, register new statutes, etc.) | 10.000,00 € | 3.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | 7.000,00 € | | 4.126,10 | | 14333,63 | 18.459,73 |
| B.3 Make Europe Bloom | 39.684,51 € | | | 39.684,51 € | | | | | | 43.372,67 | | 43.372,67 |
| C. PURCHASE COSTS | 145.030,00 € | 130.000,00 € | | 15.030,00 € | - € | - € | - € | - € | 131.601,71 € | 636,51 € | 2.395,65 € | 134.633,87 € |
| C.1 <i>Travel & Subsistence Costs (staff assigned to the action)</i> | 25.000,00 € | 15.000,00 € | | 10.000,00 € | | | | | 17.152,00 € | 438,65 € | - € | 17.590,65 |
| <i>Travel</i> | 14.500,00 € | 9.000,00 € | | 5.500,00 € | | | | | 5.140,00 | 0 | 0 | 5.140,00 |
| <i>Accommodation</i> | 7.000,00 € | 4.000,00 € | Unit (S) of Actual costs | 3.000,00 € | | | | | 8.268,00 | 438,65 | 0 | 8.706,65 |
| <i>Subsistence</i> | 3.500,00 € | 2.000,00 € | | 1.500,00 € | | | | | 3.744,00 | 0 | 0 | 3.744,00 |
| C.2 Costs of Purchasing New Equipment | 20.280,00 € | 20.000,00 € | Actual costs | 280,00 € | | | | | 11.411,77 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 11.411,77 |
| <i>Office Equipment (move), IT, Telephone, etc.</i> | 10.280,00 € | 10.000,00 € | | 280,00 € | | | | | 1.911,77 | | | 1.911,77 |
| <i>New UEF Website</i> | 10.000,00 € | 10.000,00 € | | | | | | | 9.500,00 | | | 9.500,00 |
| C.3 <i>Other Goods, Works and Services</i> | 99.750,00 € | 95.000,00 € | | 4.750,00 € | | | | | 103.037,94 | 197,86 | 2.395,65 | 105.631,45 |
| C.3.1 <i>Costs of UEF Activities</i> | 73.000,00 € | 73.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 83.607,95 | 0,00 | 2.259,66 | 85.867,61 |
| <i>Online/Hybrid events (Zoom Pro / Voting System / ...)</i> | 5.000,00 € | 5.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 298,91 | | | 298,91 |
| <i>Online marketing services (i.e. Mailchimp, Canva, ...)</i> | 5.000,00 € | 5.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 3.064,72 | | 293,07 | 3.357,79 |
| <i>Detailed budget per activity to be made (based on full activity calendar)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| <i>FC 2022 - Outside of Brussels</i> | 7.000,00 € | 7.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 229,55 | | | 229,55 |
| <i>FC 2022 - In Brussels</i> | 7.000,00 € | 7.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 2.786,00 | | | 2.786,00 |
| <i>NY Reception / Summer Reception</i> | 5.000,00 € | 5.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| <i>5 SG Meetings (mainly online)</i> | 2.500,00 € | 2.500,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| <i>9 Lunch Debates (i.e. w/ Spinelli - MEP office inviting for (* parts of the venue/catering costs)</i> | 4.000,00 € | 4.000,00 € | | | | | | | 1.758,50 | | 1658,21 | 3.416,71 |
| <i>17 Think Tank / Workshop Debates (mainly online)</i> | 25.500,00 € | 25.500,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 25.500,00 | | | 25.500,00 |
| <i>10 Network Academy events (mainly online)</i> | 10.000,00 € | 10.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 12.000,00 | | 308,38 | 12.308,38 |
| <i>Civil Society Summit in Strasbourg (event tbc)</i> | 2.000,00 € | 2.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Other : ukraina+die+ OTHER EVENTS | | | | | | | | | 37.540,33 | | | 37.540,33 |
| Translation | | | | | | | | | 429,94 | | | 429,94 |
| C.3.2 <i>Rent, Leasing and Depreciation</i> | 12.000,00 € | 12.000,00 € | | | | | | | 14.551,20 | 0,00 | 0,00 | 14.551,20 |
| Office rent | 12.000,00 € | 12.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 14.551,20 | | | 14.551,20 |
| C.3.3 <i>Cost of Consumables and Supplies</i> | 10.000,00 € | 10.000,00 € | | | | | | | 4.878,79 | 197,86 | 135,99 | 5.212,64 |
| Office supplies | 600,00 € | 600,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 974,94 | 153,86 | 135,99 | 1.264,79 |
| Printing & Publishing | 4.000,00 € | 4.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 2.253,18 | 44 | | 2.297,18 |

| UEF BUDGET 2022 | TOTALS 2022 | GRANTS | | UEF PROJECTS | | OTHER ACTIVITIES | | | EXPENSED AS PER 31/12/2022 | | | TOTAL |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------|---|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | | OG-SGA-2022 | FORMS OF FUNDING | Make Europe Bloom 2022 | Other Projects | Non-Eligible for Grant (i.e. CH, UK, ...) | Other | Spinoff Group ("Deduction in kind - tbc") | OG-SGA-2022 | Make Europe Bloom 2022 | Other/INTERNAL | |
| Version 3.0 (03 February 2022) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telecommunications | 1.200,00 € | 1.200,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | -90,41 | | | -90,41 |
| Email marketing services (i.e. Mailchimp, ...) | - € | - € | Actual costs | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Postal charges | 250,00 € | 250,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Bank costs | 200,00 € | 200,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| IT Services | 1.000,00 € | 1.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 804,45 | | | 804,45 |
| Cleaning & Maintenance | 1.500,00 € | 1.500,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 690,21 | | | 690,21 |
| Archives & Furniture Storage | 250,00 € | 250,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 246,42 | | | 246,42 |
| Insurances (civil liability, fire insurance, equipment insurance, etc) | 1.000,00 € | 1.000,00 € | Actual costs | | | | | | 0,00 | | | 0,00 |
| D. OTHER COST CATEGORIES | 14.800,00 € | - € | | - € | 12.000,00 € | - € | 2.800,00 € | - € | 750,00 € | 0,00 € | 12.071,25 € | 12.821,25 € |
| D.1 Financial support to third parties | 2.800,00 € | | | | | | | | 750,00 | 0,00 | 71,25 | 821,25 |
| EMI Membership | 2.500,00 € | - € | | | | | 2.500,00 € | | 750,00 | | 0 | 750,00 |
| WFM Membership | 300,00 € | - € | | | | | 300,00 € | | | | 71,25 | 71,25 |
| D.2 Outstanding Partnership Payments | 12.000,00 € | | | | | | | | 0,00 | 0,00 | 12.000,00 | 12.000,00 |
| Crossroads - ES Foundation (to be paid after final EC payment) | 3.000,00 € | | | | 3.000,00 € | | | | 0,00 | | 5000 | 5.000,00 |
| Crossroads - AEGEE-Europe (to be paid after final EC payment) | 2.000,00 € | | | | 2.000,00 € | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| ECAS | 7.000,00 € | | | | 7.000,00 € | | | | 0,00 | | 7000 | 7.000,00 |
| INDIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS | 910,00 € | - € | | 910,00 € | - € | - € | - € | - € | 0,00 | 0,00 | 29.466,50 | 29.466,50 |
| Indirect costs/overheads | 910,00 € | N/A | | 910,00 € | | | | | 0,00 | | 29466,5 | 0,00 |
| Financial costs | | | | | | | | | | | | 29.466,50 |
| TOTAL COSTS | 378.456,74 € | 280.000,00 € | | 76.656,74 € | 12.000,00 € | - € | 9.800,00 € | - € | 286.167,34 € | 65.904,46 € | 64.677,67 € | 416.749,47 € |

| REVENUES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----|--------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Grant (80% co-financing) | 224.000,00 € | 224.000,00 € | 80% | | | | | | 224000 | | 76229,06 | 300.229,06 |
| Make Europe Bloom (80% co-financing) (Project Reserve Account + Final payment) | 55.065,74 € | | | 55.065,74 € | | | | | 224.000,00 | | | 224.000,00 |
| DEMEU (Final Payment - Amount tbc) | 30.000,00 € | | | | 30.000,00 € | | | | | | 42.717,60 | 0,00 |
| nEUres (Final Payment - Amount tbc) | 3.120,00 € | | | | 3.120,00 € | | | | | | | 42.717,60 |
| Square de Meeüs (Reimbursement of costs) | 1.500,00 € | | | | 1.500,00 € | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Membership fees - Details - see extra sheet | 35.300,00 € | 30.500,00 € | | | | | 4.800,00 € | | | | 26.053,76 | 26.053,76 |
| Civil Society Summit in Strasbourg (event / contribution tbc) | 2.000,00 € | 2.000,00 € | | - € | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| Other Revenues | - € | - € | | | | | | | 18.604,00 | | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| Participation fees | | | | | | | | | | | 2.259,00 | 2.259,00 |
| Donations (MEPs, Private, Foundations, etc.) | 27.471,00 € | 23.500,00 € | | 21.591,00 € | | | | | | | 5.198,70 | 5.198,70 |
| Partnerships (Foundations, Local/Regional governments, etc.) | | | | | | | | | | | | 0,00 |
| UEF Reserves (- number is good / + number means reserves going down) | | | | | - 22.620,00 € | | 5.000,00 € | | | | | 0,00 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 378.456,74 € | 280.000,00 € | | 76.656,74 € | 12.000,00 € | - € | 9.800,00 € | - € | 242.604,00 € | - € | 76.229,06 € | 318.833,06 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| NET RESULT 2022 (Balanced budget) | - € | - € | - € | - € | - € | - € | - € | - € | - € | - € | 43.563,34 € | -97.916,41 |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|

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|---|-------------------|----|
| "Lump sum calculations" for "own contributions" by UEF, calculated and shown here to respect the logic of Grant / Project reporting (i.e. column logic in this table). | | |
| Amount or % of our co-financing that "needs attention" in 2022 (through partnerships, donations, participations fees, membership drive, etc.) | 27.471,00 € | 8% |
| or, in the absence of any of these actions, this amount can still be covered from the UEF's reserves. At the beginning of 2022, UEF reserves stand at some : | 35.000 - 40.000 € | |



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We, RSM InterAudit SRL established in Brussels, Chaussée de Waterloo 1151 represented for signature of this certificate by Karine Morris, Registered Auditor, Partner

hereby certify

that the findings are the factual results of the agreed upon procedures performed, in particular that:

1. We have verified the costs and revenues declared in the financial statement of Union des Federalists Europeens (UEF) PIC 949675203, under EU Grant Agreement No101051734— UEF OG-SGA-2022 covering costs for the following reporting period(s): January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022.
Total actual costs and revenues subject to this expenditure verification: EUR 268.167,34 and EUR 242.604,00 The specific cost categories based on unit costs, flat-rates or lump sum declared in the financial statement amounting in total to EUR 17.152,00 were not subject to this expenditure verification.
2. The verification was carried out according to the standards and agreed procedures set out in the Terms of Reference.
3. The verification found that the costs and revenues declared in the financial statements are compliant with the legal and financial provisions of the EU Grant Agreement.

No exceptions were noted.

Additional observations and comments:

The revenues include the grant on the one hand and a specific income to cover the own resources. It should be noted that part of the operating costs was not financed in 2022 because of which the organisation realised a significant deficit during the financial year.

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4. We are qualified/authorised to deliver this certificate and not subject to any conflict of interest.
5. The beneficiary paid a **price** of EUR 6.050 (including VAT of EUR 1.050 for this audit certificate. These costs were not charged to the grant.

Zaventem, October 20, 2023



RSM INTERAUDIT BV-SRL
REGISTERED AUDITORS
REPRESENTED BY
KARINE MORRIS, PARTNER

ANNEX 1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| UEF BUDGET 2022 | EXPENSED AS PER 31/12/2022 |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Version 3.0 (03 February 2022) | OG-SGA-2022 |
| DIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS | 286.167,34 € |
| A. COSTS OF STAFF assigned to the action | 128.883,61 € |
| A.1 Employees (or equivalent) | |
| <i>Director of the Secretariat</i> | |
| <i>UEF Policy & Communication Officer</i> | |
| <i>UEF Project/Policy/Network Officer(s)</i> | 111.576,48 |
| <i>CIP / Erasmus+ / Intern contracts</i> | |
| <i>social secretariat</i> | 3.369,34 |
| A.2 Natural persons under direct contract (negri) | 0,00 |
| A.3 Seconded persons | 13.937,79 |
| A.5 Volunteers (Value from OG Grant Unit Costs) | 0,00 |
| | |
| B. SUB-CONTRACTING COSTS | 24.932,02 € |
| B.1 Accountancy (External Accountant - External Auditors) | 20.805,92 |
| B.2 Legal Advise (Change seat organisation, register new statutes, etc.) | 4.126,10 |
| B.3 Make Europe Bloom | |
| | |
| C. PURCHASE COSTS | 131.601,71 € |
| C.1 Travel & Subsistence Costs (staff assigned to the action) | 17.152,00 € |
| <i>Travel</i> | 5.140,00 |
| <i>Accommodation</i> | 8.268,00 |
| <i>Subsistence</i> | 3.744,00 |
| | |
| C.2 Costs of Purchasing New Equipment | 11.411,77 |
| <i>Office Equipement (move), IT, Telephone, etc.</i> | 1.911,77 |
| New UEF Website | 9.500,00 |
| | |
| C.3 Other Goods, Works and Services | 103.037,94 |
| C.3.1 Costs of UEF Activities | 83.607,95 |
| <i>Online/Hybrid events (Zoom Pro / Voting System / ...)</i> | 298,91 |
| <i>Online marketing services (i.e. Mailchimp, Canva, ...)</i> | 3.064,72 |
| | |
| Detailed budget per activity to be made (based on full activity calendar) | |
| FC 2022 - Outside of Brussels | 229,55 |
| FC 2022 - In Brussels | 2.786,00 |
| NY Reception / Summer Reception | |
| 5 SG Meetings (mainly online) | |
| 9 Lunch Debates (i.e. w/ Spinelli - MEP office inviting for (* parts of) the venue/catering costs) | 1.758,50 |

| UEF BUDGET 2022 | EXPENSED AS PER 31/ |
|---|----------------------------|
| Version 3.0 (03 February 2022) | OG-SGA-2022 |
| DIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS | 286.167,34 € |
| <i>17 Think Tank / Workshop Debates (mainly online)</i> | 25.500,00 |
| <i>10 Network Academy events (mainly online)</i> | 12.000,00 |
| <i>Civil Society Summit in Strasbourg (event tbc)</i> | |
| Other : ukraina+die+ OTHER EVENTS | 37.540,33 |
| Translation | 429,94 |
| C.3.2 Rent, Leasing and Depreciation | 14.551,20 |
| Office rent | 14.551,20 |
| C.3.3 Cost of Consumables and Supplies | 4.878,79 |
| <i>Office supplies</i> | 974,94 |
| <i>Printing & Publishing</i> | 2.253,18 |
| <i>Telecommunications</i> | -90,41 |
| <i>Email marketing services (i.e. Mailchimp, ...)</i> | |
| <i>Postal charges</i> | |
| <i>Bank costs</i> | |
| <i>IT Services</i> | 804,45 |
| <i>Cleaning & Maintenance</i> | 690,21 |
| <i>Archives & Furniture Storage</i> | 246,42 |
| <i>Insurances (civil liability, fire insurance, equipment insurance, etc)</i> | 0,00 |
| D. OTHER COST CATEGORIES | 750,00 € |
| D.1 Financial support to third parties | 750,00 |
| <i>EMI Membership</i> | 750,00 |
| <i>WFM Membership</i> | |
| D.2 Outstanding Partnership Payments | 0,00 |
| <i>Crossroads - ES Foundation (to be paid after final EC payment)</i> | 0,00 |
| <i>Crossroads - AEGEE-Europe (to be paid after final EC payment)</i> | |
| <i>ECAS</i> | 0,00 |
| INDIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS | 0,00 |
| Indirect costs/overheads | |
| Financial costs | 0,00 |
| TOTAL COSTS | 286.167,34 € |

| UEF BUDGET 2022 | | EXPENSED AS PER 31/ |
|---|----------|----------------------------|
| Version 3.0 (03 February 2022) | | OG-SGA-2022 |
| DIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS | | 286.167,34 € |
| REVENUES | | 224000 |
| Operating Grant (80% co-financing) | | 224.000,00 |
| Make Europe Bloom (80% co-financing) (Project Reserve Account + Final payment) | | |
| DEMEU (Final Payment - Amount tbc) | | |
| nEUres (Final Payment - Amount tbc) | | |
| Square de Meeûs (Reimbursement of costs) | | |
| Membership fees - Details - see extra sheet | | |
| Civil Society Summit in Strasbourg (event / contribution tbc) | | |
| Other Revenues | | 18.604,00 |
| Participation fees | | |
| Donations (MEPs, Private, Foundations, etc.) | | |
| Partnerships (Foundations, Local/Regional governments, etc.) | | |
| UEF Reserves (- number is good / + number means reserves going down) | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | | 242.604,00 € |
| NET RESULT 2022 (Balanced budget) | - | 43.563,34 € |

ANNEX 2

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference

1. Background and subject matter

A certificate on the financial statements (CFS) must be provided for entities that participate as beneficiary or affiliated entities ('participants') in EU grants — provided that it is required under the Grant Agreement and that certain thresholds of declared expenditure are met (see EU Grant Agreement Data Sheet and Article 24.2).

The purpose of the CFS is to provide the EU granting authority with sufficient information to be able to assess whether costs that are declared on the basis of actual costs or costs according to usual cost accounting practices (if any) and, if relevant, also revenues comply with the conditions set out in the Grant Agreement.

2. Scope and applicable standards

The engagement is to perform specific **agreed-upon procedures** to verify the eligibility of the costs claimed under the Grant Agreement. It is not an assurance engagement; the auditor does not provide an audit opinion, nor express assurance.

The following standards apply:

- the International Standard on Related Services ('ISRS') 4400 (revised) *Agreed-upon Procedures Engagements* as issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)
- the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), including the independence requirements (*see explanations below*).

Certificates must be issued according to the highest professional standards. The work must be planned in a way that effective verification can be performed. The auditor must use the evidence obtained from the procedures performed as the basis for the certificate. Matters which are important for the findings and evidence that the work was carried out in accordance with the Terms of Reference must be documented. The findings must be described in sufficient detail to enable the participant and the EU granting authority to ensure appropriate follow-up.

3. Auditors who may deliver a certificate

The participant is free to choose a **qualified external auditor**, including its usual external auditor, provided that:

- the auditor is **independent** from the participant and
- the provisions of **Directive 2006/43/EC**¹ (or similar standards) are complied with.

Although ISRS 4400 states that independence is not a requirement for engagements to carry out agreed-upon procedures, it is one of the qualities to ensure an unbiased approach and therefore required for CFS auditors. Compliance with the IESBA Code's independence requirements is therefore mandatory.

Public bodies can choose an external auditor or an independent public officer. In this case, independence is usually defined as independence 'in fact and in appearance' (e.g. that the officer is not involved in drawing up the financial statements). It is for each public body to appoint the public officer and ensure their independence. The certificate should refer to this appointment.

¹ Directive [2006/43/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 May 2006 on statutory audits of annual accounts and consolidated accounts or similar national regulations (OJ L 157, 9.6.2006, p. 87).

The **CFS costs** themselves can be charged to the EU project and the choice of auditor should therefore comply with the minimum criteria on best value for money and no conflict of interest as set out in the Grant Agreement. If the participant uses their usual audit firm, it is presumed that they already have an agreement that complies with these provisions.

4. Procedures to be followed and expected results

The verifications should be undertaken on the basis of inquiry and analysis, (re)computation, comparison, other accuracy checks, observation, inspection of records and documents and by interviewing the participant (and the persons working for them).

The sample-based testing of transactions should be based on the confidence level following the basic systems checks. The sampling method (and size of the sample) should be explained.

General reference can also be made to the similar procedures under the EU Grants Indicative Audit Programme.

4.1. Basic systems checks

The auditor must obtain a basic understanding of the beneficiary's accounting system, time-recording system and usual practices.

For this purpose, the following documentation must be examined:

- the Grant Agreement (and amendments)
- the periodic reports and financial statements
- internal guidelines and procedures regarding usual accounting practices, purchasing practices, practices regarding travel and rules for giving financial support to third parties (if any).

The auditor must verify that:

- the accounting system is reliable, accurate, up-to-date and exhaustive
- the participant has a double-entry book-keeping system
- the accounting system (analytical or other suitable internal system) makes it possible to identify costs and revenues linked to the EU project
- expenses/revenues under the grant have been recorded systematically using a numbering system that distinguishes them from expenses/income for other projects
- the time-recording system is reliable (time-declarations or other time-recording system)
- the usual practices are compatible with the requirements under the Grant Agreement and in line with national law.

4.2. Verification of eligibility of the costs declared

Sample-based testing of transactions

The auditor must assess the eligibility of the costs declared by testing transactions on a sample basis. For this purpose, the following documentation must be examined:

- for personnel costs:
 - salary slips
 - time records/time sheets
 - employment contracts
 - proofs of payment and relevant accounting documents (personnel accounts, bank statements, invoices, receipts, etc)
 - other documents (social security legislation, etc)
- for subcontracting:
 - calls for tender (if any)
 - received tenders (if any)
 - justification for the choice of subcontractor
 - contracts with subcontractors
 - invoices
 - proofs of payment and relevant accounting documents
 - other documents (national rules on public tendering if applicable, EU Directives, etc)
- for travel and subsistence costs:
 - transport invoices and tickets (— only for actual costs)
 - proofs of payment and relevant accounting documents (— only for actual costs)
 - other documents (proofs of attendance such as minutes of meetings, reports, etc)
- for equipment costs:
 - invoices
 - delivery slips / certificates of first use
 - proofs of payment and relevant accounting documents
 - depreciation method of calculation
- for costs of other goods and services:
 - invoices
 - proofs of payment and relevant accounting documents
- for financial support to third parties:
 - proposals and project files of supported projects
 - for grants: grant agreements/decisions with the recipients of the support and acceptance forms (if applicable)
 - for prizes: rules of contest
 - expense claims
 - proofs of payment and relevant accounting documents.
- for specific cost categories: documents to be requested depend on the cost category.

The auditor must verify that the costs declared comply with the **general eligibility rules** set out in the Grant Agreement.

In particular, the costs must:

- be actually incurred
- be linked to the subject of the Grant Agreement and indicated in the beneficiary's estimated budget (i.e. the latest version of Annex 2)
- be necessary to implement the action which is the subject of the grant

- be reasonable and justified, and comply with the requirements of sound financial management, in particular as regards economy and efficiency²
- have been incurred during the action (duration as defined in the Grant Agreement), with the exception of the invoice for the audit certificate and costs relating to the submission of the last report
- not be covered by another EU grant (see below ineligible costs)
- be identifiable, verifiable and, in particular, recorded in the participant's accounting records and determined according to the applicable accounting standards of the country where it is established and its usual cost accounting practices
- comply with the requirements of applicable national laws on taxes, labour and social security
- be in accordance with the provisions of the Grant Agreement and
- have been converted to euro at the rate laid down in the Grant Agreement:
 - ✓ for participants with accounts established in a currency other than the euro:
Costs incurred in another currency must be converted into euros at the average of the daily euro exchange rates published in the C series of the EU Official Journal determined over the corresponding reporting period.
If no daily euro exchange rate is published in the EU Official Journal for the currency in question, the rate used must be the average of the monthly accounting exchange rates established by the European Commission and published on its website
 - ✓ for participants with accounts established in euro:
Costs incurred in another currency should be converted into euros applying the participant's usual accounting practice.

The auditor must verify whether expenditure includes **VAT** and, if so, verify that the participant:

- cannot recover the VAT (this must be supported by a statement from the competent body) and
- is not a public body acting as a public authority.

In addition, the auditor must verify that the costs declared comply with the **specific cost eligibility rules** set out in the Grant Agreement.

Personnel costs

The auditor must verify that:

- personnel costs have been charged and paid in respect of the actual time devoted (including correct conversion to day-equivalents) by the participant's personnel to implementing the action justified on the basis of time sheets or other appropriate time-recording system (such as monthly declaration in accordance with the Grant Agreement)
- personnel costs (and the daily rate, if applicable) were calculated on the basis of gross salary, wages or fees (plus obligatory social charges and other supplementary payments, but excluding any other non-eligible costs) specified in an employment or other type of contract, not exceeding the average rates corresponding to the participant's usual policy on remuneration

² To be assessed in particular on the basis of the procurement and selection procedures for service providers.

- the work was carried out during the period of implementation of the action (duration as defined in the Grant Agreement)
- the personnel costs are not covered by another EU grant (see below ineligible costs)
- for supplementary payments: the conditions set out in the Grant Agreement are met (i.e. that it is part of the participant's usual remuneration practices and is paid in a consistent manner whenever the same kind of work or expertise is required and that the criteria used to calculate the supplementary payments are objective and generally applied by the participant, regardless of the source of funding used)
- for in-house consultants and seconded personnel: the conditions set out in the Grant Agreement are met (i.e. that the person works under conditions similar to those of an employee, that the result of the work carried out belongs to the participant (unless agreed otherwise), and that the costs are not significantly different from those for personnel performing similar tasks under an employment contract).

The auditor should verify that the management and accounting system ensures proper allocation of the personnel costs to various activities carried out by the participant and funded by various donors.

Subcontracting costs

The auditor must verify that:

- the subcontracting complies with best value for money (or lowest price) and that there was no conflict of interests
- the subcontracting was necessary to implement the action
- the subcontracting was provided for in Annex 1 and Annex 2 or agreed to by the granting authority at a later stage
- the subcontracting is supported by accounting documents in accordance with national accounting law
- public bodies have complied with the national rules on public procurement.

Travel and subsistence costs

The auditor must verify that travel and subsistence costs:

- have been charged and paid in accordance with the participant's internal rules/usual practices (or, in the absence of such rules/practices, that they do not exceed the scale normally accepted by the granting authority) (— only for actual costs)
- are not covered by another EU grant (see below ineligible costs)
- were incurred for travels linked to action tasks set out in Annex 1 of the Grant Agreement.

Equipment costs

The auditor must verify that:

- the equipment is purchased, rented or leased at normal market prices
- public bodies have complied with the national rules on public procurement

- the equipment is written off, depreciation has been calculated according to the applicable tax and accounting rules and only the portion of the depreciation corresponding to the duration of the action has been declared (except if the Grant Agreement allows for full purchase costs)
- the costs are not covered by another EU grant (see below ineligible costs).

Costs of other goods and services

The auditor must verify that:

- the purchase complies with best value for money (or lowest price) and that there was no conflict of interests
- public bodies have complied with the national rules on public procurement
- the costs are not covered by another EU grant (see below ineligible costs).

Costs of providing financial support to third parties (if applicable)

The auditor must obtain the details and breakdown of the costs of providing financial support to third parties and sample cost items selected randomly (full coverage is required if there are fewer than 10 items, otherwise the sample should have a minimum of 10 items or 10% of the total, whichever number is highest).

The auditor must verify that:

- the maximum amount of financial support for each third party did not exceed the maximum amount fixed in the Grant Agreement (or otherwise agreed with the granting authority)
- the other conditions set out in the Grant Agreement were respected.

Specific cost categories (if applicable)

The verifications for specific cost categories depend on the specific eligibility conditions set out in the Grant Agreement.

⚠ Specific cost categories based on unit costs, flat-rates or lump sum do not need to be checked. The CFS covers only cost categories on the basis of actual costs or costs according to usual cost accounting practices.

Finally, the auditor must verify that the beneficiary has not declared any costs that are explicitly declared ineligible under the Grant Agreement:

- costs relating to return on capital
- debt and debt service charges
- provisions for future losses or debts
- interest owed
- currency exchange losses
- bank costs charged by the participant's bank for payments under the Grant Agreement
- excessive or reckless expenditure
- deductible VAT
- VAT incurred by a public body acting as a public authority
- costs incurred during Grant Agreement suspension
- in-kind contributions provided by third parties free of charge
- costs or contributions declared under other EU grants (or grants awarded by a Member State, third country or other body implementing the EU budget), except for the following cases:
 - ✓ Synergy actions: if the grants are part of jointly coordinated Synergy calls and funding under the grants does not go above 100% of the costs and contributions declared to them

- ✓ if the action grant is combined with an operating grant³ running during the same period and the participant can demonstrate that the operating grant does not cover any (direct or indirect) costs of the action grant
- costs incurred for permanent staff of a national administration for activities that are part of its normal activities (i.e. not undertaken only because of the grant)
- costs incurred for staff or representatives of EU institutions, bodies or agencies
- place of performance obligation (if applicable): costs or contributions for activities that do not take place in one of the eligible countries set out in the call for proposals — unless approved by the granting authority
- other ineligible costs (if applicable): [insert name of excluded cost category].

For detailed guidance on procedures for calculating eligible cost, see the EU Grants AGA — Annotated Grant Agreement.

4.3. Verification of revenues

The auditor must verify that the participant has declared revenues within the meaning of the Grant Agreement, i.e. income generated by the action (e.g. from the sale of products, services and publications, conference fees).

5. Handling and follow-up of CFS findings

If the auditor finds discrepancies/exceptions, the cost item should normally not be included in the financial statement submitted to the EU (and does not need to be mentioned in this CFS).

If the issue cannot be rectified by excluding the costs from the financial statement or is of more serious systemic nature, it should be reported on in the CFS.

Cases where the auditor has doubts, should also be reported. In addition, the auditor is requested to mention any general comments and other observations that may be relevant for the assessment (or its follow-up).

The CFS does not affect the granting authority's right to carry out its own assessment or audits. Neither does the reimbursement of costs covered by a certificate preclude the granting authority, the European Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) or the European Court of Auditors from carrying out checks, reviews, audits and investigations in accordance with the Grant Agreement. The CFS audit is not a full audit and does not give assurance about the legality and regularity of the costs declared.

³ For the definition, see Article 180(2)(b) of EU Financial Regulation 2018/1046: '**operating grant**' means an EU grant to finance "the functioning of a body which has an objective forming part of and supporting an EU policy".

New UEF BUDGETas of 17 October 2023

| UEF BUDGET 2023 (DRAFT) | Old UEF BUDGET as of 10 February 2023 | Totals 2023 | | GRANT (necessary changes) | | UEF PROJECTS | | OTHER ACTIVITIES | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|--|--|
| | | | | CERV-2022-OG-SGA | FORMS OF FUNDING | Make Europe Bloom (Final Report Currently processed by EP) | Y-Fed | Non-eligible for grant (i.e. CH, UK, ...) | Other | Spinelli Group | | |
| Direct Eligible Costs | 523.079,51€ | 417.320,59€ | 365.892,35€ | | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | 0,00€ | 41.298,73€ | 0,00€ | | |
| A. COSTS OF STAFF assigned to the action | 203.200,00€ | 238.200,00€ | 238.200,00€ | | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | |
| A.1 Employees (or equivalent) | 172.000,00€ | 172.000,00€ | 172.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| Director of the Secretariat | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UEF Policy & Communication Officer | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| UEF Project/Policy/Network Officer(s) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CIP / Erasmus+ / Intern contracts | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.2 Natural persons under direct contract | | 35.000,00€ | 35.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| A.3 Seconded persons | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A.5 Volunteers (Value from OG Grant Unit Costs) | 31.200,00€ | 31.200,00€ | 31.200,00€ | Unit Costs (5) | | | | | | | | |
| B. SUB-CONTRACTING COSTS | 43.000,00€ | 7.260,00€ | 0,00€ | Actual Costs | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 7.260,00€ | 0,00€ | | | |
| B.1 Accountancy (External Accountant - External Auditors) | 16.000,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| B.2 Legal Advise + Notary | 3.000,00€ | 7.260,00€ | | Actual Costs | | | | 7.260,00€ | | | | |
| B.3 Communication Advise (Davide Negri) | 24.000,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| C. PURCHASE COSTS | 162.700,00€ | 134.192,35€ | 127.692,35€ | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 6.500,00€ | 0,00€ | | | |
| C.1 Travel & Subsistence Costs | 15.000,00€ | 17.550,00€ | 17.550,00€ | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | |
| Travel | 9.000,00€ | 10.530,00€ | 10.530,00€ | Unit (5) or Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| Accommodation | 4.000,00€ | 4.680,00€ | 4.680,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| Subsistence | 2.000,00€ | 2.340,00€ | 2.340,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| C.2 Costs of Purchasing New Equipment | 500,00€ | 2.100,00€ | 2.100,00€ | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | |
| Office Equipment (move), IT, Telephone, etc. | 500,00€ | 1.000,00€ | 1.000,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| UEF Website (additional tools) | 0,00€ | 1.100,00€ | 1.100,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| C.3 Other Goods, Works and Services | 147.200,00€ | 114.542,35€ | 108.042,35€ | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 6.500,00€ | 0,00€ | | | |
| C.3.1 Costs of UEF Activities | 119.700,00€ | 85.612,00€ | 85.612,00€ | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | |
| Online/Hybrid events (Zoom Pro / Voting System / ...) | 500,00€ | 500,00€ | 500,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| Online marketing services (i.e. Mailchimp, Canva, ...) | 3.500,00€ | 5.012,00€ | 5.012,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| Other Services + Audit OG 2023 | - | 6.050,00€ | 6.050,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| Detailed budget per activity to be made (based on full activity calendar) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Congress | 10.000,00€ | 7.000,00€ | 7.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| 2 FC 2023 - In Brussels and online | 6.000,00€ | 7.000,00€ | 7.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| 12 Political Commission Meetings (3 meetings per PC) | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Executive Bureau Meetings (4 in presence, 6 online) | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 Receptions (New Year/Spring/Christmas) | 4.000,00€ | 4.000,00€ | 4.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Secretary General Meetings (online) | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| 8 Debates/Meetings with The Spinelli Group (Federalist lunches/Wo | 1.000,00€ | 1.670,00€ | 1.670,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Think Tank / Workshop Debates /Network Academies (mainly onli | 3.000,00€ | 1.100,00€ | 1.100,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |
| 3 UEF Network Academies | 0,00€ | 600,00€ | 600,00€ | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 Interregional Conferences (on site and/or online) | 18.000,00€ | 10.180,00€ | 10.180,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | | | | |

| UEF BUDGET 2023 (DRAFT) | Old UEF BUDGET as of 10 February 2023 | Totals 2023 | GRANT (necessary changes) | | UEF PROJECTS | | OTHER ACTIVITIES | | |
|--|--|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | CERV-2022-OG-SGA | FORMS OF FUNDING | Make Europe Bloom (Final Report Currently processed by EP) | Y-Fed | Non-eligible for grant (i.e. CH, UK, ...) | Other | Spinelli Group |
| International Conferences (Lithuania, Austria) | 10.000,00€ | 300,00€ | 300,00€ | | | | | | |
| 4 Academic Debates | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| 12 #Ferngespräch | 21.600,00€ | 21.600,00€ | 21.600,00€ | | | | | | |
| 12 UEF Podcasts | 9.600,00€ | 5.600,00€ | 5.600,00€ | | | | | | |
| 10 Europa Jetzt! (moderated by a famous actor and a journalist) | 15.000,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| 6 #moreEuropenow | 15.000,00€ | 15.000,00€ | 15.000,00€ | | | | | | |
| Europaforum Bodensee (DE and EN, broadcasted by a R9 TV and | 2.500,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| Collaboration The EU made SIMPLE (1 out of 5 Videos Done) | - | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| Collaboration La Miniera di Ivan Grieco (4 out of 7 Videos Done) | - | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| Collaboration with Karim Hallal Peche (1 Video) | - | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| Collaboration with The MEP Assistant (2 Videos) | - | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| European Letter "Online Publication and Dissemination to the Europ | - | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| C.3.2 Rent, Leasing and Depreciation | 18.500,00€ | 18.500,00€ | 12.000,00€ | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 6.500,00€ | 0,00€ |
| Office rent (new premises) | 18.500,00€ | 18.500,00€ | 12.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | 6.500,00€ | |
| C.3.3 Cost of Consumables and Supplies | 9.000,00€ | 10.430,35€ | 10.430,35€ | | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ |
| Office supplies | 600,00€ | 1.300,00€ | 1.300,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Printing & Publishing | 1.200,00€ | 1.200,00€ | 1.200,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Telecommunications | 1.200,00€ | 1.200,00€ | 1.200,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Email marketing services (i.e. Mailchimp, ...) | 1.200,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Postal charges | 50,00€ | 50,00€ | 50,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Bank costs | 1.000,00€ | 1.000,00€ | 1.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| IT Services | 1.000,00€ | 1.250,00€ | 1.250,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Cleaning & Maintenance | 1.500,00€ | 3.430,35€ | 3.430,35€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Archives & Furniture Storage | 250,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| Insurances (civil liability, fire insurance, equipment insurance, etc) | 1.000,00€ | 1.000,00€ | 1.000,00€ | Actual Costs | | | | | |
| D. OTHER COST CATEGORIES | 44.050,00€ | 37.668,24€ | 0,00€ | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | 0,00€ | 27.538,73€ | 0,00€ |
| D.1 Financial support to third parties | 1.050,00€ | 1.050,00€ | | | | | | 1.050,00€ | |
| EMI Membership | 750,00€ | 750,00€ | | | | | | 750,00€ | |
| WFM Membership | 300,00€ | 300,00€ | | | | | | 300,00€ | |
| D.2 Outstanding Partnership Payments | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | | |
| Unforeseen invoices from Grant in 2022, 2021 | 0,00€ | 3.488,73€ | | | | | | 3.488,73€ | |
| Repayments | | 33.129,51€ | 0,00€ | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | | 23.000,00€ | |
| Repayment of Grant | | | | | | | | | |
| Expected repayment from Deloitte-Audit | 43.000,00€ | 23.000,00€ | | | | | | 23.000,00€ | |
| Possible repayment to European Parliament & Y-Fed | 10.129,51€ | 10.129,51€ | | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | | | |
| Re-Grant | 60.000,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| Re-Grant for gras-rooting activities of local sub-entities | 60.000,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| INDIRECT ELIGIBLE COSTS | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| Indirect costs/overheads | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | N/A | | | | | | |

| UEF BUDGET 2023 (DRAFT) | Old UEF BUDGET as of 10 February 2023 | Totals 2023 | GRANT (necessary changes) | | UEF PROJECTS | | OTHER ACTIVITIES | | |
|---|--|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|
| | | | CERV-2022-OG-SGA | FORMS OF FUNDING | Make Europe Bloom (Final Report Currently processed by EP) | Y-Fed | Non-eligible for grant (i.e. CH, UK, ...) | Other | Spinelli Group |
| TOTAL COSTS | 523.079,51€ | 417.320,59€ | 365.892,35€ | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | 0,00€ | 41.298,73€ | 0,00€ |
| REVENUES | 523.079,51€ | 417.320,59€ | 372.593,88€ | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | | 34.597,20€ | |
| Operating Grant (80% co-financing, incl. Re-Granting 80%) | 367.520,00€ | 292.713,88€ | 292.713,88€ | 80% | | | | | |
| Volunteers of UEF | 31.200,00€ | 31.200,00€ | 31.200,00€ | | | | | | |
| Donations/Co-financing share of beneficiaries from Re-granting | 12.000,00€ | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | |
| Square de Meeüs (Charges for the years 2020, 2021, 2022) | 6.000,00€ | 6.000,00€ | 6.000,00€ | | | | | | |
| Financial Contributions of Sections and Membership fees of individual m | 30.500,00€ | 30.500,00€ | 30.500,00€ | | | | | | |
| Other Revenues | | | | | | | | | |
| Participation fees | | | | | | | | | |
| Donations (MEPs, Private, Foundations, etc.) | 75.859,51€ | 56.906,71€ | 12.180,00€ | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | | 34.597,20€ | |
| Partnerships (Foundations, Local/Regional governments, etc.) | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 523.079,51€ | 417.320,59€ | 372.593,88€ | | 455,80€ | 9.673,71€ | | 34.597,20€ | |
| NET RESULT 2023 (Balanced budget) | 0,00€ | 0,00€ | | | | | | | |

Note: Possible Payment of 36.000€ for EKI invoices under evaluation and decision of EB. These costs are related to budget line C.3.1 Costs of UEF Activities



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