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Domènec Ruiz Devesa appointed President of the UEF

Sandro Gozi MEP stepped down after five successful years
at the head of the organisation

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The Executive Bureau of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) appointed on 3 August, Domènec Ruiz Devesa, Member of the European Parliament, as President *ad interim*, following the departure of Sandro Gozi. Prior to this nomination, Domènec Ruiz Devesa held the position of Vice-President of the UEF.

Under Sandro Gozi's leadership, the UEF participated at the Conference on the Future of Europe, re-launched its collaboration with the Spinelli Group, the European Parliament's intergroup of federalist-minded MEPs, and put forward several political actions culminating in this year's *Treaty Reform Now!* campaign, collecting more than a thousand signatures from EU political leaders, elected officials, and representatives of the European Civil Society.

Domènec Ruiz Devesa saluted his predecessor's achievements: "*Sandro Gozi, a true Federalist, did the utmost to improve the UEF and advance its agenda. I know our personal friendship will endure and it is my commitment to continue to cooperate with the European Parliament and the Spinelli Group.*"

The UEF remains committed to the advancement of a federal, sovereign and democratic Europe, notably through:

- The negotiations on the reform of the EU electoral law and the composition of the European Parliament after 2024, for which Domènec Ruiz Devesa and Sandro Gozi are reporting on the European Parliament's behalf,
- The upcoming AFCO report calling for a Convention for the reform of the treaties,
- The preparation for the upcoming European elections.

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