

PRESS RELEASE

Treaty Reform Now! The Council must respect citizens' will

The Council of the EU cannot continue to ignore the recommendations that the citizens of the CoFoE put forward last year

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On 28 March 2023, the Union of European Federalists (UEF), along with the Citizens' Panel Ambassadors of the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) and the Spinelli Group, the European Parliament's Intergroup of federalists-minded MEPs, is launching a [Petition to the Council of the European Union calling for the reform of European Treaties](#). The revision of the current Treaty is essential to implement the conclusions of the CoFoE.

The UEF is now calling on European citizens to support the unprecedented democratic exercise of the Conference on the Future of Europe by signing the petition. By pressuring the Council to deliver on the recommendations of the Conference, we will ensure a sovereign and democratic Europe where the will of citizens is duly acknowledged and respected.

Sandro Gozi, President of the UEF said: "*The Council does not share the sense of urgency that History is asking of Europe today. We need Treaty revision and the Council is kicking the can down the road. We must put the Council in front of its responsibilities to answer to the citizens' will.*"

Context

The Conference on the Future of Europe, which run from May 2021 to May 2022, drafted a series of recommendations to policymakers. All European institutions promised to ensure a proper follow-up of these proposals. So far, only the European Parliament decisively endorsed the full

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implementation of the CoFoE recommendations in its 9 June 2022 resolution calling for a Convention to draft new European Treaties.

The Council of the European Union failed to act on the recommendations of the CoFoE citizens. In a complete breach of its duties, the Council is refusing to answer to the European Parliament's initiative. The Council cannot arrogate to itself the power to block democratic processes. Democracy must prevail, and the UEFs stand with the citizens of the CoFoE to see their recommendations adopted to the fullest.

The petition will be presented today at the European Parliament in the presence of Citizens' Panel Ambassadors of the CoFoE, MEPs, and representatives of the European civil society.

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