

RESOLUTION OF THE UEF CONGRESS “THE EUROPEANISATION OF POLITICS AND CONSTITUENT PROCESS”

Adopted by the UEF XXVI European Congress of 23-25 November 2018 in Vienna

Having regard to the Meseberg Declaration of 25 June 2018 signed by the governments of France and Germany, which calls for the introduction of a pan-European electoral constituency by 2024;

Recalling the UEF Federal Committee Resolution on the Elections to the European Parliament and the Spitzenkandidat Process;

Recalling the UEF Federal Committee Resolution on a Europe-wide constituency for the 2019 European Parliament Elections of 22 October 2017;

Recalling the State of the Union Addresses delivered by President Juncker in September of 2017 and 2018;

Considering that the Spitzenkandidat principle is the affirmation of parliamentary democracy, by which the candidate for President of the Commission nominated by the political family that succeeds in gathering a majority in the European Parliament is nominated by the European Council to the said position and is subsequently elected to that position by the European Parliament;

Considering that the Europeanisation of politics requires that European political parties commit to nominating Spitzenkandidaten, and that, furthermore, this Spitzenkandidaten process may be improved by having the candidates lead their respective transnational lists;

Considering that upon adoption of a European constitution, or at least as a result of a deep and comprehensive revision of the Treaties, only the Commission shall be endowed with Executive power at EU/eurozone level;

Considering that the European Council should only provide the Union with political impetus and abstain from legislative and executive functions, in full respect of Treaty requirements;

The Union of European Federalists:

- calls for the introduction of a joint pan-European electoral constituency no later than the 2024 elections to the European Parliament;
- encourages pro-European political parties in each member state to campaign under the name of their European political party or alliance for the 2019 European election, which implies at least adding its logo on the voting papers and campaign documents;
- calls for the main national media to cooperate to produce several debates between the candidates to the presidency of the European Commission, and broadcast them in every member state;
- calls for all pro-European candidates to the European Parliament to sign the Federalist Pledge;
- calls, in the meantime, for the full use of the passerelle clauses in the Treaty of Lisbon in order to allow more decisions to be taken by Qualified Majority Voting.