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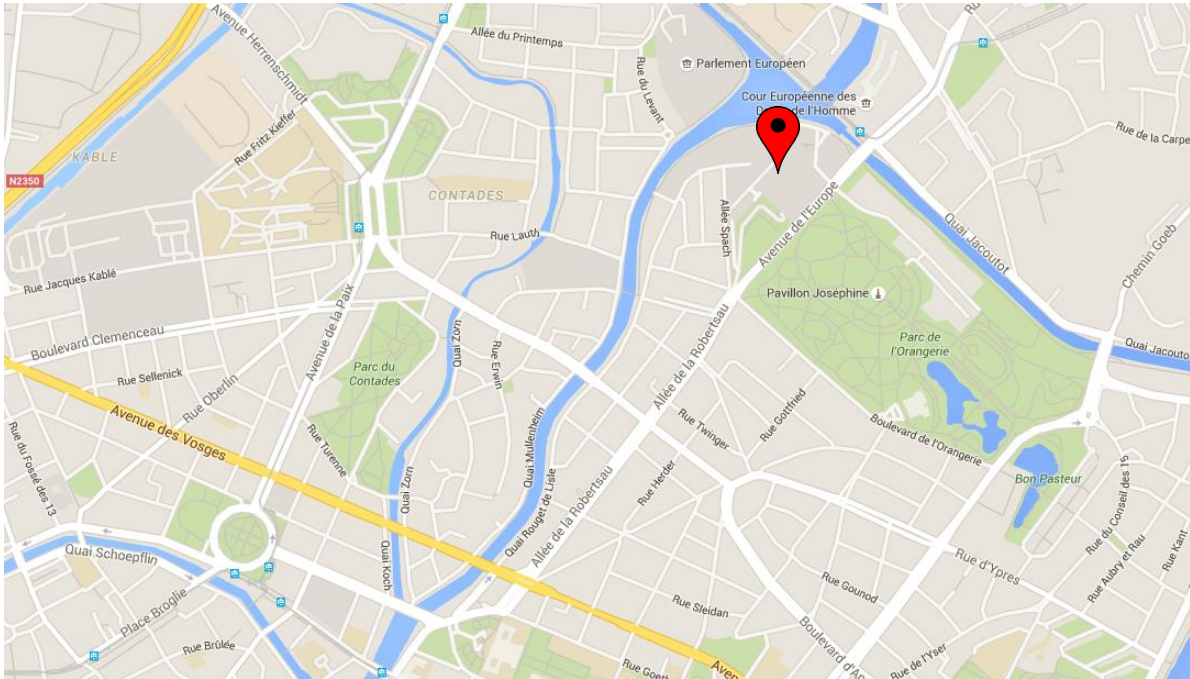
FRIDAY VENUE

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AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous Federal Committee Meeting
2. 2015 Accounts
3. Discharge of the outgoing Executive Bureau
4. Presentation and vote on Candidate Constituent Organisations
5. Adoption of the Congress Agenda
6. Presentation of Amendments to the Statutes to be presented at the Congress

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE

Venice, 28-29 November 2015

Opening of the UEF Federal Committee Meeting

Approval of the agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved by the FC.

Adoption of the UEF Federal Committee meeting's minutes - Brussels, 17-18 April 2015

The minutes of the last Federal Committee meeting were approved by the FC, with the adoption of two amendments.

Appointment of the Resolutions Committee

- Luisa Trumellini as Rapporteur of PC1
- Monica Tiberi as Chair of PC2
- Florent Banfi as Rapporteur of PC2
- Franco Spoltore as Chair of PC3
- Otto Schmuck as Rapporteur of PC3
- Massimo Malcovati for the Praesidium
- Henrik Soderman for the Praesidium
- Mana Livardjani as Director of UEF
- Paolo Vacca as Secretary-General

Public Debate: The Future of the Eurozone and the European Union

A public debate with **Elmar BROK**, MEP, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament and UEF President, **Mercedes BRESSO**, MEP, Coordinator of the S&D Group at the Constitutional Affairs Committee, **Sandro GOZI**, Deputy Secretary of State for European Policies and Affairs, **Enzo MOAVERO MILANESI**, Director of the School of Law of LUISS University and Former Minister of European Affairs and Judge of the Court of First Instance of the ECJ and **Antonio TAJANI**, European Parliament Vice-President was held at the Università Ca' Foscari in Venice. [A full report of the debate is available from the UEF Website.](#)

Emergency Resolution

Following the recent terrorist attacks in Paris, Executive Bureau member Luisa Trumellini presented [an emergency statement](#). The statement was unanimously accepted.

General Political Debate, introduced by UEF President Elmar Brok

Europe faces many crises. Since the last meeting of the Federal Committee in April 2015, the European project has been forced to deal with major challenges: in reaching an agreement with Greece, in the migration crisis, and in responding to the recent terrorist attacks in Paris. In addition, the United Kingdom will hold a referendum on its membership of the Union before the end of 2017.

In responding to the migration crisis, the 29 November 2015 meeting of EU heads of state or government with Turkey is necessary in order to develop effective solutions. However, Member States that have traditionally supported Turkey's accession have reacted differently now that negotiations may lead to visa liberalisation. The EU finds itself in a difficult position: any agreement must not come at the cost of fundamental European principles and yet questions about civil liberties could prevent progress in bringing assistance to those most in need.

The migration and refugee crisis and the Paris attacks have led some to question the Schengen Agreement and the fundamental right of free movement for European citizens. The extreme reactions of national governments, pressured by nationalist and anti-European groups, into closing national borders, building fences and turning away refugees could prove to be catastrophic for the future of the European Union if pro-Europeans fail to make their voices heard.

While European Federalists should actively engage in the British referendum and seek to retain the UK as an important Member State, it is crucial that ideas and values are not sacrificed in order to appease British demands. The process of integration to an "ever closer Union" is unstoppable and EU citizens are not migrants within the Union - their rights outlined in the Free Movement Directive must be upheld.

On the other hand, the UK referendum should be seen as an opportunity to deepen the Eurozone. An agreement must be found that allows the Eurozone to continue its necessary integration towards the creation of a true fiscal union without disadvantaging the United Kingdom. The euro must remain the currency of the Union and European Federalists in national sections in non-euro Member States must join the debate and advocate in favour of joining the single currency. Remaining outside the Eurozone should not be seen as being in the best interests of any EU Member State.

In the current political climate European Federalists should focus on two areas: bringing the debate about the future of Europe back to the citizens and directly working to shape the future of the Union itself. The lies and deceptions of national governments in following narrow national interests and failing to allow Europe to act where it may be most effective must be exposed. Federalists must resist nationalist and anti-European voices and the pressure they exert on European governments. There is a positive alternative: a democratic and federal Union of nation states and Federalists will continue to campaign for a united future for Europe.

Activity Report

The UEF Secretary-General, Paolo Vacca, presented the past and upcoming activities of the UEF Secretariat. In the last few months the UEF Secretariat has been focusing on five areas: policy & advocacy, sections & members, strengthening UEF presence and profile in Brussels, communication activities and the recruitment of new members. [The Secretary-General's presentation can be viewed on the UEF website here.](#)

Finances

2015 Budget Report

The UEF Treasurer, Kolja Bienert, presented the 2015 financial situation.

The situation concerning membership fees and declarations is relatively positive, although some payments and declarations are still pending. It is very important for sections to comply with UEF rules as this affects members' ability to shape the UEF by casting a vote.

The UEF requires more stable sources of financial contributions. Apart from the EC grant, the main sources of funding are the membership fees and sections and members contributions. Cash donations, which at the moment are almost non-existent, should be explored, as should the possibility for stable contributors, such as project partners. Hosting local events, for which the UEF Secretariat can provide support, can also provide a source of revenue.

2016 Budget Report

The proposed budget for 2016 was unanimously approved by the FC.

Reports by the Political Commissions

The Rapporteurs of the four Political Commissions presented their work on the main topics that had been identified in the last FC meeting in April, in Brussels.

They also presented their Resolution proposals, together with the amendments as they were discussed during the individual and joint PC meetings.

Vote on Proposals for Resolutions

Resolution of the UEF Federal Committee on a genuine Monetary Union in a reformed EU

The resolution was adopted with one abstention.

Resolution of the UEF Federal Committee on research and innovation for more sustainable growth, employment and competitiveness in Europe

The resolution was adopted with six abstentions.

Resolution of the UEF Federal Committee on asylum and immigration policy

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolution of the UEF Federal Committee to support the development of a global, comprehensive and well-balanced European response for the current asylum and migration crisis

The resolution was adopted with six abstentions.

Emergency Statement of the UEF Federal Committee following the terrorist attacks in Paris

The statement was adopted with one abstention.

XXV Congress 2016 | Strasbourg, 10 – 12 June 2016

The draft agenda for the next UEF Congress and the latest developments concerning the venue and the parallel activities that will take place during the Congress days was presented.

The draft agenda was unanimously adopted by the Federal Committee.

The allocation of delegates for national sections for the XXV Congress 2016 was presented. Following the recommendation of the Bureau it was proposed that the number of delegates should be limited to 160, with an additional proportion of 10% for JEF Europe, as indicated in the statutes. For the calculation of delegates, the proposal was made to consider each section's declared membership numbers for the two years prior to the Congress, hence the number of members in each section in 2014 and 2015.

The number of delegates was unanimously adopted by the Federal Committee.

The calculation of delegates was unanimously adopted by the Federal Committee.

PRESENTATION AND VOTE ON CANDIDATE CONSTITUENT ORGANISATIONS

LETTER OF APPLICATION FROM ASSOCIAÇÃO FEDERALISTAS EUROPEUS



Lisbon, 1st June 2016

Dear Federalist friends,

Portugal has long seen the European Union as a positive necessity and that remains true. This year we celebrate our 30th year of membership in the European Union and, after half a decade of 'eurocrisis', the need for positive proposals for reform of the European Union is as great as ever. This is the challenge we - Portuguese European Federalists - want to address.

We, **Associação Federalistas Europeus** (Association European Federalists), hereby call to the Federalists of Europe to accept us as a candidate organisation representing the European Federalists of Portugal.

We are an active group, legally founded in 2016 and with already over 25 active members, spanning all regions of Portugal, that have already been active in pro-European circles and now want to bring Federalism to the political discussion. We aim to actively share federalist ideas and bring together the many federalists that exist in what has been one of the most pro-European states of the EU.

Members of our organisation were present at several UEF and JEF events during the last years. Among those are the Debate and Training Weekend in Athens earlier this year, the Federalist Academy 2015 in Bruges, the Debate and Training Weekend 2015 in Madrid and JEF Seminar in Krakow in 2015 and Chisinau in 2014.

The organisation has already participated in several meetings. Of those we can highlight a meeting with representatives of several European-related associations (the Association of Students of European Studies, the Students' Union of the Faculty of Law of NOVA University, the Portuguese Association of European Law, the *Centro Jacques Delors*, the department of international relations of the Faculty of Social and Human Sciences and the Erasmus+ platform, among others) and the Portuguese-German town hall meeting organised in Lisbon by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the think tank *Das Progressive Zentrum* where we shared the stage with the Portuguese and German ministers for European Affairs.

Besides those events we have also maintained direct contact with politicians, current and former members of the national and European parliaments in order to build a partnership to advance Federalist ideas. In October, in cooperation with the UEF European Secretariat and JEF, we will host a joint PC Meeting to discuss European Foreign Policy and invite you to join us in Lisbon for this event.

We hope that being members of the Union of European Federalists will further strengthen our position as the voice of European Federalism in Portugal. During the next year we want to establish ourselves as the main organisation for reform of the European Union in Portugal, and we hope to have your support on that.

Filipe S. Henriques

Joint-founder Associação Federalistas Europeus

CONGRESS AGENDA

FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2016

Venue: Room 1, Council of Europe, Avenue de l'Europe, 6700 Strasbourg

- 12.00 **MEETING OF THE BUREAU**
- Approval of the Agenda
 - 2015 Accounts
 - European Congress Formalities
- 12.30 **MEETING OF THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE**
- Approval of the minutes of the previous Federal Committee Meeting
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 - Discharge of the outgoing Executive Bureau
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- 13.00 **OPENING OF THE CONGRESS**
- Election of the Presidium
 - Approval of the Agenda
 - Election of the Credentials Committee
 - Election Resolution Committee
 - Election of the Committee of Tellers
 - Election of Chairs and Rapporteurs of Political Commissions
- 13.15 **ADDRESSES BY PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**
- **FLORENT BANFI**, President of the Union of European Federalists-France
 - **CHRISTOPHER GLUCK**, President of the Young European Federalists
 - **ISABELLE DURANT**, President of The Spinelli Group
- 14.00 **INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES**
- **ELMAR BROK**, President of the Union of European Federalists, Chairman of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee
 - **PAOLO VACCA**, Secretary-General of the Union of European Federalists
- 14.45 **INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESSES**
- **CATHERINE TRAUTMANN**, Vice President of Strasbourg Eurometropole
 - **RAINER WIELAND**, Vice President of the European Parliament

15.05

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

- ELISABETH GUIGOU, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the French National Assembly
- PERVENCHE BERÈS, MEP, S&D Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee Coordinator
- JOSEPH DAUL, President of the European People's Party
- MONICA FRASSONI, Co-President of the European Green Party

16.00

Coffee Break

16.30

CELEBRATION: "70 YEARS OF THE UNION OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS"

- JO LEINEN, Honorary President of the Union of European Federalists
- WILLIAM PACE, Executive Director of the World Federalist Movement

A PHOTO HISTORY OF 70 YEARS OF UEF CAMPAIGNS

17.00

ROUND-TABLE WITH UEF MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND PARTIES:

"TOWARDS A FEDERAL EUROPE: GOALS AND MEANS TO RENEW OUR ENGAGEMENT"

- MERCEDES BRESSO, MEP (S&D, Italy)
- ELMAR BROK, MEP (EPP, Germany)
- BRANDO BENIFEI, MEP (S&D, Italy)
- ENRIQUE CALVET-CHAMBON, MEP (ALDE, Spain)
- JONAS FERNANDEZ, MEP (S&D, Spain)
- SYLVIA-YVONNE KAUFMANN, MEP (S&D, Germany)
- ANDREY KOVATCHEV, MEP (EPP, Bulgaria)
- JO LEINEN, MEP (S&D, Germany)
- ANDREAS SCHWAB, MEP (EPP, Germany)
- TOMÁŠ ZDECHOVSKÝ, MEP (EPP, Czech Republic)

Moderated by **CHRISTOPHER GLUCK**, President of the Young European Federalists, and **PAOLO VACCA**, Secretary-General of the Union of European Federalists

18.30

END OF SESSION

19.00

TRANSPORT BY COACH TO STRASBOURG TOWN HALL

19.30

RECEPTION AT STRASBOURG TOWN HALL AND LAUNCH OF THE EXHIBITION:

'70 YEARS OF CAMPAIGNING FOR A UNITED AND FEDERAL EUROPE'

SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2016

Venue: Strasbourg Eurometropole Council, 1 Parc de l'étoile 6700, Strasbourg

- 08.30 *Welcoming of participants - registration of delegates*
- 09.00 **OPENING OF THE SESSION**
- 09.15 **FINANCIAL REPORT BY THE TREASURER**
REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE OF AUDITORS
- 09.45 **ACTIVITY REPORT BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**
- 10.30 **POLITICAL COMMISSIONS**
- Political Commission 1:***
- TOWARDS A FEDERAL UNION: EXPLOITING THE TREATIES, PREPARING TREATY CHANGES
- MATHIAS JOPP, Director of the *Institut für Europäische Politik* (IEP)
 - FRANCO SPOLTORE, Secretary-General of the *Movimento Federalista Europeo* (MFE)
 - OPHÉLIE OMNES, Vice President of the Young European Federalists (JEF)
- Political Commission 2:***
- COMPLETING THE EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION WITH A FISCAL AND ECONOMIC UNION
- STÉPHANE COSSÉ, Europanova Board Member
 - MICHEL DÉVOLUY, Professor at Strasbourg University & Co-Chair of the *Observatoire des politiques économiques en Europe* (OPEE)
 - RENÉ REPASI, Scientific Coordinator of the European Research Centre for Economic and Financial Governance (EURO-CEFG)
- Political Commission 3:***
- A NEW EU SECURITY AND DEFENCE GLOBAL STRATEGY
- PHILIPP AGATHONOS, Vice President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)
 - ANTONIO MISSIROLI, Director of the EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)
 - WILLIAM PACE, Executive Director of the World Federalist Movement / Institute for Global Policy
- Political Commission 4:***
- EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS TO BORDER MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL SECURITY
- DAPHNÉ GOGOU, Chair of the UEF FC Political Commission on Social Europe
 - FRIEDHELM FRISCHENSCHLAGER, President of the *Europäische Föderalistische Bewegung Österreich* (EFB)
- 13.00 *Congress Family Picture and Lunch*
- 14.30 **REPORTS OF POLITICAL COMMISSIONS AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

15.30	GENERAL DEBATE
16:00	ACTIVITY REPORTS BY CONSTITUTENT ORGANISATIONS
18.30	ELECTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Election of the Federal Committee▪ Election of the Arbitration Board
19.30	<i>Close of ballots</i>
	MEETING OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE
20.00	<i>“DINER A L'ALSACIENNE” at the riverside restaurant L’Ancienne Douane</i>
22.00	<i>Federalist Drinks</i>

SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2016

Venue: Strasbourg Eurometropole Council

09.00	ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION OF THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE
09.15	ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Presentation of the candidates▪ Vote
10.15	DEBATE & VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS DEBATE & VOTE ON AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES
11.45	CLOSING SPEECH
12.00	END OF THE CONGRESS
12.00	MEETING OF THE NEW FEDERAL COMMITTEE <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Approval of the Agenda▪ Election of the Presidium▪ Election of the Bureau▪ Election of the Secretary-General▪ Election of the Treasurer▪ Election of the Auditors Committee▪ Constitution of Political Commissions and Working Groups▪ Appointment of the Chairs of the Political Commissions and Working Groups▪ AOB
13.00	END OF THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES TO BE PRESENTED AT THE CONGRESS

Submitted by the Bureau

- 1 Proposal to amend the Statutes to create a
- 2 ["Honorary Committee"] ["Patronage Committee"]
- 3 Art. 9 (Organs of the Association)
- 4 Add as last bullet point:
- 5 *"The [Honorary Committee] [Patronage Committee], if established in accordance with Art. 22"*
- 6 Add new Article 22 (and renumber subsequent articles):
- 7 *"The Federal Committee may decide to establish a [Honorary Committee] [Patronage Committee] with the role*
- 8 *to advise, support and promote the Association and its activities.*
- 9 *Its members and its Chairperson shall be appointed by the Federal Committee, upon proposal of the Executive*
- 10 *Bureau. They shall be personalities of European relevance from the political, economic and social world who*
- 11 *have clearly distinguished themselves in the promotion of a federal Europe. In appointing the members of the*
- 12 *[Honorary Committee] [Patronage Committee], the Federal Committee shall ensure political, geographical and*
- 13 *gender balance.*
- 14 *Members of the [Honorary Committee] [Patronage Committee] shall cease to be so by death, resignation or*
- 15 *dismissal by the Federal Committee, upon proposal of the Executive Bureau.*
- 16 *The Chairperson of the [Honorary Committee] [Patronage Committee] shall coordinate any activities with the*
- 17 *President of the Association in advance"*

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