



Union of European Federalists
Union Europäischer Föderalisten
Union des Fédéralistes Européens

XXV EUROPEAN CONGRESS

EUROPEAN FUTURE OR NATIONAL DECLINE?

TIME FOR A FEDERAL UNION

ACTIVITY REPORT

December 2013 – June 2016

STRASBOURG - 10-12 JUNE 2106

6 KEY PRIORITIES

- 1 **CAMPAIGNS & ACTIONS**
- 2 **POLICY & ADVOCACY**
- 3 **ACTIVITIES WITH SECTIONS AND MEMBERS**
- 4 **PRESENCE AND PROFILE IN BRUSSELS**
- 5 **COMMUNICATION**
- 6 **RELATIONSHIP WITH JEF**

CAMPAIGNS AND ACTIONS

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“TOWARDS A FEDERAL EUROPE” UEF CAMPAIGN

- ✓ In the framework of the European elections in 2014, the UEF ran a campaign “**Towards Federal Europe**” inviting citizens to vote for those candidates and political parties that support further European economic and political integration.



It's time to make the European elections count!

2014 will be a crucial year for Europe. The European Union will not survive the current or future crises unless it completes its integration process and regains the trust of its citizens. In May with the European elections, the European people can choose which direction Europe should take. The Union of European Federalists and invite citizens to vote only for those candidates and political parties that support further European economic and political integration. We urge the European parties and candidates in the European elections to help citizens making the right choice by showing support to the following principles, towards a federal Europe:



A responsive and interactive **website** www.towardsfederalesurope.eu showcasing candidates who signed the federalist pledge

CAMPAIGNS & ACTIONS

“TOWARDS A FEDERAL EUROPE” UEF CAMPAIGN

	Nominate EC President Candidate	Strengthen Euro with Economic and Fiscal Union	EU Actions to Restore European Economy	Call for a Convention and Treaties Change	Reform EU Institutions towards Federal Europe	Strengthen Europe's Role in the World
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The **Federalist Scorecard** was an online tool developed to provide a comprehensive analysis of the European political parties' manifestos for the EP2014 elections, in comparison to the UEF and JEF positions. The grid of green, yellow and red 'E'- a tribute to the federalist flag - indicated the degree of support to federalist principles of each manifesto.

Candidates for the President of the European Commission														

UEF-JEF Federalist Highlights reflected the first debate among the leading candidates put forward by European political parties for the post of the President of the European Commission (April 28, 2014). The Federalist Highlights showed how they performed from a federalist perspective.

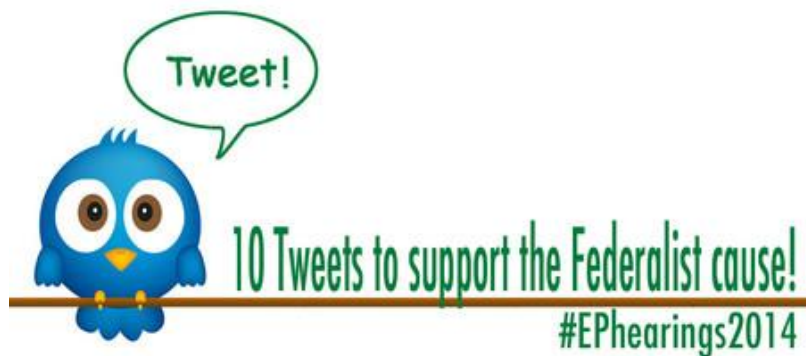
Nationalists and Eurosceptics may tell you... "European elections don't matter anyway!" BUT THE TRUTH IS...	Nationalists and Eurosceptics may tell you... "The EU is an economic project that doesn't care about social issues or solidarity!" BUT THE TRUTH IS...	Nationalists and Eurosceptics may tell you... "The EU is a bureaucratic monster with too many civil servants that earn too much money!" BUT THE TRUTH IS...	Nationalists and Eurosceptics may tell you... "The euro is doomed to fail! Exit asap!" BUT THE TRUTH IS...
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Federalist Argument Sheets developed to rebut Eurosceptic and nationalist claims.

CAMPAIGNS & ACTIONS

- FOLLOWING UP ON THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

- ✓ Establishing relationships with newly elected MEPs through bottom-up approach



10 LOCAL MEETINGS ORGANISED



Voicing federalist demands at European **Commission Hearings**

CAMPAIGNS & ACTIONS

- PRESENTING UEF TO NATIONAL DELEGATIONS OF MEPs



- ✓ Finnish MEPs, 4 November 2014
- ✓ Lithuanian MEPs, 27 January 2015
- ✓ Italian S&D MEPs, 22 October 2015
- ✓ Greek MEPs, 1 March 2016



CAMPAIGNS & ACTIONS

REACHING OUT TO THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AT THEIR CONGRESSES



✓ EPP Congress, Madrid, October 2015

✓ Greens Congress, Lyon, November 2015



CAMPAIGNS & ACTIONS

JOINT UEF-JEF NO GREXIT ACTION, 11 JULY 2015

- ✓ Social media and Brussels action #NoGrexit #YesFederation



No to Grexit, Yes to a real economic and political union

POLICY & ADVOCACY

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INFLUENCING THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

✓ Following and providing input for key AFCO AND ECON reports

1

Exploitation of Lisbon Treaty
(**BROK/BRESSO**)

2

Future of EU institutions
(**VERHOFSTADT**)

3

Eurozone Budget
(**BERÈS**)



POLICY & ADVOCACY

SUPPORTING THE SPINELLI GROUP IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1

6 MEP LUNCH DEBATES in Strasbourg during Plenaries

2

2 BRUSSELS DEBATES in the European Parliament

3

1 ONE-DAY FORUM

4

5-6 NATIONAL EVENTS

5

EVENTS IN COOPERATION WITH BOZAR



Elmar Brok



Jo Leinen

POLICY & ADVOCACY

NATIONAL EVENTS OF THE SPINELLI GROUP IN COOPERATION WITH THE UEF



7 July 2016

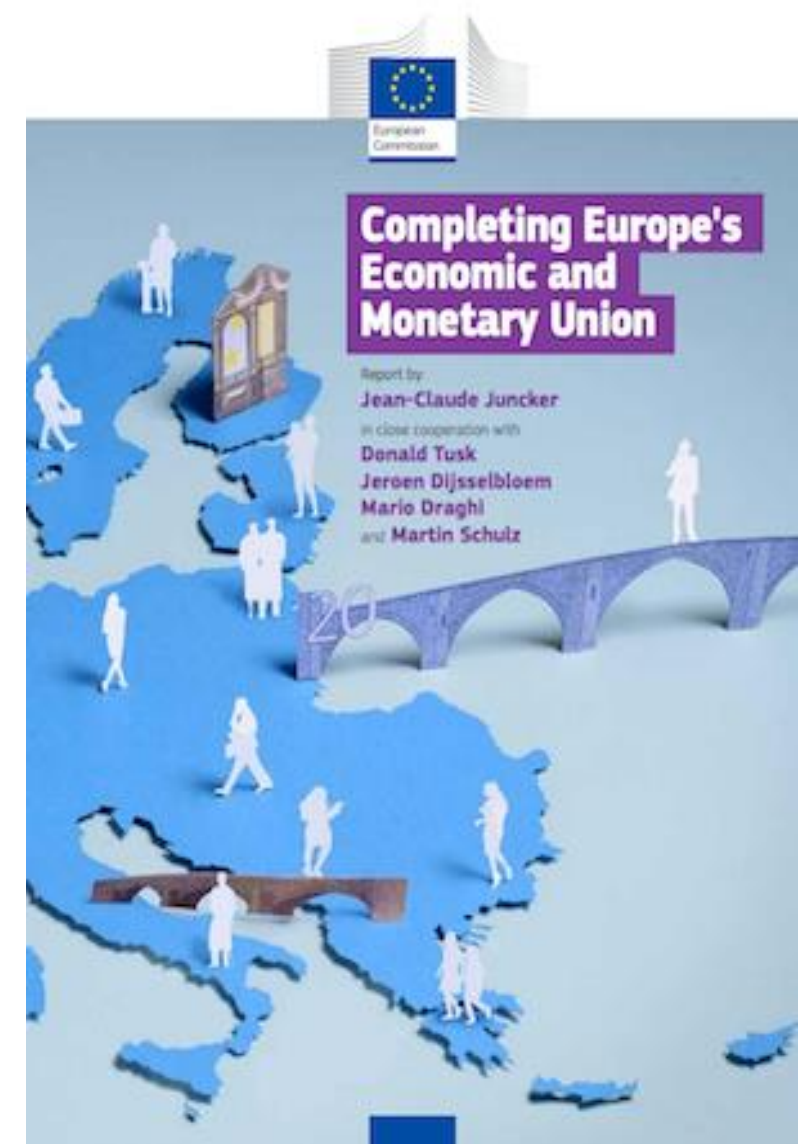
European Parliament Information Office in Berlin (tbc)

National events in **Paris**, **Vienna** and **Warsaw** are envisaged in the second half of 2016

POLICY & ADVOCACY

5 PRESIDENTS REPORT ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

- 1 Circulated Briefing Note to Sherpas of national governments
- 2 Action Questionnaire for MEPs (Federalist Question Time)
- 3 Social Media promotion



POLICY & ADVOCACY

UEF-JEF JOINT PC MEETINGS TO DEVELOP UEF POLICIES

- ✓ Preparing UEF policy positions in cooperation with JEF

UEF-JEF PC MEETING ON
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Vienna | 18-19 October 2014



UEF-JEF PC MEETING ON
EUROZONE GOVERNANCE
Berlin | 6-8 February 2015



UEF-JEF PC MEETING ON
MIGRATION AND MOBILITY
Maastricht | 10-11 October 2015



POLICY & ADVOCACY

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AS A CORNERSTONE OF OUR POLICY AND ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Broadly circulating high quality policy material (+ sections' publications)
- ✓ Synergizing with advocacy work and profiling in EU circles



MEMBERS

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FEDERAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

BRUSSELS
13-14 June 2014



BRUSSELS
12-13 December 2014



BRUSSELS
17-18 April 2015



VENICE
28-29 November 2015



MEMBERS

ANNUAL UEF KICK-OFF MEETINGS

- ✓ Developing UEF political priorities for coming year
- ✓ Sharing best practices

UEF KICK-OFF MEETING 2014 Brussels | 13 September



UEF BUREAU MEETINGS

2014

Brussels	21 January
Paderborn	10 May
Brussels	08 May

2015

Brussels	25 February
Strasbourg	06 July
Brussels	15 October

MEMBERS

FEDERALIST DEBATE AND TRAINING SEMINARS

- ✓ Strengthening UEF Sections
- ✓ Sharing mix of politics, theory and best practice
- ✓ Strengthening relations with JEF

“Towards Federal Europe: Challenges and Opportunities in the EP Elections”
Paris | 15-16 February 2014



“The future of Europe between federalism and the nation state”
Madrid | 13-15 March 2015



“European Solidarity: Failures, challenges and federalist perspectives”
Athens | 18-20 March 2016



MEMBERS

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED WITH NATIONAL SECTIONS



**A Federalist Agenda for Europe, the Baltic Perspective
19 September 2015 | Vilnius**



**EU Accession Negotiations – Perspective for Serbia, A View from Europe
29 May 2015 | Belgrade**



**A Political Union for the Eurozone?
16 October 2015 | Paris**



**For A United and Federal Europe
22 October 2015 | Madrid**

MEMBERS

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED WITH NATIONAL SECTIONS



The future of the Eurozone and the EU
28 November 2015 | Venice



How to relaunch the European political project?
2 March 2016 | Rome



A federalist answer to the refuges crisis
12 March 2016 | Barcelona



Future of Schengen
12 April 2016 | Luxembourg

MEMBERS

ANNUAL FEDERALIST ACADEMY

- ✓ Developing practical skills in political activism
- ✓ June 2015, College of Europe, Bruges
- ✓ July 2016, Brussels



VENTOTENE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

- ✓ Structural cooperation with Spinelli Institute for young UEF participants and UEF speakers



MEMBERS

ENABLED INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP #joinUEF



10 REASONS
TO JOIN

REASON 1: 21st Century Challenges



DO YOU BELIEVE
DIVIDED NATION
STATES AND
A WEAK EU
CAN'T MEET
21ST CENTURY
CHALLENGES?

The 21st century is a time of global challenges and rising continental powers. Interconnection and interdependence among countries and economies are changing the world dramatically. They bring both opportunities and great challenges. Regional threats to peace and political stability are growing, including at the Eastern and Southern borders of Europe. Political and religious extremism is on the rise. Slow growth and financial instability are hindering economic development. Many sources of global energy are unstable and the transition to new economic sources requires large scale investments and social transformations. Overpopulation, underdevelopment and political instability in many regions are causing migration flows of historical proportions. The other regions of the world face these challenges with states of continental dimension: the United States, China, Russia, India, Brazil, Canada. Europe is still clinging to its past. Of the 28 member states in the European Union, 18 are smaller than the city of Beijing. Most still live under the illusion of being world powers, each with its own army and diplomatic service. The European Union has been growing in size and competences, but member states still deny it the powers and resources to make an impact on the issues that matter the most. Most of all, the European Union lacks a single Government. If Europe wants to maintain its influence in the world, defend its interests and promote its values, European states should pool their fading sovereignty and transform the European Union into a true federation, with a single foreign and security policy, a European economic policy, a sizeable budget and a real Government.

Join the cause for a united and federal Europe. Become a member of the Union of European Federalists!

REASON 2: European Democracy

REASON 3: Nationalist and Anti-European Rhetoric

REASON 4: EU Divisions

REASON 5: Stronger EU Institutions

REASON 6: Real European Citizenship

REASON 7: A Single European Army

REASON 8: A Stronger Eurozone

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: ONLINE CAMPAIGN POSTERS



DO YOU BELIEVE
THAT DIVIDED
NATION STATES AND
A WEAK EU CAN'T
MEET 21ST CENTURY
CHALLENGES?

#joinUEF
www.federalists.eu/join-us



DO YOU BELIEVE
DEMOCRACY
SHOULDN'T STOP
AT NATIONAL
BORDERS?

#joinUEF
www.federalists.eu/join-us



DO YOU WANT
A FISCAL AND
ECONOMIC UNION
TO SECURE THE FUTURE
OF THE EURO?

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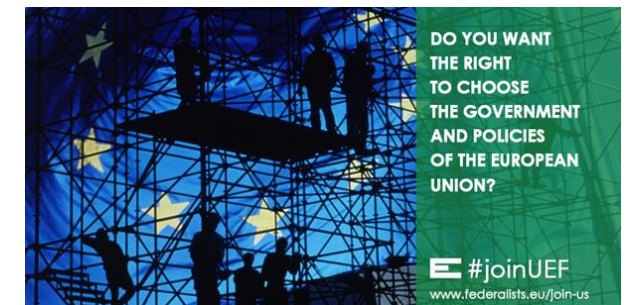
DO YOU WANT TO BE
PART OF A MOVEMENT
ALWAYS AT THE
FOREFRONT OF
EUROPEAN
INTEGRATION?

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DO YOU BELIEVE
A SINGLE
EUROPEAN ARMY
SHOULD REPLACE
28 NATIONAL
ARMIES?

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DO YOU WANT
THE RIGHT
TO CHOOSE
THE GOVERNMENT
AND POLICIES
OF THE EUROPEAN
UNION?

#joinUEF
www.federalists.eu/join-us

ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

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WORKSHOPS



Akram Elias on
EU – US Federalism
22 April 2014



Verhofstadt's EP report
"EU Institutional future"
13 September 2015



IMF Expert, Fiscal Policy
"Fiscal Union for the Eurozone,
lessons from Federations"
1 October 2015



EC DG HOME
"Saving Schengen, Building
a European Border Management"
23 February 2016

ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS



EU: Democracy Deficit or Government Gap?
14 March 2015



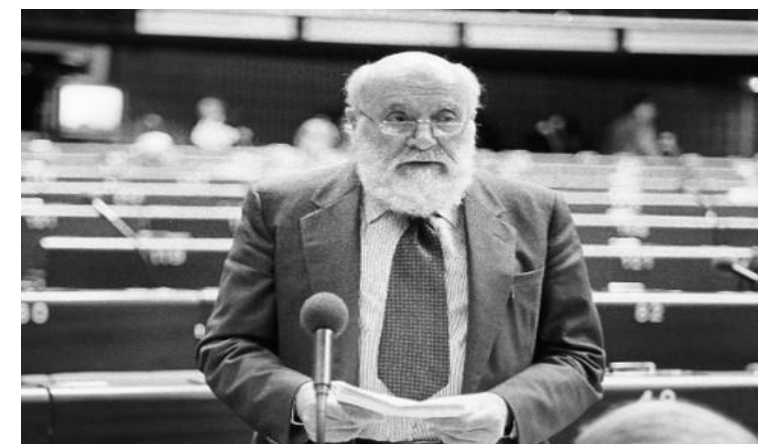
EU and UK Election
11 May 2015



EU Army: Fantasy or Political Project?
2 June 2015



Protocol of Frankfurt: a new Treaty for the Eurozone?
23 March 2016



**Altiero Spinelli: a life for
the United States of Europe**
26 May 2016

ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

ANNUAL SUMMER RECEPTIONS



Danuta Huebner MEP
Chair of European Parliament Committee for
Constitutional Affairs | 2 September 2014



Valdis Dombrovskis
Vice President of the European Commission
1 September 2015

NETWORKING

ANNUAL EU OPEN DOORS EVENTS



NETWORKING

BELGIUM FEDERALIST GALAXY & CAFÉ DEBATES

- ✓ Bringing together Brussels based organisations
- ✓ Developing common activities and projects to multiply our effect



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NETWORKING MEETINGS IN BRUSSELS

10 Mar 2015

09 Feb 2016

23 Sep 2015

26 May 2016

12 Dec 2015

28 Jun 2016



STAND UP FOR
THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE



NETWORKING

REACHING OUT TO NEW CIRCLES

✓ Think-tanks & foundations

- 1 UEF publication series to raise profile
- 2 Introduction to Brussels think-tanks and foundations
- 3 Structured participation to relevant events
- 4 Invitations to key UEF events



NETWORKING

REACHING OUT TO NEW CIRCLES

- ✓ Reaching out to Regional Representations in Brussels



Meeting with the Director of the Permanent Representation of Catalonia to the EU
28 January 2016



Meeting with the Board of Directors of the European Committee of Hesse
15 October 2015



Meeting with the Scottish Government's EU office
04 November 2016

COMMUNICATION

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REFRESHED WEBSITE

✓ 26,001 visits in 2014 & 34,117 visits in 2015

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Union of European Federalists. At the top left is the logo and name in three languages: English, German, and French. To the right are social media icons for Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, LinkedIn, and Google+, along with a language dropdown set to 'English'. A green navigation bar contains links for HOME, UEF, POLICIES, ACTIVITIES, PUBLICATIONS, MEMBERS, NEWS, JOIN US, and a search icon. The main banner features a blue and white Greek flag against a clear sky. Below the flag, the headline reads 'PREVENT GREXIT, FAST TRACK THE STRENGTHENING OF THE EUROZONE TOWARDS AN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL UNION'. A sub-headline states: 'The results of the referendum in Greece last Sunday and the expiry of the financial assistance package to the country are raising serious doubts on whether Greece will be able to remain part of the Eurozone.' A 'Read more' link is positioned at the bottom right of the banner. Below the banner is a section titled 'PROMOTING A UNITED, DEMOCRATIC AND FEDERAL EUROPE' with four content cards: 1. 'AN EU ARMY: FANTASY OR POLITICAL PROJECT?' (12/05/15) with an image of a soldier holding a flag. 2. 'THE EU AND THE UK ELECTION: DISSSECTION, REFLECTION, DIRECTION' (12/05/15) with an image of a padlock on a door with EU stars. 3. 'EU OPEN DOORS IN BRUSSELS' (09/05/15) with a group photo of people. 4. 'HISTORICAL TIMELINE' with a wavy line icon. Below these is a 'MANIFESTO' link with a magnifying glass icon. At the bottom is a green footer with four icons and text: 'Join UEF', 'Get involved', 'Follow Us', and 'What is Federalism?'.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

UEF QUARTERLY UPDATE

July 2015



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UEF QUARTERLY UPDATE

October 2015



Dear friends,

The European Union is moving from one crisis to another without clear leadership and a plan for its future. After the situation in Greece demonstrated the weaknesses of a monetary union without a fiscal and economic union, the refugee crisis is now reminding all Europeans of the price of a divided European Union. The events of the past few months have been a tragedy in the making for years, and underline what the EU is missing: a single foreign and security policy to help stabilise the countries at its borders, a single management system for the common border, a single system for asylum and immigration, a long term plan to manage a structural phenomenon of great proportions, and a proper Government to manage such challenges with a European perspective.

The discussion on the future of the Euro has been side-lined by the

COMMUNICATION

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

✓ Twitter account – @federalists



European Federalists
@federalists · FOLLOWS YOU

A supranational political movement committed to uniting Europe along federal lines since 1946 | #ToFedEU, tweets by @LauraBringina

Brussels
federalists.eu
Joined February 2009

Tweet to Message

TWITTER FOLLOWERS TODAY (June 2016):



European Federalists
@federalists

TWEETS: 6,096
FOLLOWING: 1,592
FOLLOWERS: 9,431

TWITTER FOLLOWERS EVOLUTION 2010 - 2015

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
951	1,962	2,052	3,962	5,938	8,722	9,431

European Federalists @federalists · 30 Jan 2014
@Federalists condemn the use of force by the Ukrainian authorities against the protesters of the @euromaidan ow.ly/t5iW3 #Україна

17,367 impressions

European Federalists @federalists · Jul 14
Well done Germany! Well done Europe! #WorldCup #GERARG pic.twitter.com/oPhRz80wjY



10,739 impressions

European Federalists @federalists · May 15
#TellEurope @GuyVerhofstadt is among the 172 #EP2014 candidates who support a federal Europe towardsfederaleurope.eu/who-to-vote-fo... pic.twitter.com/Ck9e2mzGt



9,077 impressions

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SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

- ✓ Facebook account – European Federalists



Total Page Likes as of Today: 11,245



FACEBOOK LIKES EVOLUTION 2014

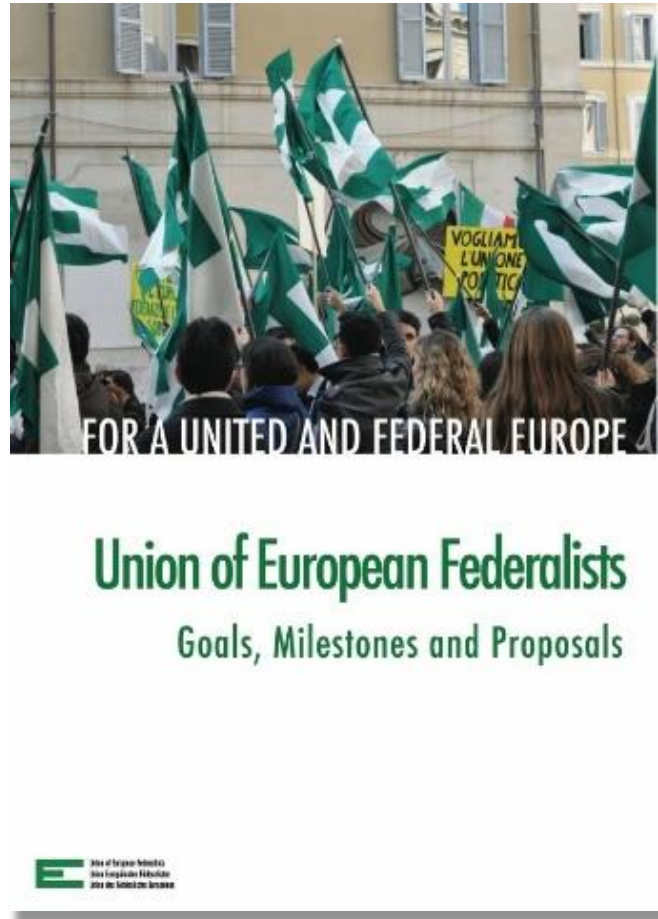


FACEBOOK LIKES EVOLUTION 2015



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NEW BROCHURE

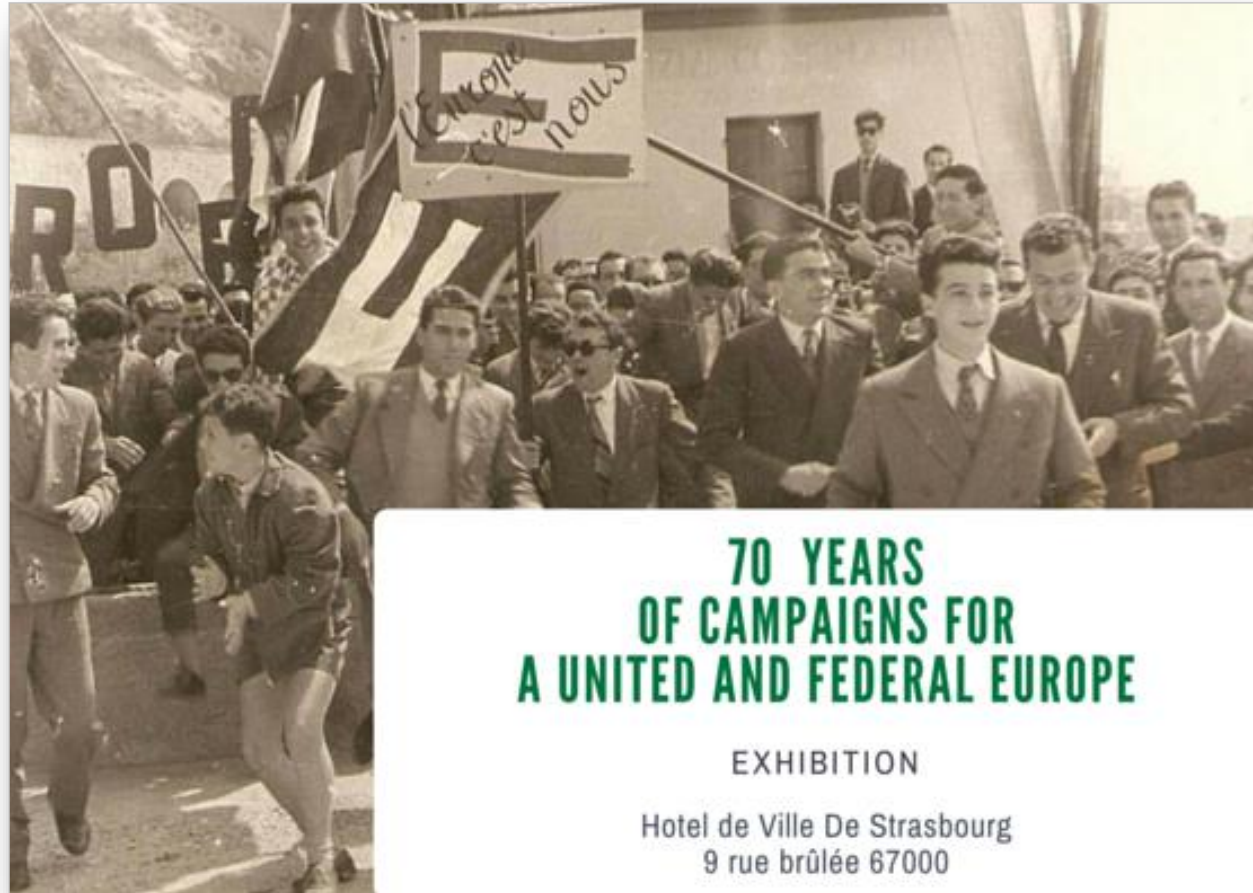


BOOKLET ON UEF HISTORY



COMMUNICATION

EXHIBITION OF UEF HISTORY: '70 YEARS OF CAMPAIGNS FOR A UNITED AND FEDERAL EUROPE'



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH JEF

YOUNG EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS

JEF: KEY PARTNERS AT ALL LEVELS

- ✓ Multiple initiatives to strengthen cooperation
- ✓ Joint PC Meetings, annual training seminars, Brussels events



JEF Congress
23-25 October 2015 | Zürich



JEF Federal Committee
31 October 2014 | Bologna



Joint UEF/JEF PC meeting
06-08 February 2015 | Berlin



Seminar & Training Weekend
15 March 2015 | Madrid



Joint UEF/JEF PC meeting
10-11 October 2015 | Maastricht



Seminar & Training Weekend
15 March 2015 | Athens

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Events & Network
2013-2014

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