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TOWARD THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS ADDRESSING CANDIDATES AND PARTIES WHAT TO ASK, HOW AND WHERE

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WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

1. What to ask?

2. How to address candidates and political parties?

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1. WHAT TO ASK?

Ask MEPs candidates and political parties to endorse **federalist positions**

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Endorse the joint UEF-JEF federalist pledge

- ✓ **Promote European interests**, against populist appeals & national egoism
- ✓ **Select the next President of the European Commission** among the candidates nominated by the European political parties
- ✓ **Complete the European Monetary Union** with a full economic and fiscal union for the Eurozone, including a Eurozone budget, European solidarity mechanisms and own resources for a European plan for economic recovery
- ✓ **Call for a Constitutional Convention** to reform the Treaties to provide a federal system of governance
- ✓ **Support the European Commission** to become a genuine European Government and the **European Parliament** to be given the same powers as the representatives of the member states in the decision-making process on all matters
- ✓ **Foster a truly European Foreign, Security and Defence Policy**

1. WHAT TO ASK?

Support federalist MEPs & prepare the ground for the post-election campaign

- ✓ Systematically ask MEP candidates in all countries to **express their support for a federal Europe**
- ✓ **Make public all pledge supporters and signatories** via the dedicated campaign website
- ✓ Obtain commitment to **work in the new EP as an agent for Treaty changes**
- ✓ **Call for a Constitutional Convention** to reform the Treaties to provide a federal system of governance
- ✓ **“Use” the identified federalist MEPs in our future campaigns & actions**

2. HOW TO ADDRESS CANDIDATES & PARTIES?

European & national political parties

- ✓ Ask national parties to **answer federalist questions** based on the pledge, UEF manifesto and JEF political platform
- ✓ **Develop and publicise critical federalist review** of parties' programmes
- ➡ Press release, articles for thenewfederalist.eu ...

WHERE TO ADDRESS CANDIDATES AND PARTIES?

Political Parties

- ➔ Meetings with key staff
- ➔ Participation at their congresses



- 1 February (Brussels): ALDE
- 21-23 February (Brussels): Greens
- 28 Feb- 1 March (Roma): PES
- 6-7 March (Dublin): EPP

WHERE TO ADDRESS CANDIDATES AND PARTIES?

ALDE party electoral meeting, 1 February - Brussels

- Joint UEF-JEF delegation of 12 people at the ALDE Electoral Meeting.
- **80+ Manifestos** communicated
- **2 MEPs and 1 Belgian MP** signed the **pledge** to support federalist cause.
- **Joint letter to Commission Presidential Candidate** signed by UEF VP Philipp Agathonos and UEF President Pauline Gessant.



WHERE TO ADDRESS CANDIDATES AND PARTIES?

Joint UEF-JEF presence at European party congresses

- ➔ European **Green Party** electoral convention, **Brussels 22 Feb.**
UEF – JEF stand.
- ➔ **PES Election Congress, Rome 1 March.** Proposal for Federalists contribution and request for stand sent. Awaiting reply.
- ➔ **EPP Congress, Dublin 6-7 March.** Proposal for Federalists contribution sent on behalf of UEF President. Awaiting reply.



WHERE TO ADDRESS CANDIDATES AND PARTIES?

At national, regional, local levels

- ➔ Map electoral debates and events
- ➔ Attend / Organise electoral debates and ask “federalist” questions
- ➔ Use these events as an opportunity to get support to our pledge

ANY QUESTIONS?