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# **ACTIVITY REPORT**

## **November 2016 – June 2017**

UEF Federal Committee | Madrid, June 2017



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**MARCH FOR EUROPE**



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**ROME, 25 MARCH 2017**

On the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, to call the Heads of State and Government meeting in Rome to approve a roadmap to relaunch and complete Europe's economic and political unity.



# MARCH FOR EUROPE

## A EUROPEAN EVENT : GROUPS FROM 25 CITIES OUTSIDE ITALY



# MARCH FOR EUROPE

## SHOWING SUPPORT FOR A MORE DEMOCRATIC AND UNITED EUROPE

- Over **10.000 people** on the streets of Rome
- Over **90 Italian cities** represented by local groups
- Groups from **25 European cities** outside Italy
- A large **representation of the European Parliament with 50-60 politicians**, and with main political parties taking part
- High number of **European and Italian personalities**
- Dozens of **Italian cities and regions** represented with official delegations
- 9 Satellite marches** organised in solidarity with the March in Rome. Major events in Berlin and Brussels, with key role of the federalists.



# MARCH FOR EUROPE

## BROAD AND HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT

March for Europe 2017 shared Gianni Pittella's video.  
Published by Paolo Vacca [?] · 27 March · €



At the plenary this morning Guy Verhofstadt said he will be in Rome to #MarchForEurope2017 with the pro-Europeans and federalists calling not for the Europe we want, but for the Europe we need. The gathering in Rome should mark a rebirth of the European Union.  
Though, we will be meeting at Piazza della Bocca della Verità and NOT Piazza di Spagna! ;)



389,634 Views

Delegation of the European Green Party at the March for Europe in Rome, with Monica Frassoni, Ska Keller, Isabelle Durant and Pascal Durand at the forefront



*Il Presidente della Repubblica*

TELEGRAMMA

DOTTOR PAOLO VACCA  
SEGRETARIO GENERALE  
UNIONE FEDERALISTI EUROPEI UFEI  
SQUARE DE MELES, 25  
1000 BRUSSELS (BE)

IN OCCASIONE DEL SESSANTESIMO ANNIVERSARIO DELLA FIRMA DEI TRATTATI DI ROMA, DESIDERO ESPRIMERE A LEI, AGLI ORGANIZZATORI E AI PARTECIPANTI ALLA "MARCIA PER L'EUROPA" APPREZZAMENTO PER L'INIZIATIVA.

IL PERCORSO DI COSTRUZIONE DELL'EUROPA UNITA, CANTIERE PERMANENTE, CI CHIEDE, DI FRONTE ALLE FORMIDABILI SFIDE DEL NOSTRO TEMPO, DI RIAFFERMARE CON CONVINZIONE, NEI FATTI, LA PERSISTENTE ATTUALITÀ DEL PROGETTO EUROPEO, RAFFORZANDO LA COESIONE INTERNA DELL'UNIONE SULLA BASE DI QUELL'INSIEME DI VALORI E PRINCIPI CHE COSTITUISCONO IL NOSTRO PIÙ PREZIOSO PATRIMONIO COMUNE: DEMOCRAZIA, LIBERTÀ, SOLIDARIETÀ E INTEGRAZIONE.

PRESERVARLO E TRASMETTERLO ALLE FUTURE GENERAZIONI INTANTO ED ACCRESCIUTO È DOVERE COMUNE DI TUTTI GLI EUROPEI.

PER TALE RAGIONE ABBIAMO BISOGNO DI MAGGIORE INTEGRAZIONE E DI UN'ACCRESCIUTA CAPACITÀ DI ESPRIMERCI, ANCHE AL LIVELLO INTERNAZIONALE, ATTRAVERSO UNA SOLA VOCE.

NEL FORMULARE I MIGLIORI AUGURI PER IL PIENO SUCCESSO DELLA "MARCIA PER L'EUROPA", COLGO L'OCCASIONE PER INVIARE A TUTTI VOI I MIEI PIÙ CORDIALI SALUTI.

SERGIO MATTARELLA

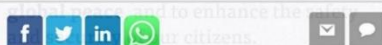
The Italian Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and one of the initiators of the new political movement Forza Europa, Benedetto Della Vedova, speaks at the rally before the start of the March for Europe in Rome



The Italian Minister of Justice Andrea Orlando at the March for Europe in Rome



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It is high time for Europe to return to the path of social justice and shared prosperity. We, Europe's socialists and democrats, are committed to making this change a reality for all Europeans.

We really need to be closer to the citizen of Europe. I personally will be joining the March for Europe on 25 March in Rome.

**Authors:**

Sergel Stanishev, President of the Party of European Socialists

# MARCH FOR EUROPE

## VERY GOOD MEDIA COVERAGE BEFORE AND AFTER THE EVENT

- ✓ 49 appearances in print, online and broadcast media
- ✓ 38 print media, 8 TV and 3 radio broadcasts
- ✓ 42 national, 4 European and 3 local coverages
- ✓ 40% on the homepage/first page or during main broadcasting hours
- ✓ Covered in more than 5 languages and 9 countries

The screenshot shows the EURACTIV website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Agrifood', 'Digital', 'Economy & Jobs', 'Energy & Environment', 'Global Europe', 'Health', and 'Politics'. The main article is titled 'EU citizens send strong anti-nationalist message from Rome' by Sarantis Michalopoulos, dated Mar 25, 2017. The article features a large photograph of a massive crowd of people in Rome, many holding European Union flags. To the right of the article, there is a 'Popular Topics' section with several headlines related to Brexit, EU-US trade, and other international news.

This screenshot shows a German news article from tagesshemen. The headline reads 'Die Römischen Verträge und eine gemeinsame Erklärung' (The Roman Treaties and a Joint Declaration). The article is dated 23:30 Uhr, 25.03.2017, and is attributed to Ellen Trapp, ARD Rom. The image shows a group of people, including several men in suits, holding a large banner. The banner is partially visible and appears to have the text 'H FOR EUROPE' on it.

### Européens : entre doute et espoir

À l'occasion du 60<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de l'Europe à Rome, en Italie, ce samedi 25 mars, des manifestations ont eu lieu. Les opposants à la construction européenne ainsi que ses partisans se sont fait entendre.



France 2  
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Mardi 28/03/2017 12:33  
publié le 25/03/2017 12:04

Ce samedi 25 mars, à Rome en Italie, des milliers de manifestants sont venus dire leur attachement à cette union si particulière entre États nés ici même il y a 60 ans et dont aujourd'hui l'existence est menacée. "Celle Europe pourrait mourir: si on ne fait pas attention. Et c'est pour ça qu'on est

#### LES AUTRES JT DE FRANCE 2

8 HEURES  
13 HEURES

#### LES TITRES



DIRECT. L'ancien patron du FBI fait état de demandes "très dérangeantes" de la part de Trump sur l'enquête sur la Russie



Cinq questions sur la réforme du Code du travail voulue par Macron

The screenshot shows the euronews website. The main headline is 'James Comey : les demandes de Donald Trump sur l'enquête russe étaient "très dérangeantes"'. Below the headline is a large photograph of the 'March for Europe' event in Rome, with a massive crowd and a large EU flag being held. The website navigation bar includes links for 'Europe', 'Monde', 'Business', 'Sport', 'Culture', 'Sci-tech', 'Vidéo', 'Programmes', and 'Channels'.

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# MARCH FOR EUROPE

+70 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AS PARTNERS





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## BRIGHT AND RECOGNISABLE BRAND



**WE WILL MARCH for EUROPE**

...of unity against divisions and new walls, against nationalism and populism  
...of peace, freedom, security and prosperity  
...of solidarity and shared responsibility  
...that protects European interests and values in the world  
...of democracy that empowers European citizens  
...of hope, against a Europe of fear  
...and for a plan to relaunch and complete European political unity

25 MARCH, ROME | [WWW.MARCHFOREUROPE2017.EU](http://WWW.MARCHFOREUROPE2017.EU)

#MARCHFOREUROPE2017

**DON'T KEEP CALM  
BECAUSE  
WE WILL MARCH for EUROPE**



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**YOUR HASHTAG  
FOR THE DAY!**

**#MARCHFOREUROPE2017**

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# MARCH FOR EUROPE

MULTILINGUAL WEBSITE (ENG, FR & IT)



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[PROGRAMME](#)

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# MARCH FOR EUROPE

## STRONG FEDERALIST MESSAGES

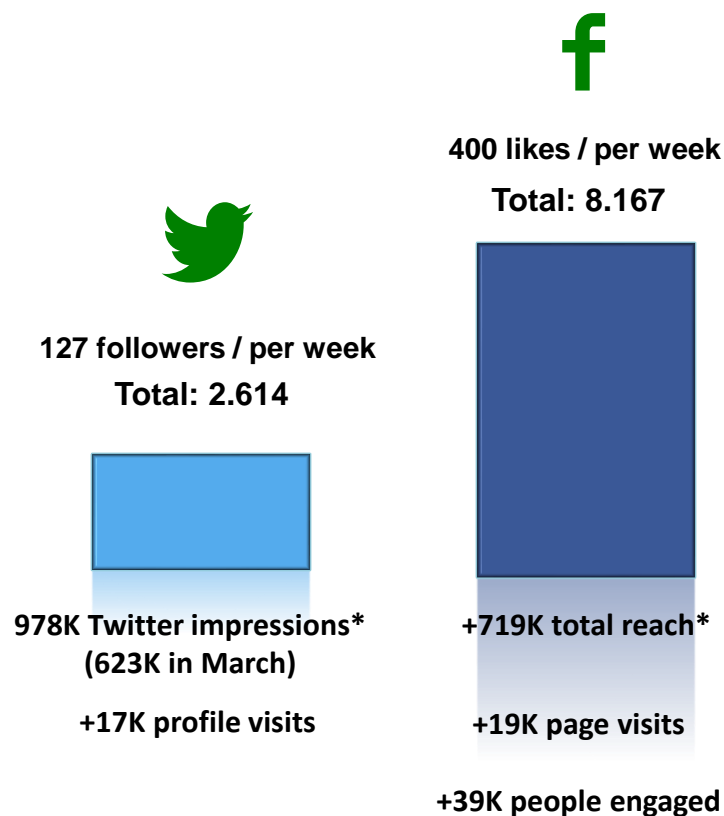




# MARCH FOR EUROPE

## EXCELLENT SOCIAL MEDIA NUMBERS

Since the launch on 24 January 2017:



**#MarchForEurope2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> most used after the official #EU60 hashtag**



\* Number of times users have seen the posts on Facebook / Twitter



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# POLICY AND ADVOCACY

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## SUPPORTING THE SPINELLI GROUP IN THE EP



Strasbourg MEP lunch debates continue:

*Towards European Defence, the role of the European Parliament (14 Dec 2016)*

*Towards Rome 25 March: Expectations and actions (15 Feb 2017)*

*After the French Elections How to engage European citizens in the debate on the future of Europe? (17 May 2017)*



National debates on the future of Europe with a federalist angle



Elmar Brok



Jo Leinen



# POLICY & ADVOCACY

## EP REPORTS ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

On 16 February 2017, Adoption of the **Brok-Bresso Report** on *Improving the functioning of the European Union building on the potential of the Lisbon Treaty*

On 16 February 2017, Adoption of the **Verhofstadt Report** on *Possible evolutions of and adjustments to the current institutional set-up of the European Union*

On 16 February 2017, Adoption **Berès-Böge Report** on *Budgetary capacity for the Eurozone*

**Reports are the result of the work of key federalist MEPS**

**Federalists contributed with ideas and support at all stages**



# POLICY & ADVOCACY

## EP REPORTS AND PUBLIC DEBATE ON EUROPEAN DEFENCE

### ✓ Supporting EP reports on European Defence

● Circulated UEF positions in the form of a Policy Digest (English and French) and an infographics

● Input to the draft report + proposal amendments:

European Defence Union (Urmas Paet)

Constitutional, legal and institutional implications of CSDP: possibility offered by the Lisbon treaty (Michael Gahler and Esteban González Pons)



# POLICY & ADVOCACY

## SPINELLI DEBATE IN MADRID | 7 July 2016

- ✓ With Joaquín Almunia, Luis Garicano, Elmar Brok, Brando Benifei, Enrique Calvet Chambón, Íñigo Méndez De Vigo, Danuta Hübner, Josep Borrell, Fernando Maura, Eugenio Nasarre

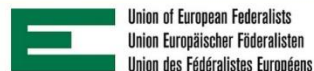


Europe at a crossroad

Time to complete the European political unity

Friday 16 June 2017, 17:00-20:30  
Sala Clara Campoamor, Congreso de los Diputados  
Carrera de San Jerónimo, 36, E-28071, Madrid  
Spain

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# **EVENTS IN BRUSSELS**

# ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

## GETTING SERIOUS ON EUROPEAN DEFENCE? ASPIRATIONS, POLITICS, CAPABILITIES | 16 November, Brussels

- ✓ Discussing political and institutional aspects of European defence
- ✓ Ca 300 people in high level debate with representatives from all institutions



# ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

## 70 YEARS OF CAMPAIGNS FOR A UNITED AND FEDERAL EUROPE: UEF ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION | 3 December, Brussels

- ✓ Demonstrating federalists' role and achievements in the history of the European project





# ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

## THE EURO IS 18 – TIME TO GROW UP! | 8 March, Brussels

- ✓ Debate with the IMF Director of the EU Office and senior ECON MEP on *"How to unshelve plans and regain consensus for an economic and fiscal union"*



# ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

## WHO IS THE MOST FEDERALIST MEP? | 26 April, Brussels

- ✓ Launching the Votewatch Europe Report on "How are Members of the European Parliament shaping the future of EU?"





# ACTIVITIES IN BRUSSELS

## EUROPEAN BUSINESS SUMMIT | 22-23 May in Brussels

- ✓ Presenting federalist proposals to key annual Brussels event for the European business and institutional community







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**MEMBERS**

# MEMBERS

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IN NATIONAL SECTIONS

COUNTRY	2016
Austria	1839
Belgium	90
Bulgaria	52
Cyprus	52
Czech Republic	52
Finland	81
France	144
Germany	3821
Greece	
Hungary	
Italy	2882
Lithuania	7
Luxembourg	80
Montenegro	
Portugal	
Romania	50
Serbia	
Slovenia	
Slovakia	20
Spain	190
Switzerland	1924
UK	130
Group Europe	53

**11 467 declared members in 2016**

# MEMBERS

## NEW SECTIONS

### Portugal

- ✓ New candidate section officialised in June 2016
- ✓ International event held in October
- ✓ Setting up a sustainable group
- ✓ Should apply for full membership at a next meeting

### Sweden

- ✓ Section reconstituted in September 2016
- ✓ Infrastructure completed
- ✓ Creating an active membership base
- ✓ Expecting an application as candidate section soon

### Others

- ✓ Working on Poland, but challenges
- ✓ Expression of interest in The Netherlands

# MEMBERS

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Total current members (vs previous 12 months)	158 (+122%)
New members since June 2016 (vs previous 12 months)	140 (+100%)
New members in S1-2017 (vs S2-2016)	48 (-2%)
Potential new members to be processed / missing payments (over total number of registrations)	184 (53%)



# MEMBERS

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

### BREAKDOWN BY COUNTRY

Belgium	25,4%	Czech Republic	1,8%	Hungary	0,6%
Italy	12,0%	Denmark	1,8%	Latvia	0,6%
United Kingdom	10,5%	Luxembourg	1,8%	Lithuania	0,3%
Germany	9,6%	Bulgaria	1,5%	Poland	0,3%
France	7,3%	Switzerland	1,5%	Romania	0,3%
Spain	5,6%	Ireland	0,9%	Slovenia	0,3%
Netherlands	3,5%	Portugal	0,9%		
Sweden	2,3%	Croatia	0,6%		
Austria	1,8%	Estonia	0,6%	Outside of EU	6,4%



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# **COMMUNICATION**

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## PUBLICATION SERIES CONTINUE

- ✓ Key federalist proposals on the EU security and defence policy



### Towards a European Defence Union

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#### FROM CLOSER INTEGRATION TO A EUROPEAN ARMY

Europe's security environment has changed dramatically in the past few years. Russia's aggressiveness, persistent instability in the Middle-East and North-Africa, increased terrorist threats within the European Union as well as a shift in the foreign policy priorities of the United States (that could become even more marked as a result of the last presidential elections) changed the basis of EU's security situation and call for Europe to take responsibility for its own security.

At present, neither individual EU Member States nor the EU as a whole have the means to protect the integrity of the Eu-

national efforts has resulted in a waste of money, a loss in technological and asset capabilities and has led to an inability to act in the current unstable geopolitical environment. Closer integration in the field of security and defence would deter or even neutralise threats to the EU's territorial integrity, bring more security for European citizens, enable the EU to act and contribute to stability and peace at the EU borders, lead to more efficient military spending and enable improved protection of EU interest as well as promotion of EU values at the global level. European Defence should be built upon the principle that European security cannot be

# COMMUNICATION

## 5 PROPOSALS TOWARDS EUROPEAN DEFENCE

- ✓ Presenting federalist proposals on European Defence in a visually attractive and easy to digest infographic format

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### TOWARDS EUROPEAN DEFENCE

EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS' PROPOSALS

#### PERMANENT STRUCTURED COOPERATION

A Permanent Structured Cooperation, as provided in the Lisbon Treaty, should be established to enable the group of EU Member States willing to proceed with closer defence integration to do so.

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#### EUROPEAN MILITARY HEADQUARTER

- To plan and run military missions
- To complement EU Civilian Planning & Conduct Capability
- Able to respond to crisis without relying on NATO
- Run by a European Military Operations Commander

#### EUROPEAN PERMANENT MILITARY FORCES

- To scale up and transform current rotating Battlegroups in permanent European forces
- To integrate current military and civilian forces engaged in European and UN missions
- To integrate all forces and assets currently in European missions
- Deployed in European missions upon decision of the Council of Defence Ministers (to be set up)

#### EUROPEAN FUND FOR DEFENCE

- To replace current mechanism where each state finances its forces in EU missions
- To finance defence research and development projects
- To fund the acquisition of infrastructural assets at EU level, operation of Military HQ and EU missions
- Financed by European own resources (defence tax and European defence bonds) and national contributions based on GDP

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### ENHANCED POLITICAL UNION

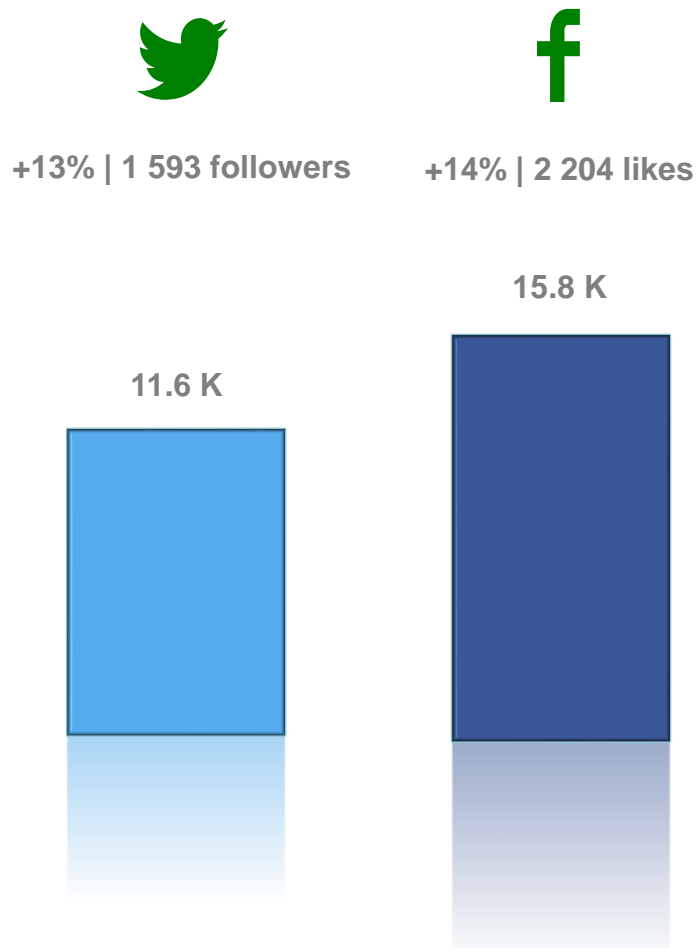
WITHIN LISBON TREATY	WITH TREATY CHANGE
<p>A Council configuration of Defence Ministers should be created and chaired by the High Representative</p>	<p>The decision-making process in the Council should shift from unanimity to qualified majority voting</p>
<p>Upgrading the European Parliament subcommittee on Security and Defence to a fully-fledged committee</p>	<p>The European Parliament should be granted full involvement in defence matters on an equal footing with the Council</p>
<p></p>	<p>The European Commission should assume a greater executive role building around the role of the High Representative</p>

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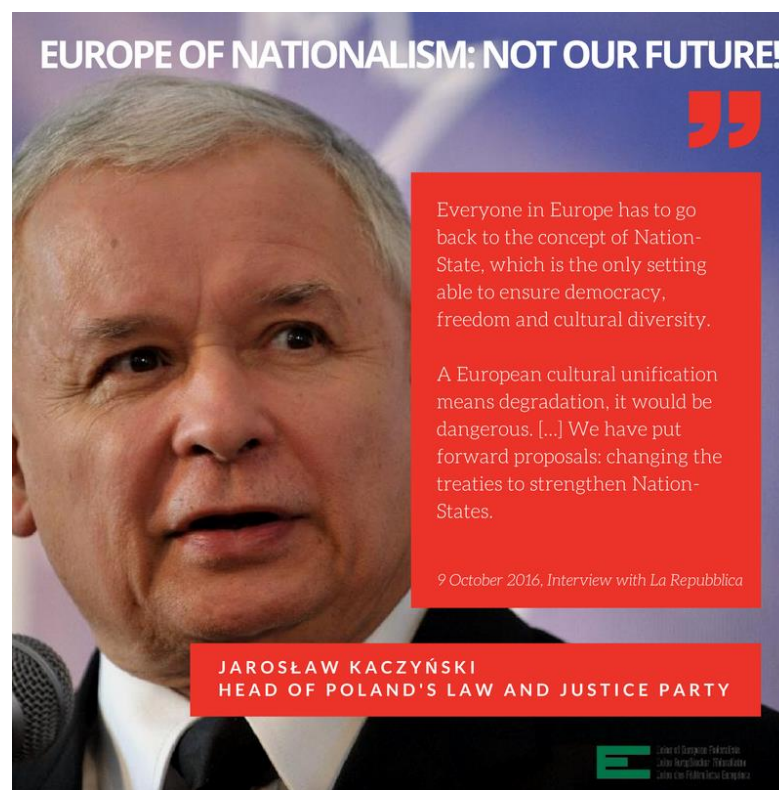
## CONTINUOUS SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH



# COMMUNICATION

## SOCIAL MEDIA: GREEN CARDS VS RED CARDS

- ✓ Promoting federalist and condemning anti-European statements





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# **UPCOMING PROJECTS**



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## KEY 2017 BRUSSELS MEETINGS

- Public debates
- Workshops
- Kick-off meeting
- Spinelli Forum
- Summer and Christmas receptions



# UPCOMING PROJECTS

## KEY 2017 MEETINGS IN VARIOUS EUROPEAN CITIES

- Public debates on the Future of Europe
- Public event in Madrid before FC
- Public event in Paris before FC
- Spinelli national debate in Vienna (tbc)
- Workshop and Joint PC meeting (tbc)



# UPCOMING PROJECTS

## FEDERALIST ACADEMY | 8-10 July, Brussels

- ✓ Developing practical skills in Political Communication





# UEF SECRETARIAT TEAM



**Paolo Vacca**



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**Laura Bringina**



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**Francesco Guerzoni**



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# PERSONAL NOTES

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