



Is Federalism the Right Model for European Integration?

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What models for the EU?

- Inter-governmentalism
- Community method
- Federalism

What federalism?

- Asymmetrical federalism
- Decentralised federalism (see the budget)
- A new federalism (maybe new federal form of government)

What federal form of government?

- Parliamentary: Spitzenkandidaten+
- Presidential: fusion of the Presidencies and direct election
- Semi-presidential: collective Presidency + Parliamentary Government, possibly with a fusion of the Presidencies, linked to the Parliamentary elections.

Why federalism?

- Subsidiarity
- Unity in diversity
- Multi-level democracy (no taxation without representation and viceversa!)
- A model of sharing and pooling of sovereignty for the world

Some strengths of European federalist thought

- Crisis-initiative-leadership
- Unification-integration-construction
- A vision of Europe and the world

Federalism means innovation

- Federalists were the first to gather signatures, to have popular initiative legislative proposals, first consultative referendum
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