



ACTIVITY REPORT

May – November 2019

Paolo VACCA, Secretary-General

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1. Leading mobilisation ahead of the European Elections




Union of European Federalists
Union Européenne Fédéraliste
Union des Fédéralistes Européens

For a Federal Europe:
Sovereign, Democratic and Social
Manifesto for the 2019 European Parliament elections

 I CHOOSE EUROPE

Read our manifesto

available in



ARE YOU A CANDIDATE?

Read our appeal and pledge

AGAINST NATIONALISM, UNITED FOR EUROPE



ARE YOU A VOTER?

Sign online our pledge!

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2019 I CHOOSE EUROPE



NEW FEDERALIST AVANT-GARDE IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



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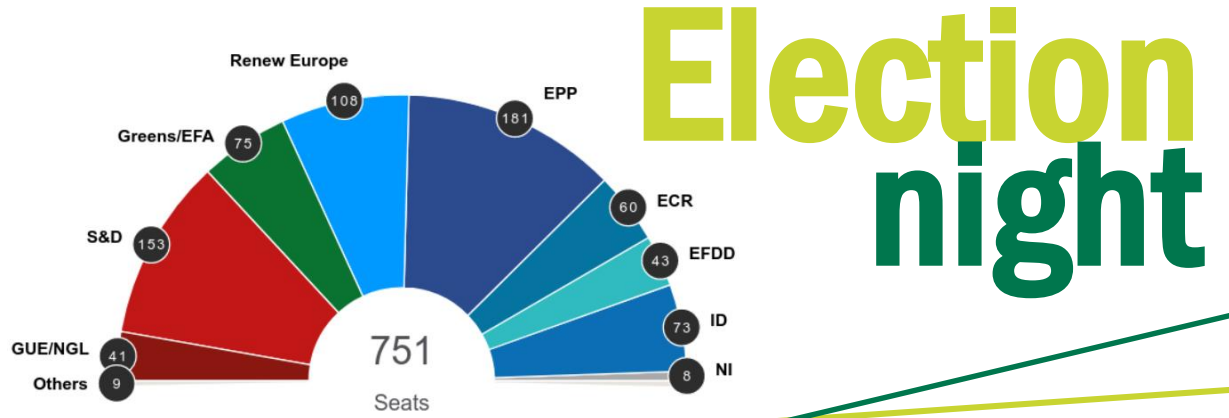


YOUNG
EUROPEAN
FEDERALISTS

250 signatories of
which **50 elected** as MEPs



1st July 2019
At the European Youth
Centre in
Strasbourg (EYCS)



A NEW PARLIAMENT FOR A NEW EUROPE: Meeting your MEPs



1st July 2019

Association Parlementaire européenne, Strasbourg

1st July 2019

**At the European Youth
Centre in
Strasbourg (EYCS)**



We are Europe - Citizens' Agora





Rally in front of the European Parliament



2nd July 2019
European Parliament,
Strasbourg



CHOOSE EUROPE!

Join for the opening of the new European Parliament
Strasbourg, 1-2 July 2019



Open letter from Sandro Gozi to the members of the European Parliament on the election of the President of the European Commission



FEDERALISTS: PARLIAMENT SHOULD MAKE ITS SUPPORT TO VON DER LEYEN CONDITIONAL TO A PROGRAMME OF EU RADICAL REFORMS

#Federalists Hearings



WE HAVE A QUESTION FOR... DUBRAVKA ŠUICA
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR DEMOCRACY & DEMOGRAPHY

Is the European Union in need of an urgent treaty reform taking bold steps towards a Federal EU?

#FederalistHearings

CHECK OUR PROPOSALS "FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE: SOVEREIGN, DEMOCRATIC & SOCIAL"



MARGARITIS SCHINAS
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR PROTECTING OUR EUROPEAN WAY OF LIFE

Support the #FederalistHearings

EP COMMITTEE HEARING
Thursday 3 October 2019, 18:30h

CHECK OUR PROPOSALS "FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE: SOVEREIGN, DEMOCRATIC & SOCIAL"



WE HAVE A QUESTION FOR... MAROŠ ŠEFČOVIČ
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND FORESIGHT

What will you do to make sure that the Spitzenkandidaten system is revived?

#FederalistHearings

CHECK OUR PROPOSALS "FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE: SOVEREIGN, DEMOCRATIC & SOCIAL"



WE HAVE A QUESTION FOR... JOHANNES HAHN
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION

Will you support an independent European budget funded by European resources?

#FederalistHearings

CHECK OUR PROPOSALS "FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE: SOVEREIGN, DEMOCRATIC & SOCIAL"

The European Secretariat launched a communication and advocacy campaign in order to bring federalists positions to the core of the debate, during the parliamentary hearings to commissioners-designate

Dear MEP,

The Commissioners-designate hearings are a key moment for parliamentary scrutiny and influence over the course of action of the new European Commission. As European Federalists, we encourage you to use this moment to reaffirm to the fullest extent possible the role of the European Parliament as the house of European democracy.

Regarding your work in the AFCO Committee, important decisions on the future of Europe will have to be taken during this mandate. We believe some of the key questions to be answered by Commissioners-designate Maroš Šefčovič, Věra Jourová and Dubravka Šuica during their hearings in this Committee are:

Will the Commissioner-designate make proposals for a swift introduction of transnational lists for the next European elections? (Jourová)
Will the Commissioner-designate make sure the Spitzenkandidaten system is revived? (Jourová)
What will the Commissioner-designate do to strengthen the rule of law framework on the European level? (Jourová and Šefčovič)
How will you implement a de-facto right of initiative for the EP? (Šefčovič)

The conference for Europe will only be relevant if it produces real results preparing the ground for a new European Convention. Will the Commissioners-designate make sure the Conference for Europe becomes a constitutional conference? (Šuica)
Will the Commissioners-designate make sure the Conference for Europe succeeds where the citizens' consultation and the future of Europe debate failed to deliver tangible results? (Šuica)
How will the Commissioner-designate coordinate all efforts and initiatives that promote European identity? (Šuica)

Do the Commissioners-designate agree the EU is in urgent need of treaty reform, taking bold steps towards a more federal Europe? (To all three Commissioners-designate)

We would be happy to meet in person to further discuss these points and the broader agenda for the future of Europe at any point of your availability.

With kind regards,

Paolo Vacca
Secretary-General

1 st phase	2 nd phase
25.29-09.2019	30.09-08.10.2019
MEPs outreach (letters)	Communication Strategy (social media) promoting sections' engagement

#Federalists Hearings



We are **working everyday**, together with our sections, to **promote** a Europe that works: A more **federal Europe...**

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@FEDERALUNION
@MOVIMENTOFEDEALISTAEUROPEO
@UEFPT **@UEFPOLSKA**
@MACYARFEDERALISTAK
@MOVIMENTOFEDEALISTAEUROPEO

#EPHEARINGS2019

This is the process to choose the new College of Commissioners

- 1 THE PARLIAMENT ELECTS THE COMMISSION'S PRESIDENT
- 2 PRESIDENT-ELECT PROPOSES HIS/HER TEAM & PORTFOLIOS
- 3 EP COMMITTEES EXAMINE ALL PROPOSED COMMISSIONERS ONE BY ONE
- 4 THE PARLIAMENT, ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE APPROVES THE PROPOSED COMMISSIONERS

Join the #FederalistHearings!

Follow this week's hearings with us!

#EPHEARINGS2019
@EUROPEAN_PARLIAMENT

DO YOU THINK EVERY EUROPEAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE DIRECT ASSISTANCE FROM THE EU'S DELEGATIONS (EMBASSIES), WHEN BEING ABROAD?

YES 98% NO 2%

European Federalists @federalists · Oct 7

Mr. @JosepBorrellIF, are you in favour of introducing majority voting in #EUForeignAffairs decisions?

Live Now | Ask your questions to the Commissioner-Designate for a Stronger Europe in the World using #FederalistHearings #EPHearings2019 hashtags bit.ly/FederalistHear...

WE HAVE A QUESTION FOR... JOSEP BORRELL
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR A STRONGER EUROPE IN THE WORLD

Are you in favour of introducing majority voting in Foreign Affairs decisions?

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#EPHEARINGS2019

@MAROS.SEFCOVIC

WE HAVE A QUESTION FOR... MAROŠ ŠEFCŮVÍ
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

What will you do to make sure that the Spitzenkandidaten system is revived?

Let us know...What would you have asked Maros Šefcovic?

Écrivez quelque chose...

Europa-Union @EuropaUnionDE · Oct 8

#EPHearings2019 jetzt live mit dem design. EU-Kommissar für den Bereich „Ein europäischer Green Deal“: bit.ly/2nVnBYJ

@federalists Frage an @TimmermansEU: Sind Sie dafür, Investitionen auf nachhaltige und erneuerbare Energien auszurichten?

#FederalistHearings @JEF_de

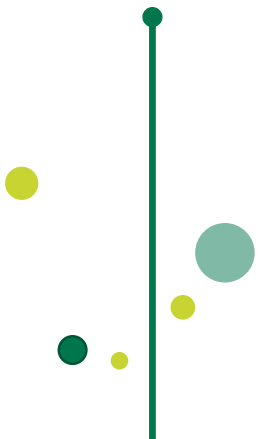
WE HAVE A QUESTION FOR... FRANS TIMMERMANS
COMMISSIONER-DESIGNATE FOR AN EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

Are you for orientating investments towards sustainable renewable energies?

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2. Supporting The Spinelli Group



UEF Secretariat is working to strengthen the federalists voices in the European Parliament



2 Spinelli Group meetings in Strasbourg: 1 July and 18 September



- Supporting the creation of the Spinelli Intergroup in the European Parliament



The Spinelli Group Intergroup at the European Parliament

List of MEPs signatories supporting the creation of the Intergroup:

FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	STATE	GROUP
Hübner	Danuta	Poland	EPP
Kanev	Radan	Bulgaria	EPP
Karas	Othmar	Austria	EPP
Kefalogiannis	Manolis	Greece	EPP
Kovatchev	Andrey	Bulgaria	EPP
Kubilius	Andrius	Lithuania	EPP
Kypouropoulos	Stelios	Greece	EPP
Kyrtsos	George	Greece	EPP
Maldekiene	Aušra	Lithuania	EPP
Maydel	Eva	Bulgaria	EPP
Pietikäinen	Sirpa	Finland	EPP
Sikorski	Radosław	Poland	EPP
Simon	Sven	Germany	EPP
Lizzi	Elena	Italy	I&D
Gancia	Gianna	Italy	I&D
Delbos-Corfield	Gwendoline	France	Greens/EFA
Freund	Daniel	Germany	Greens/EFA
Giegold	Sven	Germany	Greens/EFA
Nienäß	Niklas Hendrik	Germany	Greens/EFA
Freiherr von Boeselager	Damian	Germany	Greens/EFA
Dimitris	Papadimoulis	Greece	GUE
Gyöngyösi	Márton	Hungary	N/I
Auštrevičius	Petras	Lithuania	Renew Europe
Chastel	Olivier	Belgium	Renew Europe
Durand	Pascal	France	Renew Europe
Farreng	Laurence	France	Renew Europe
Gamon	Claudia	Austria	Renew Europe
Grudler	Christophe	France	Renew Europe
Guetta	Bernard	France	Renew Europe
Hahn	Svenja Ilona	Germany	Renew Europe
Ijab	Ivars	Lithuania	Renew Europe
in't Veld	Sophie	Netherlands	Renew Europe
Körner	Moritz	Germany	Renew Europe
Melchior	Karen	Denmark	Renew Europe

Newton Dunn	William	UK	Renew Europe
Ritchie	Sheila	UK	Renew Europe
Vautmans	Hilde	Belgium	Renew Europe
Vedrenne	Marie-Pierre	France	Renew Europe
Verhofstadt	Guy	Belgium	Renew Europe
Ara-Kovács	Attila	Hungary	S&D
Benifei	Brando	Italy	S&D
Bischoff	Gabriele	Germany	S&D
Cimoszewicz	Włodzimierz	Poland	S&D
dura ferrandis	Estrella	Spain	S&D
Fernández Álvarez	Jonás	Spain	S&D
Gálvez Muñoz	Lina	Spain	S&D
García del Blanco	Iban	Spain	S&D
García Muñoz	Isabel	Spain	S&D
Gardiazabal Rubial	Eider	Spain	S&D
Glucksmann	Raphaël	France	S&D
González	Monica	Spain	S&D
González Casares	Nicolás	Spain	S&D
Homs Ginel	Alicia	Spain	S&D
Larroutourou	Pierre	France	S&D
López Aguilar	Juan Fernando	Spain	S&D
López Fernández	Javier	Spain	S&D
Luena	César	Spain	S&D
Maestre Martin de Almagro	Cristina	Spain	S&D
Maldonado	Adriana	Spain	S&D
Moreno Sánchez	Javier	Spain	S&D
Moretti	Alessandra	Italy	S&D
Pisapia	Giuliano	Italy	S&D
Ronai	Sándor	Hungary	S&D
Rodríguez-Piñeiro	Inma	Spain	S&D
Ruiz Devesa	Domènec	Spain	S&D
Sánchez Amor	Ignacio	Spain	S&D

Over **75**
MEPs
supported the
Intergroup

Collection of signatures
for the intergroup

Meet our **CO-chairs** in the European Parliament



MEP Danuta Hübner (EPP)



MEP Guy Verhofstadt
(Renew Europe)



MEP Brando Benifei
(S&D)



MEP Sven Giegold
(Greens)



Andrew Duff
(President of the
Spinelli Group)

Upcoming Events:



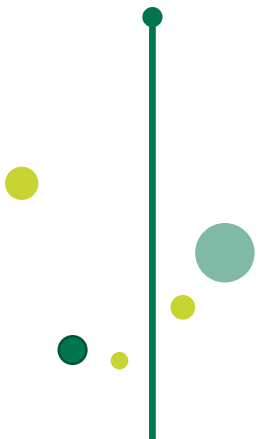
THE SPINELLI GROUP - MEETING

3 December 2019

Brussels

3. Getting ready

to **shape** the Conference on
the Future of Europe





To the President of the European Parliament
To the Members of the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament
To the Members of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the European Parliament

Dear Sir/Madame,

The proposal for a "European Conference on the Future of Europe" initially put forward by the French President Emmanuel Macron in his "Letter to European Citizens" of 4 March 2019 and then taken up by the President of the European Commission Ursula Von Der Leyen in her guidelines, places the question of a re-foundation of the European Union at the heart of the new European term. Moreover, citizens gave a clear mandate to the European Parliament through the European elections, which expressed a clear pro-European majority and a strong indication in favour of strengthening the Union, to give it the tools to act more effectively and to ensure that it can be closer to the citizens.

The role of the European Parliament will be decisive in ensuring that the Conference can carry out its task effectively. While it must be able to bring together the demands of citizens and local and regional bodies, the Conference must at the same time be able to translate them into a comprehensive proposal for a new Treaty that will overcome the impasses that are still weakening the European Union. The difficult historical and political moment and the support of the majority of citizens must be a stimulus for courageous and forward-looking action.

From this point of view, the heads of the federalist organisations that we represent would like to bring to your attention the following considerations that they consider decisive in order to achieve the real objectives for which the Conference is necessary:



Open letter from Sandro Gozi, Andrew Duff and Christopher Glück On the Conference on the Future of Europe

2 CSO's Networking meetings. Discussing how to influence the Conference on the future of Europe





4. Supporting **UEF** Sections





**14th Sept.
2019
Brussels**

UEF KICK-OFF meeting in Brussels



We are Europe Academy 2019



**12th-14th
September 2019
Brussels**



**Empowering civil Society for
a Citizens' Europe!**



We are Europe

Civil Society Meet-Up 2019



**4th-5th
October 2019
Vilnius, Lithuania**



**Unite Europe, Save the
Earth: our common
challenge!**

We are Europe Citizens' Agora



"We Are Europe" Citizens Agora in Sofia (8 November 2019)
Western Balkans after Sofia Summit



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Citizens' Agora
Western Balkans after Sofia Summit
8 November 2019
SOFIA
European House, Sofia



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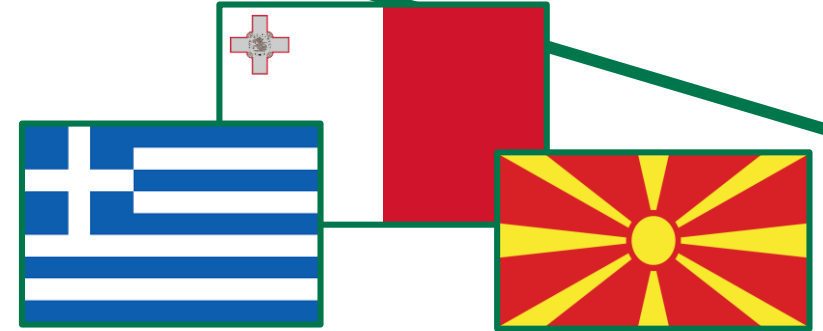
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Reshaping the future of Europe: Balkans' perspective after Sofia Summit 2018

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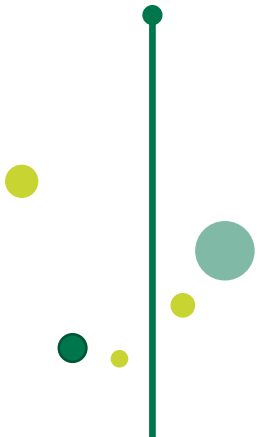
From our sections



Expanding and reactivating federalists' voices
in Europe: **3 new** Candidate sections



5. Communication



Newsletters



Quarterly Newsletters Audience Rates:

June 2019 – 1596 openings
(25,3%)

September 2019 – 1519 openings
(23,7%)



UEF in Media

Federalists dream of major steps towards United States of Europe under new EU leadership

The Telegraph

Former Liberal Democrat MEP Andrew Duff, who is now President of the Spinelli Group of federalist MEPs, think tanks and NGOs, said: "Brexit has to happen. That will remove the biggest obstacle of all."

Italian politician Sandro Gozi, president of the Union of European Federalists, said: "It is very important to have a president of the European Commission that has identified herself as a federalist."

"She has spoken clearly, openly and with courage, as it is not fashionable anymore to speak of a United States of Europe to have the courage of using certain words can mean having the courage to do certain actions."

After Brexit no countries will be able to hide themselves behind Britain

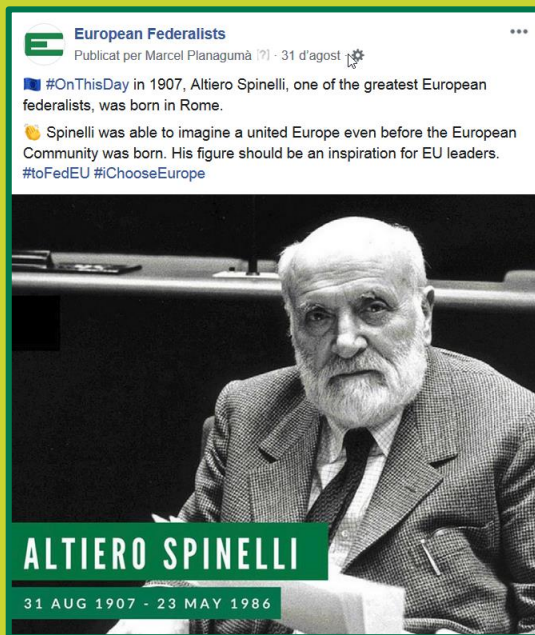
Sandro Gozi

An open, transparent and structured dialogue with civil society and citizens is expected. This dialogue must be pursued with a view of strengthening the process of building a common European identity under the principle that says that "sovereignty belongs to the people". The conference must be combined with an intense communication campaign that allows citizens to be informed about the progress of the work, together with debates and discussions with representatives of civil society.

With this in mind, the **European Movement**, the **Union of European Federalists** and the **Young European Federalists** are confident that:

- the Conference should be held on the basis of an inter-institutional declaration (signed by the Commission, Parliament and the Council after consulting the ECB, the EESC and the Committee of the Regions) and attended by a secretariat provided by the Commission and the European Parliament, to be concluded in the spring of 2022, at the beginning of the French Presidency of the Council;
- the Conference will not replace the role of the institutions in developing common policies;





Facebook

15734 impressions
August 2019



Twitter

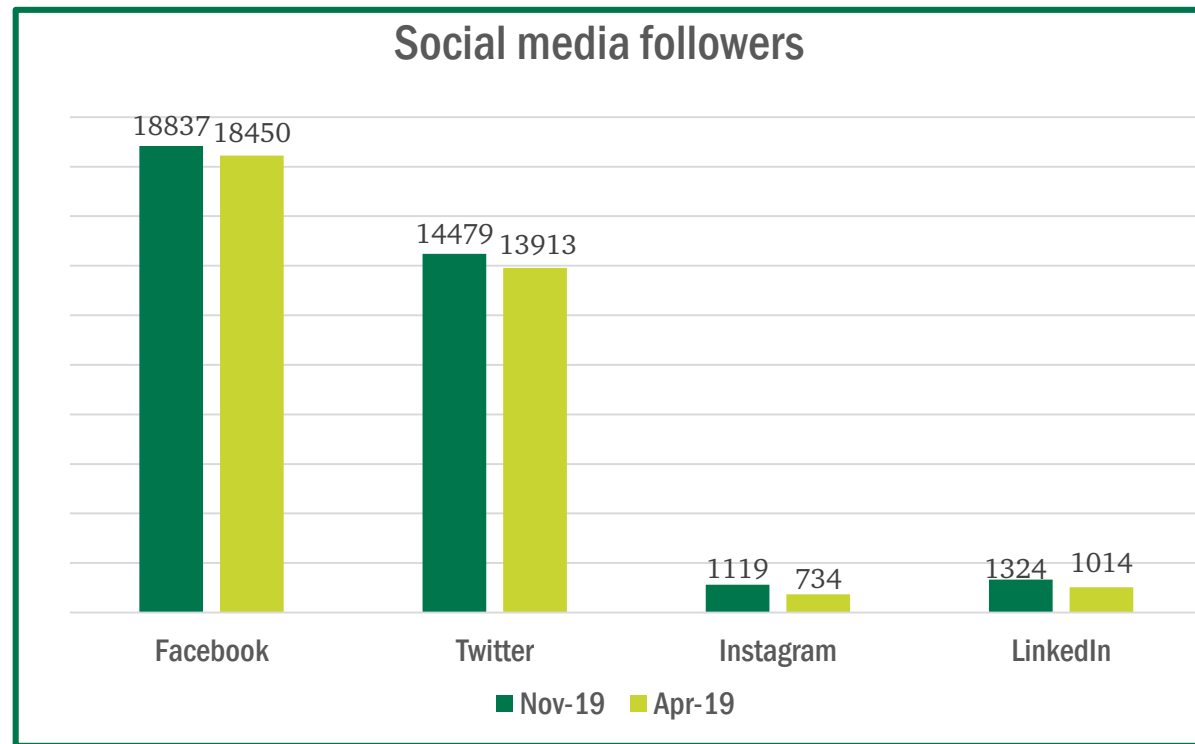
21.200 impressions
July 2019



Instagram

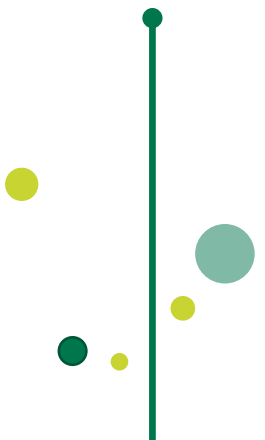
1258 impressions
July 2019

Communication in figures





6. Coming **next**





The “Schuman 2.0” will **contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU**, its history and diversity and to raising **awareness of remembrance, common history and values.**

Find out more at
www.schuman20.eu



SCHUMAN 2.0 UPCOMING EVENTS



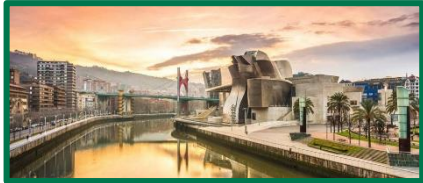
**SCHUMAN 2.0
AMBASSADOR TRAINING**
14-15 December, Brussels



LILLE (FRANCE)
25 January 2020



TRIESTE (ITALY)
20 February 2020



BILBAO (SPAIN)
13-14 March 2020



TARTU (ESTONIA)
28-29 February 2020



9th May 2020, Brussels.



GRAZ (AUSTRIA)
27 March 2020



HAMBURG (GERMANY)
3-4 April 2020

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SUMMIT ON
EUROPE DAY**



We are expecting
to **Move** to a
new office
SOON....



A growing and supportive **European Secretariat...**



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Union des Fédéralistes Européens

FEDERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

22-24 NOVEMBER 2019 • ROME



ROME 2019

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