



Union of European Federalists

Goals, Achievements and Proposals



Who we are

The Union of European Federalists (UEF) is a European, non-governmental, non-partisan political organisation dedicated to the promotion of European political unity. It was founded in 1946 in the belief that only by uniting into a European Federation could the states of Europe overcome the divisions of the past and ensure a future of peace and economic prosperity to the continent.



Sandro Gozi, President

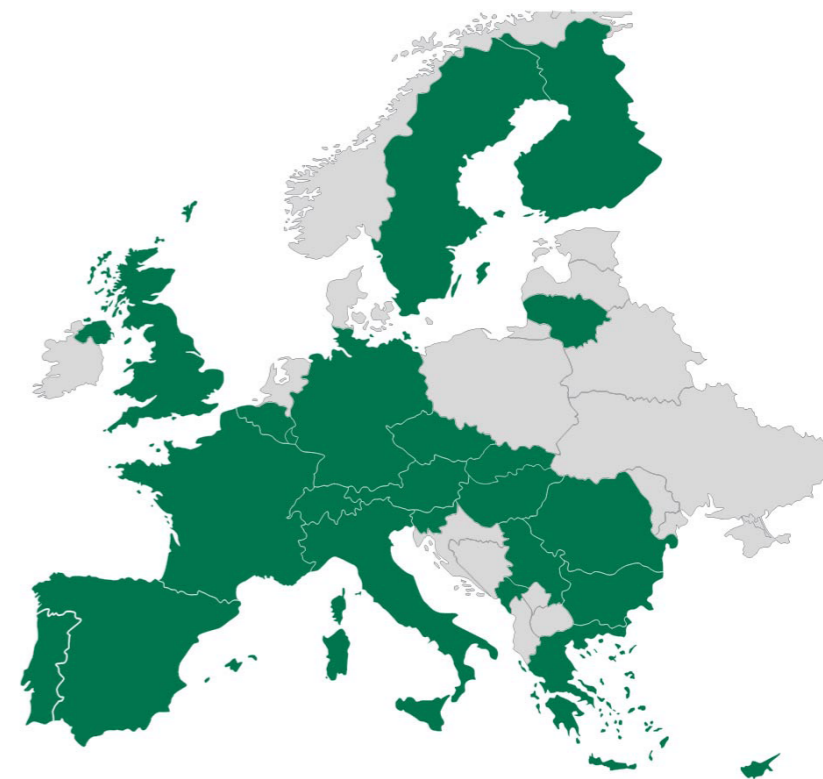
For more than 70 years UEF has been the leading voice in the promotion of European unity and an early campaigner for all key milestones in the development of the European Communities and then the European Union. Today UEF is engaged in promoting a united, strong, democratic and federal Union with more power and resources to act in Europe and in the world.



Where we are

Founded
1946

30,000
members



25 national
sections

400 local
groups

European secretariat in
Brussels

A youth organisation with **13,000** members
Young European Federalists (JEF)

More than 70 years of federalist campaigns for a united and federal Europe!

1946: Foundation of the UEF

In the post-war period, building a European federation seemed to be the obvious way forward.

1943: Altiero Spinelli founded the first federalist movement in Italy.

15 December 1946: UEF was officially brought into life.

1949/50: For the European Federal Pact

Thousands of citizens signed a petition which asked the Advisory Assembly of the Council of Europe to propose a federal pact among key European countries.



1967/72: For Direct Elections to the European Parliament

65,000 signatories in Italy signed a petition for the direct election of the Italian representatives in the European Parliament. The first direct elections for the European Parliament took place in 1979.

1965/84: For Direct Action Europe!

The European federalists organised numerous action campaigning for open borders. In 1983, leaflets were distributed on the order between Strasbourg and Kehl and symbolic boarder bars were burnt to call for the abolishment of borders.



1984: For European Democracy

An important federalist achievement is the approval of the Spinelli Treaty by the European Parliament; reforming the European Institutions.



2009: "Who is your candidate"

The campaign fought for a transparently and democratically elected president of the European Commission.

2014: The European Parliament voted for the election of the President of the European Commission for the first time.



1940s

1960s

1980s

2000s

2020s

1950s

1970s

1990s

2010s



1950/54: For a united Europe without borders

In 1950 French and German students met at the Weiler and Zollamt border crossing, breaking off the barriers separating the countries.

It took until 1985 for the Schengen agreement to scrap border controls.

For a European Defence Community

The federalist movement inspired and then supported plans for a pan-European defence organisation and complemented by a "European Political Community". The plan was not ratified by the French Parliament.

1956/62: The Congress of the European People

Federalists demanded a European constituent assembly to draw up a draft federal constitution, ratified by a Europe-wide referendum. Hundreds of meeting and polling stations were organised for citizens across Europe.



1977/90: For a single European currency

June 1977: demonstrations were held in Brussels for the support of the single currency and the election to the European Parliament through universal suffrage.



1992: For a European Union

The federalists gathered during the negotiation of the Treaty of the European Union in Maastricht, where the European Union as we know it was created.

1997/2006: For a European Constitution

2000: The European federalists held a demonstration in Nice to demand a European Constitution. The government summoned the European Convention, which drafted a European Constitution. The constitution was eventually defeated by referendums in France and the Netherlands.



2011: Federal Union Now!

Federalist campaigned to re-open the debate for a decisive move towards a federal Europe.

2014: Towards a Federal Europe

Through this campaign the federalist invited citizens to vote for candidates that supported the European integration, and encouraged candidates to show support for federalist proposals.

2017: March for Europe

On the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the federalists rally the citizens to raise their voice and call governments to relaunch and complete Europe's economic and political unity.

2019: I Choose Europe

With nationalism and populism on the rise and Europe at a crossroad between more integration and disintegration, the federalists' campaign for the European elections call citizen to vote and choose Europe.

Our activities

We raise citizens' **awareness** on the need for **European political unity**

We call on national governments to act for a united and **federal Europe**

We promote **the project of a federal Europe** among political parties and politicians

We advocate federalism as the best way to organise **European unity**

We **organise debates**, seminars, activities in universities and **street actions**

We run **advocacy activities** and communication campaigns



Our vision for Europe



A united and sovereign Europe, with a **federal Government**

An **Economic and Monetary Union** with adequate fiscal and economic powers and own resources

European economic and social policies that can balance national responsibility with **European solidarity**

A single **European foreign, security and defence** policy to promote European interests and values in the world

European forces to manage together the **EU common border**

Europe as a global leader in **combating climate change**



Transnational lists for the European Parliament elections, for a stronger European democracy

A **democratic and effective Europe**, with a smaller European Commission, no veto right in the Council and European Council, and equal powers for the European Parliament in all EU competences





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