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## FEDERALIST DEBATE & TRAINING WEEKEND

Brussels, Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 March 2013

### FINAL PROGRAM

#### SATURDAY 2 MARCH

**8.30 – 9.00** Arrival and registration of participants

**9.00 – 10.00** **Opening session**

Presentation of the seminar & introduction of participants

Welcoming speech

#### **“CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TOWARDS A FEDERAL UNION”**

- **Andrew DUFF**, President of the Union of European Federalists, Member of the European Parliament, Spokesman for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Questions & Answers

**10.00 - 12.30** **Session I (Plenary)**

#### **“COMBINING FISCAL DISCIPLINE, SOLIDARITY AND GROWTH: LESSONS FROM FEDERAL STATES AND CHALLENGES FOR EUROPE”**

Introductions by:

- **Harald STIEBER**, Member of the Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists, Economist at the European Commission, and previously specialist on fiscal federalism in the EU context at the Austrian Ministry of Finance
- **Alexandre DE STREEL**, Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Management of the University of Namur and at the Economic School of Louvain
- **Charles DE MARCILLY**, Head of Brussels Office at Robert Schuman Foundation

**Matters that will be addressed in the introductions:**

- Have austerity, solidarity and growth become incompatible in Europe?
- How to balance European solidarity mechanisms and national fiscal discipline?
- Is a “fiscal union” just the power to control national budgets or should it be also the independent power to tax and spend at European level?
- Does the Eurozone need its own budget and power to tax and spend?
- What different models of fiscal federalism for Europe?
- What is the experience in federal systems such as Germany and the US?

**12.30 – 13.30** Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** Session II (*Plenary*)

**“CONSOLIDATING THE EUROZONE, PRESERVING THE EUROPEAN UNION: REFORMING EU TREATIES OR AN ADDITIONAL TREATY TOWARDS A MULTI-LEVEL EUROPE?”**

Introductions by:

- **Richard CORBETT**, Member of the Cabinet of the President of the European Council, Mr van Rompuy, responsible for institutional issues
- **Giulia ROSSOLILLO**, Professor of European Law at the University of Pavia, Director of the political review The Federalist
- **Piotr Maciej KACZYŃSKI**, Adviser to the Polish delegation to the European Parliament, Formerly Head of Programs and Research Fellow at CEPS (Centre for European Policy Studies) in Brussels

**Matters that will be addressed in the introductions:**

- How far can the consolidation of the Eurozone go within the European Union treaties and institutions?
- Should the Eurozone have its own budget and capacity to tax and spend and how can this be organised within the EU system?
- Should the European Union move to a fiscal and political union with a new Treaty or can this be achieved with a reform of the EU Treaties?
- Will such a multi-level Europe need new institutions or can the current EU institutions make dual use as such or in a different format?
- Will the UK and maybe other countries need a new looser form of “associated membership” to the EU to remain members?
- Can the Single Market survive the economic and political integration of the Eurozone and how?

**16.00 – 16.30** Coffee Break

**16.30 – 18.30** Session III (*Plenary*)

**“SHARING BEST PRACTISES ON HOW TO RUN NATIONAL OR EUROPEAN GRASS-ROOT CAMPAIGNS: FEDERALIST AND NON-FEDERALIST CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCES”**

Introductions by

- **Pauline GESSANT**, President of the Young European Federalists
- **Peter MATJAŠIČ**, President of the European Youth Forum

- **Guillaume LIEGEY**, Head of the “door to door campaign” in the campaign team of François Hollande’s presidential election, Author of the book *“Porte-à-porte. Reconquérir la démocratie sur le terrain”*
- **Veronica SCOGNAMIGLIO**, European Campaign Coordinator on Discrimination of Amnesty International European Institutions Office

**18.30**            **Drink**

**20.00**            **Dinner & Social Activity**

### **SUNDAY 3 MARCH**

**9.00 – 9.15**        **Arrival and coffee**

**9.15 – 9.30**        **Organisation of the day**  
Presentation of the topics of the training sessions

**9.30**                **Session IV**

*Parallel Workshops of 1 hour each (each Workshop will run 3 times, so each participant can attend all 3 Workshops)*

#### **HOW TO LOBBY POLITICIANS AT LOCAL, NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LEVEL?**

Introductions by

- **Diogo PINTO**, Secretary General of the European Movement International
- **Phillip SOUTA**, Director of Business for New Europe

#### **CAMPAIGNING FOR EUROPE: HOW TO GET THROUGH THE MEDIA? HOW TO USE NEW MEDIAS?**

Introductions by

- **Dominique OSTYN**, Senior Manager Communication & New Media at Euractiv
- **Jon WORTH**, European blogger, new media expert and Partner at TechPolitics LLC

#### **HOW TO KEEP A LOCAL/REGIONAL/NATIONAL SECTION ACTIVE AND POLITICALLY RELEVANT?**

Introductions by

- **Luisa TRUMELLINI**, member of the national board of the European Federalist Movement (MFE) and Secretary of the local section of Pavia
- **Peter OOMSELS**, President of JEF-Belgium

**12.30 – 13.00**    **Closing Session**

Evaluation of the week-end and closing