

Union of European Federalists Union Europäischer Föderalisten Union des Fédéralistes Européens

# Campaign for 2019 European Elections

State of play – 27 April 2019



# I Choose Europe Campaign

# **A motto and a logo:** I choose Europe - For a Federal Europe: Sovereign, Democratic and Social

# A double objective:

Promote federalist ideas



Increase visibility and development of UEF

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## UEF Manifesto for European elections 2019

Manifesto to....

- Feature a summary of UEF's demands for the next five-years mandate
- Currently available in Bulgarian, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

#### How to use it?

- Basis for our members to better know the federalist demands
- Use its content to ask questions on some proposals during public debate
- Inspiration to publish shorts sentences and videos on social media

https://www.federalists.eu/activities/i-choose-europe



## **Appeal for political parties**

s of European Federalists vion Europäischer Föderalisten APPEAL TO PRO-EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES AGAINST NATIONALISM, UNITED FOR EUROPE The unity of Europe is in danger. Nationalist and populist forces are growing in too many of our countries. They are the unity of surveyer is in banger, reasonable and populat surces are growing as suo meny or our ownerses, mey are going to use the next European elections to ask European citizens a mandate to weaken European institutions, going to use the next European elections to ask European citizens a manuate to weaken European institutions, renationalise European policies, attack European solidarity and rules. Their growth is a threat to the survival of the renationalise curopean policies, attack curopean solidarity and rules. Their growth is a threat to the survival of the European Union and to any project of a closer European unity, the only guarantee of peace and prosperity for all Political parties who believe in Europe must raise up and oppose the nationalist project. Defending the Europe we nonsistan parties with unitere in survive music raise up and uppose the nativeness project, unerstands the survive we have is not enough. To regain citizens' hearts and minds to the European project, pro-European political parties nave is not enough, to regain clusters means and minos to the turopean project, pro-turopean pointcar parcies should unite around a project of a Europe that is more united, more demotratic, more social and more effective in Pro-European parties should agree on a set of principles for the future of the European Union and against the rro-suropean parties should agree on a set or principles for the surare of the suropean union and against the European project of the nationalists and include it in their political programmes. They should promote and raily suropean project of the nationalists and include it in their political programmes, they should promote and raily around such principles before the European elections and then work together in the next European Parliament for: stronger European Economic and Monetary Union with adequate fiscal and economic powers, including its own budget with own resources democratically controlled by the European Parliament; European social policies to balance national responsibility with European solidarity and strengthen the feeling of a single European foreign, security and defense policy to promote European interests in today's unpredictable European policies to manage migration flows, including managing European borders through European forces curopeen poinces to manage migration nows, including managing curopeen vortures derived, curver and addressing together the challenge of welcoming and integrating migrants in the European Union; defending Schengen and opposing any restrictions to free movement of people within the European Union; finance European policies with an increased European budget based on true European resources, which could come from European taxes on financial transactions, digital transactions, carbon emissions or plastic waste; a stronger Single Market, by completing the capital markets union, the digital union, the energy union and the a reform of the treaties of the European Union to reform its institutions, including making the European a retorm of the treaties of the European Union to reform its institutions, including making the European Commission, with reduced members, the only executive body of the Union; giving the European Council only a Commission, with reduced memoers, the only executive doary or the union, group the temperat counter only a role of political leadership and ending its executive role in policy making; abolishing the veto right in the Council role of political teapership and ending its executive role in policy making; abomshing the veco right in the usurical and the European Council on all matters; giving the European Parliament the right to co-decide in all EU should this prove impossible because not all Member State agrees, preparing a project of a new Treaty for the

- Member States willing to go ahead
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 Currently available in Bulgarian, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

### How to use it?

Can be sent to the political parties of your country but we also advise to promote our manifesto to the political parties.

https://www.federalists.eu/activities/i-choose-europe

## **Pledge for candidates**



#### Pledge to ....

- Collect support on our federalist demands among the candidates to gain visibility and identify our future allies in the EP.
- Currently available in Bulgarian, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Spanish, Sweden
- 72 signatories

#### How to use it?

- Promote the pledge towards the candidates to the European elections and ask them to sign
- Send the signed pledges to <a href="mailto:secretariat@federalists.eu">secretariat@federalists.eu</a>
- Supporters will be identified on UEF website.

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## Pledge for citizens



#### Pledge to ....

- Engage debate and collect contacts of potential new members for your sections
- Currently available in Bulgarian, English, French, German, Italian and Spanish

### How to use it?

- Promote the pledge in the streets, on stands or during public events
- May be signed on line on UEF Website
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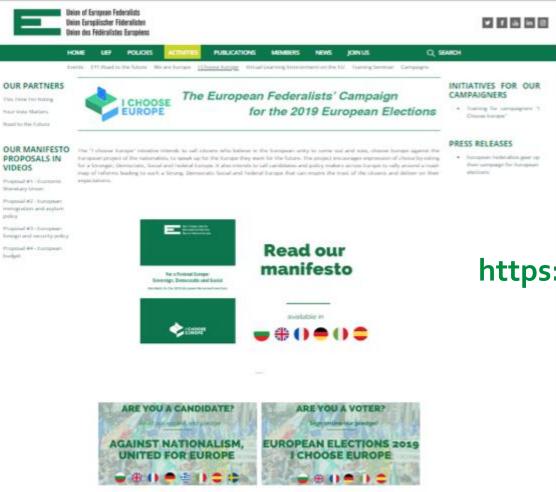
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#### CANDIDATES SUPPORTING OUR PLEDGE





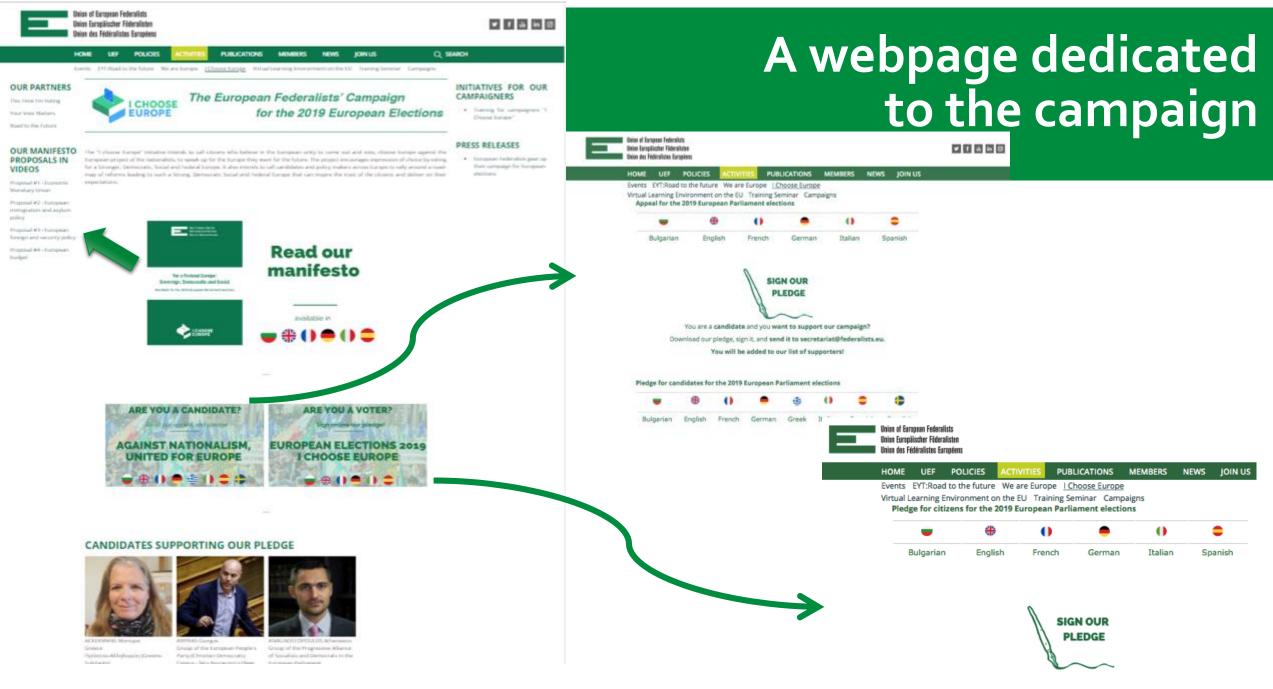
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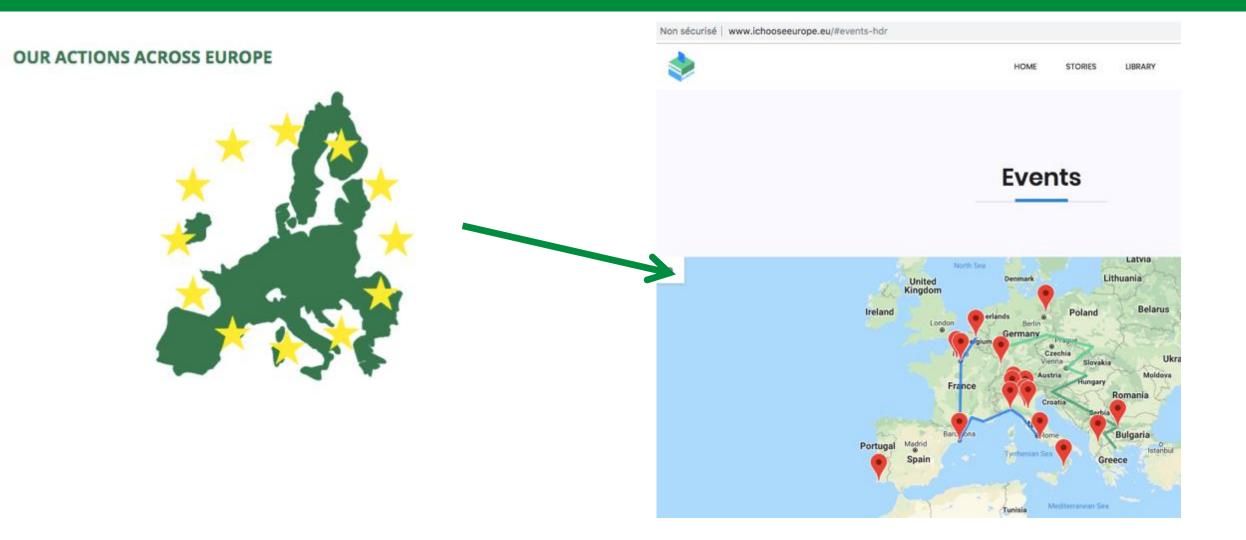
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Click HERE to support our campaign and sign the citizens' pledge

## A webpage dedicated to the campaign



Posts and videos on social media

#IChooseEurope #ToFedEU #ThisTimeImVoting

Videos to illustrate the main demands of UEF manifesto

- <u>Completing the economy monetary Union</u>
- Implementing a coherent European immigration and asylum policy
- Establishing a foreign and security policy
- Funding a European Budget through European Resources

Promotion of candidates signing the pledge

**Promotion of local actions** 

European Federalists @federalists - 27 mars Discover here some pictures of the EuropaTruck! For the next two months, @EuropaUnionDE will use it to visit towns, speak to people, and motivate them for electing democratic and pro-European parties. #IChooseEurope #ToFedEU #ThisTimeImVoting @ Totaking in Twent

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For the 2019 European elections, we choose a completed and strong Monetary Union. You agree with our proposals? Sign our pledge online!bit.ly/2WzEFPP #IChooseEurope #ToFedEU #EP2019

& Tracture le Tweet





European Federalists @federalists · 2 h One moret @amirasgiorgos has also signed our federalist pledge Whether you're a candidate or a citizen, you too can join our federalist campaign bit.ly/UEF\_IChooseEur... #IChooseEurope #ToFedEU #thistimeImvoting @ Tradule to Tweet



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Christopher Glück, David Garcia, European Federalists at 3 autres

## **European advocacy actions**

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Telecommunications and Media Nikolas Pappas.

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Jeunes Européens - Strasbourg @JEStrasbourg - 12 mars Le débat sur la #souveraineté nationale ou européenne commence ! .....

Avec @sandrogozi, @PernelRichardot et @ArnaudDaniean

UEP president @sandrogozi met yesterday in Athens with representatives from

the Greek Parliament and Greek Government, including the Minister of Foreign

Affairs George Katrougalos (photo) and the Minister of Digital Policy.

#### European Federalists Ofederalists - 23 Nevt.

Today again we keep on advocating federal Europe to GPES\_PSE candidates to the new GEuropart\_EN. We have just met Consission's Fret Vice-President. Thank you Mr @TimmemanEU for your attention, we hope we can continue this discussion much further & Todates Termin



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Thank you Commissioner @vestager for dropping by our joint stand with @suropearingtons. We need European solutions to European problems. In the run up to #EP2019 & elections, let's shout it loud and proud: #IChcoseEurope?

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Les Jeunes Européens 🔮 @JeunesEuropeens · 25 janv. Évolution ou Révolution pour l'Europe ? @NathalieLoiseau et @sandrogozi débattent au @Senat avec les fédéralistes européens 🍐 📑 #JeChoisisLEurope



UEF Strasbourg, Les Jeunes Européens, Sandro Gozi et 7 autres



Chief regotiator @MichelBarnier is so busy with #Brexit, we gave him a new shirt

for a wardrobe change (with a subtle message for Ms Otheresa, may 😌)

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## Pan-European actions days in cooperation with JEF





## April 29 & May 15 Debate watching parties

**April 29**: first debate between leading candidates, with a special focus on topics for young people (live streamed on <u>https://www.politico.eu/event/the-maastricht-debate/</u>)

May 15: a debate organised in the European Parliament

### **Federalists organise Debate Watching Parties**

- To create attention for the debate between the lead candidates
- To comment and raise the federalist issues on the social media.
- To have fun => Bingo







# 9 May – Europe Day

- Two weeks before the EP elections, let's advocate for a better Europe a united, a social, a democratic, a federal one!
- Don't just celebrate Europe, Choose Europe!"
- JEF proposal:
  - Traditional and electronic postcards to connect JEF and UEF sections
  - Share postcards on social media with #IChooseAFederalEurope & #ToFedEU
- Additional proposal:
  - Selfie or video with a signboard stating "I choose Europe because..."
  - Share it on social media with #IChooseAFederalEurope & #ToFedEU





### 18-19 May – Get out to vote



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- Studies have shown that asking people specifically if they plan to vote and if they already know when and where they are planning to go to vote increases turnout.
- Go out the last weekend before the elections with:
  - Our pledge for citizens to launch debate with passer-by
  - Posters with outrageous quotes by MEPs and use them to confront people as proposed by JEF.





John Stuart Agnew, <u>député européen</u> britannique Ropport publié le 11/07/2018

#### LE 26 MAI NE LAISSE PAS LES AUTRES CHOISIR TON DÉPUTÉ EUROPÉEN !

## Election night (in cooperation with JEF & TNF & UEF France)

# EP event on the Esplanade outside the European Parliament in Brussels

### Federalists will be present to

- Comment the results of elections by connecting UEF & JEF sections from all over Europe => Federalist eyes
- Discuss the federalist proposals for the new EP with citizens and politicians present on the Esplanade => *Federalist corner*



# Actions post-elections – Strasbourg 1-2 July



<u>Aim:</u> On the opening session of the newly elected European Parliament, the European Federalists and partners organisations will gather activists from civil society organisations and citizens to express their expectations to the new Members of the European Parliament.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

**1pm-6pm - European Youth Centre – Citizens Agora** (in the context of the *We are Europe* project co-financed by the European Commission)

50-100 participants from the federalists and other civil society organisations engage in debates and workshops on civil society expectations on the new European Parliament for a European relaunch

#### 7pm-9pm - venue to confirmed - "MEETYOUR NEW MEPs - A NEW PARLIAMENT FOR A NEW EUROPE"

Activists from the federalists and other civil society as well as Strasbourg citizens meet newly elected members of the European Parliament from different countries. Some key notes speeches are followed by thematic discussions tables on citizens priorities for the new term of the European Parliament and "speed dating" with the MEPs and citizens.

Tuesday 2 July

#### 8am-10am – RALLY IN FRONT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT –

Public gathering to welcome the new MEPs for their first session with banners and flags



# I Choose Europe Campaign – Who?

#### Sections

- Translate and spread tools
- Contact candidates and ask them to sign the pledge
- Send translations, signed candidate pledges and planned actions to <u>secretariat@federalists.eu</u>
- (Re)tweet UEF messages on their own social media channels
- Take part in the pan-European actions days

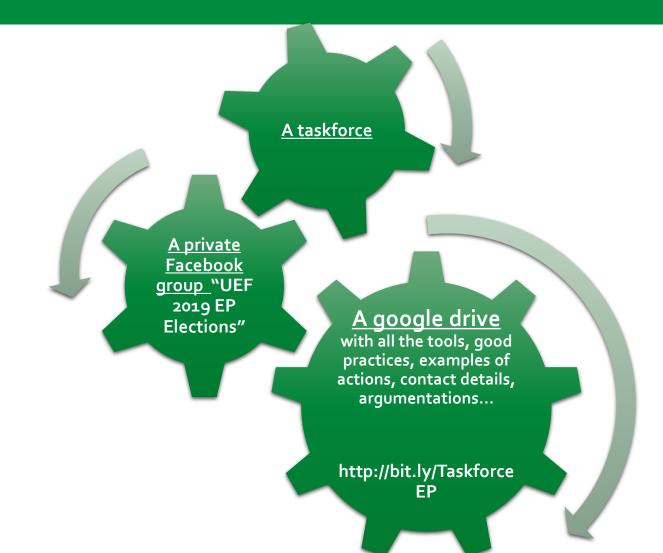
#### Bureau

- Meetings with Spitzenkandidaten, candidaten and parties
- Promotion of the manifesto and other tools
- Support Secretariat in the organisation of events

#### Secretariat

- Update of the website (local actions, signed pledges, news)
- UEF-Europe social media
- Organisation of events with the support of the Bureau

### **Internal Coordination**



For any question

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