European Federalist Movement Netherlands (UEF NL)
Adrian F.H. Waschmann, President

The Union of European Federalists (UEF)
Attn: Federal Committee and Delegates of the XXIX Congress
Mathilde Baudouin, Secretary General
Square de Meeûs 25, 1000 Brussels

Subject: Expression of Interest to Join the Union of European Federalists as a Candidate Section

Dear Delegates and Members of the Federal Committee,

On behalf of the newly established European Federalist Movement Netherlands (UEF NL), I am pleased to submit this formal expression of interest to join the Union of European Federalists as a candidate section. Our organisation was officially founded on 27 February 2026 at an Informal General Assembly, where statutes were adopted by consensus and the board was democratically elected.

Our founding board consists of four elected members: Adrian F.H. Waschmann (President), Anja Reimann (Treasurer), Kevin Klaren (Secretary General) and Reinis Giļš (Board Member). The board brings together experience in cultural policy and European governance, EU research and innovation policy at the Ministry of Economic Affairs, and European youth engagement through JEF Europe, where Reinis Giļš serves as a Directly Elected Federal Committee member. The President of JEF Netherlands holds an ex officio seat on our board.

The reactivation of a Dutch section comes at a critical moment. The Netherlands has a distinguished federalist tradition: Hendrik Brugmans, co-founder and former President of UEF, led the *Nederlandse Federalistische Beweging* from its establishment in 1958 until it ceased activity in 1985. UEF Europe itself was historically registered in the Netherlands. For nearly four decades, a founding member state — one with an 84% export-to-GDP ratio and deep structural dependence on the single market — has been absent from the federalist movement. At the same time, Euroscepticism has grown louder here than in almost any other Western European founding state. A visible, unapologetic federalist voice has been missing from Dutch public discourse. UEF NL intends to fill that gap.

We are proud to have the formal support of JEF Netherlands, whose formal letter of support from President Finn Gleichmann and Secretary General Maximilian Allwright commits to co-hosting events, coordinating outreach, and supporting community building alongside UEF NL.

As a candidate section, UEF NL aims to promote federalist principles in the Netherlands and beyond through advocacy, public engagement, and alliance-building with Dutch and European organisations. In less than a month since our founding, and without any public announcement, approximately 20 individuals have registered their interest, and we have received encouraging signals from Dutch Members of the European Parliament. Our strategic vision is built around two phases: 2026: establishing presence and building alliances with Dutch and European organisations, and leveraging those alliances for the 2027: 70th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. A founding member state should be a stage for that conversation, not a spectator.

We believe that admitting UEF NL as a candidate section would strengthen the UEF network: it returns a founding member state to the federalist family; it creates a natural bridge within the BeNeLux and towards UEF Germany through NRW and Niedersachsen; and it provides a testing ground for federalist messaging in a context of scepticism — if the message works here, it travels everywhere.

We kindly request that our candidacy be considered for approval at the Congress in Barcelona. We are prepared to provide any additional information or documentation required to support this application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to contributing to the advancement of European federalism.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian F.H. Waschmann
President of European Federalist Movement Netherlands (UEF NL)

Enclosures (available upon request):
– Statutes of UEF NL (adopted 27 February 2026)
– Letter of Support from JEF Netherlands
– CV of Adrian F.H. Waschmann, President