



## UNION OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS

**The unity of Europe is the historic task of our generation.**

*Altiero Spinelli*

**A united Europe was the dream of a few. It became the hope of many.**

**Today, it is a necessity for all.**

*Konrad Adenauer*

**Peace in Europe is the keystone of world peace. The priority must be to put an end to this anarchy through the creation of a federal union of European peoples.**

*Declaration of the European Resistances (1944)*



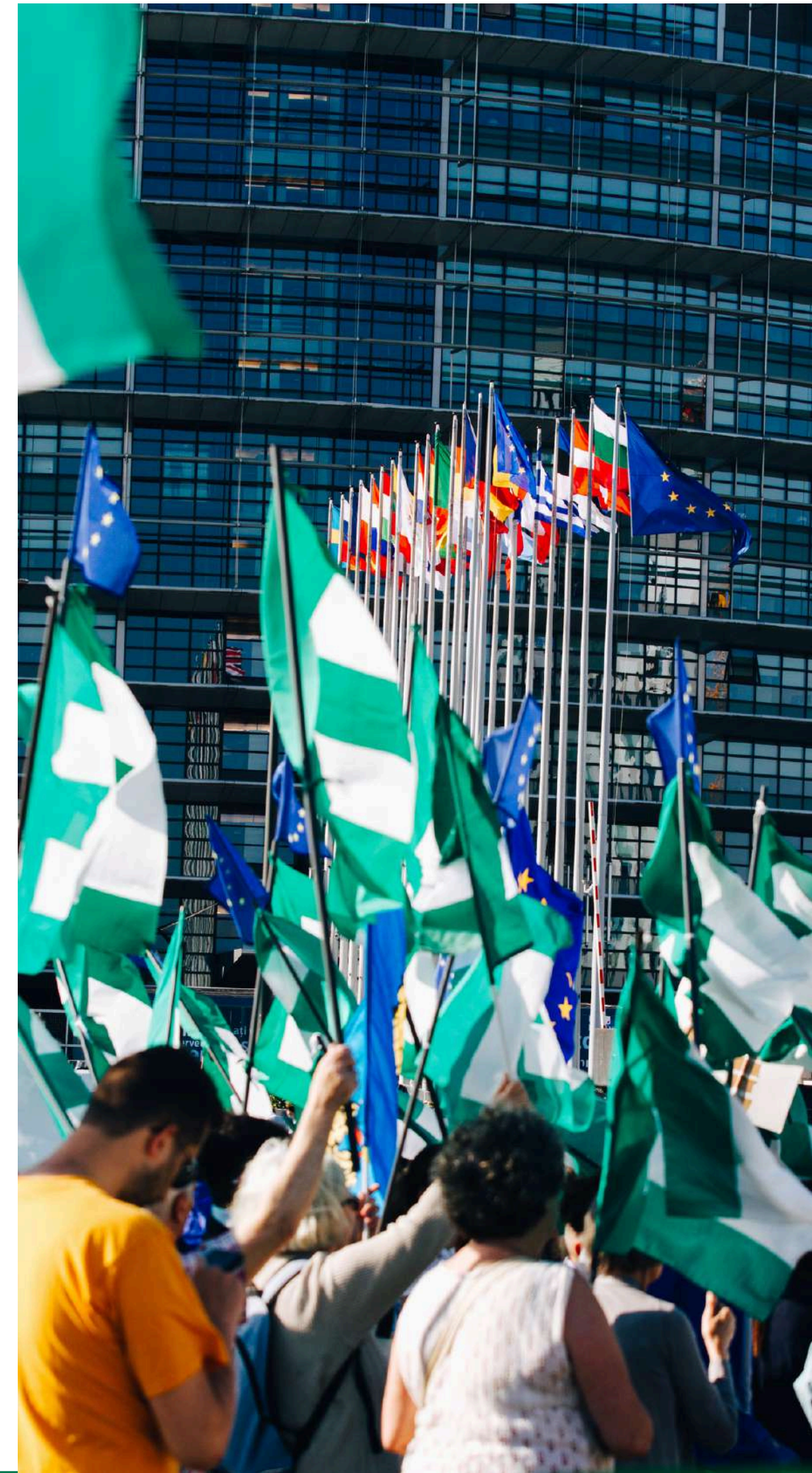
# ABOUT US

The Union of European Federalists is a supranational, non-governmental political organization of activists who are committed to the struggle for a European Federation, intended as the fundamental first step along the road towards a world federation.

It was founded in 1946, shortly after World War II, 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.

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*a Gabriele Panizzi  
con gratitudine per averci*



# SINCE 1946 CAMPAIGNING FOR A EUROPEAN FEDERATION

UEF was officially brought into life with its function being to co-ordinate and intensify the activities of the different movements and to organize them into a federal structure.

Since then UEF has been active at the European, national and local levels for the past 80 years.

**UEF has been the first to campaign :**

- for a **Europe without national borders**
- the **direct elections of the European Parliament**
- the **European currency**
- a **European Constitution**



# OUR MISSION

**The Union of European Federalists**  
“works for the creation of a  
**European Federation, endowed**  
**with supranational institutions**  
**with limited but real sovereign**  
**powers, consisting of:**

- a **Federal Government,**
- a **Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage,**
- a **Federal Senate representing Member States and possibly the Regions,**
- a **Court of Justice”**

*(art. 2 of the Statutes of UEF)*

# *To* **FEDERATION**

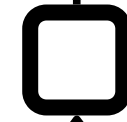


*WAITING FOR A FEDERAL CONSTITUTION*

**Federal Government**

**Federal Senate representing Member States and the Regions**

**Court of Justice of the States**



*WAITING FOR TREATY REFORM*

**Exclusive competences in foreign affairs and defence**

**New Role of the Eu Parliament and of the Eu Commission**

**End of the Council's veto**



**Euro, the unique European currency**



**Parliament elected by direct universal suffrage**



**Four fundamental freedoms of movements**



**European Common Market**



# *From* **CONFEDERATION**

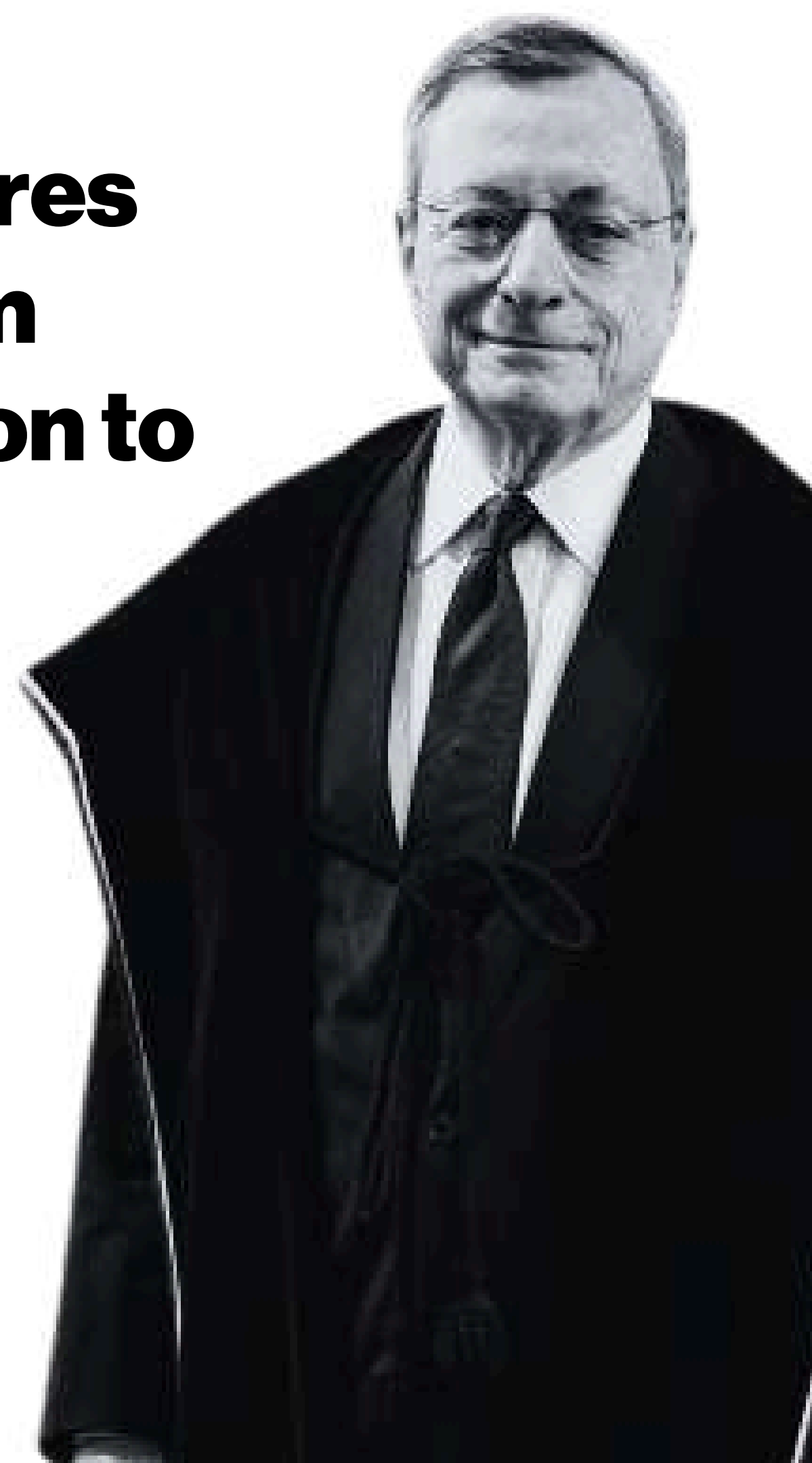
# WHAT ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION?

The European Union, as we know, it is an international organisation with supranational powers and competences, but

- **it is not yet a sovereign power:** it has no power over citizens and cannot act with policies like a normal State;
- **and fully democratic:** many EU powers are managed by national governments – as the Council of the EU and European Council - and not by democratically legitimised bodies.

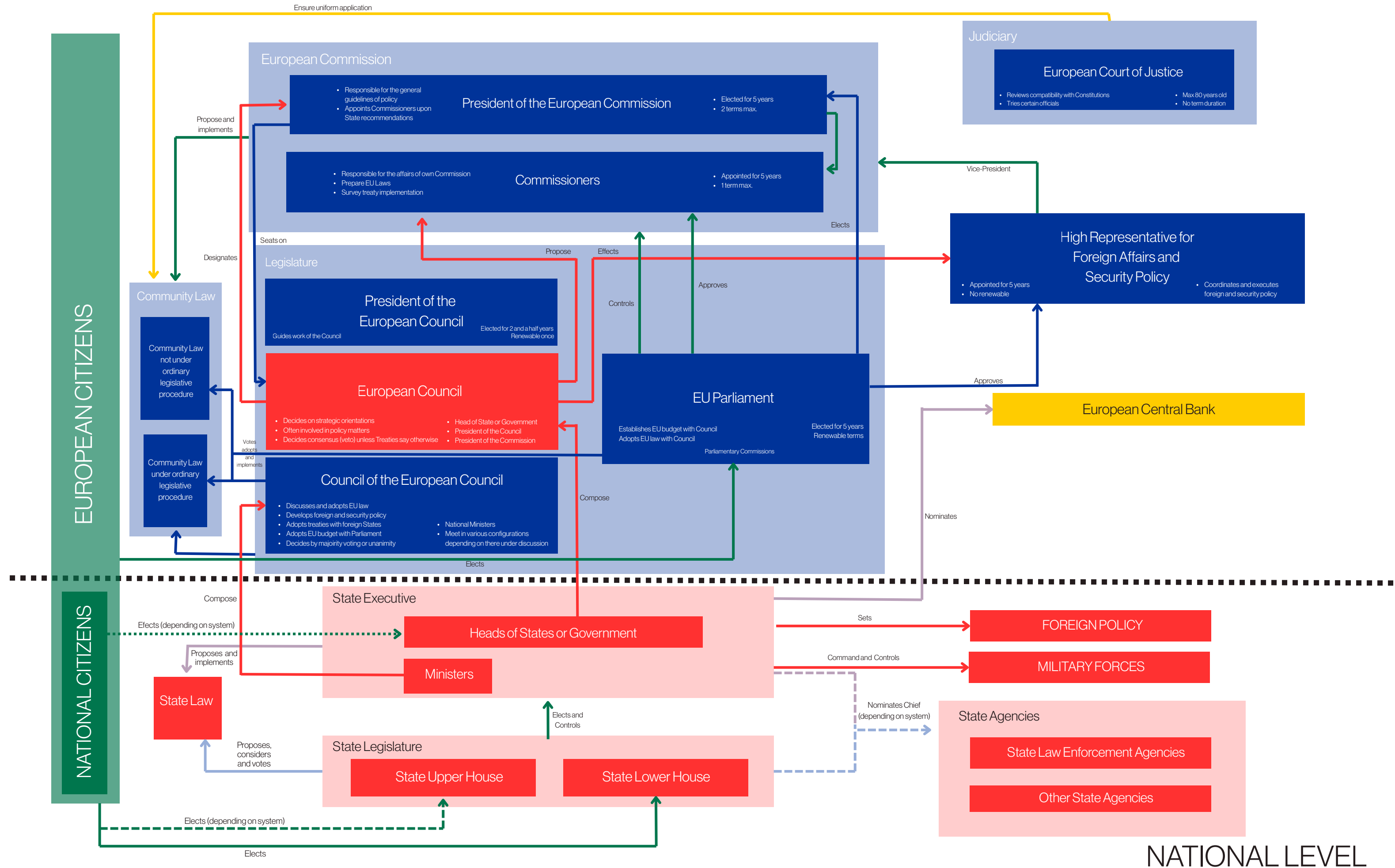
**Power requires  
to move from  
confederation to  
federation.**

*Mario Draghi*



# THIS IS THE EU TODAY

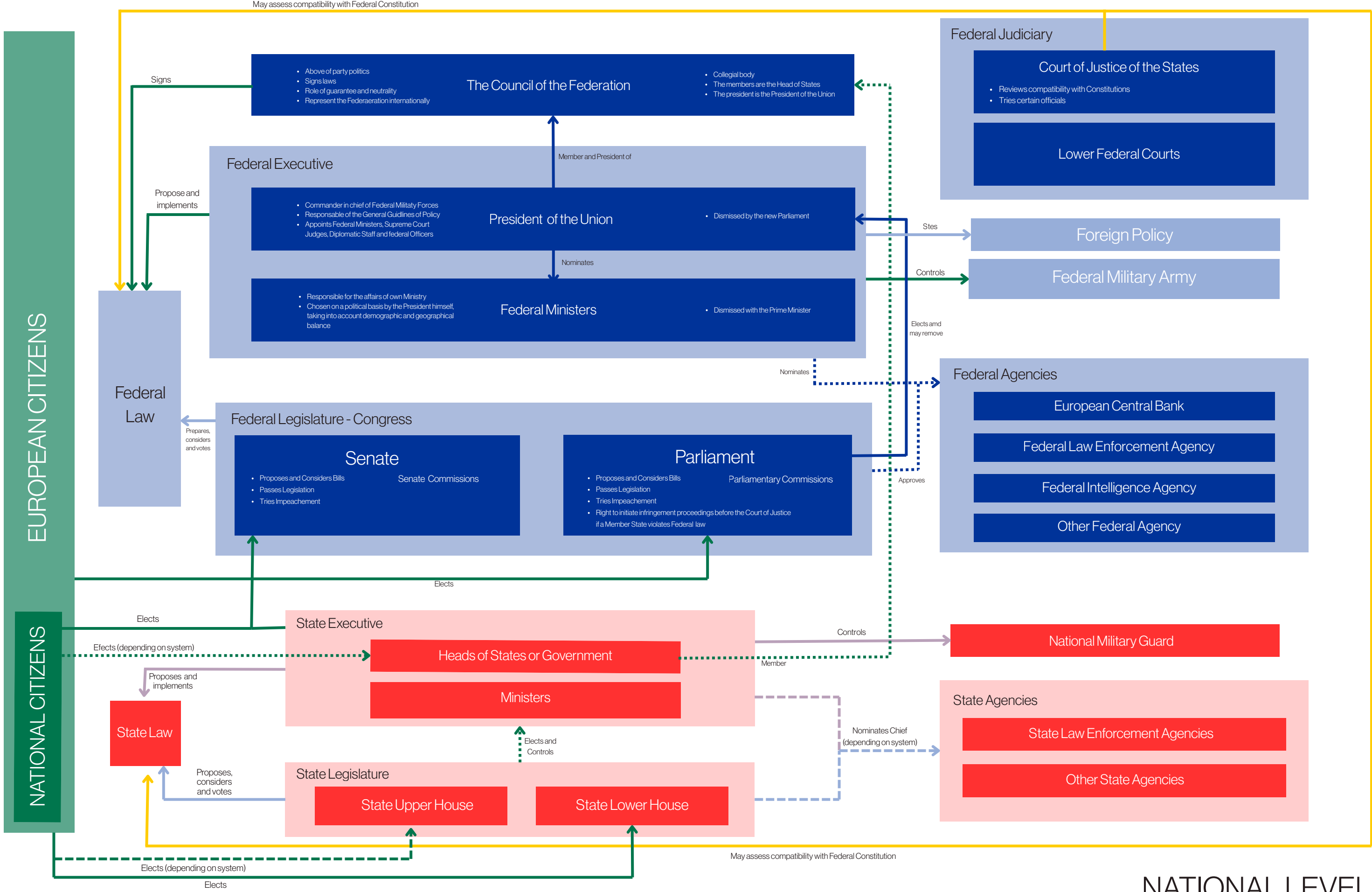
## EUROPEAN UNION LEVEL



## NATIONAL LEVEL

# A PROPOSAL FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE

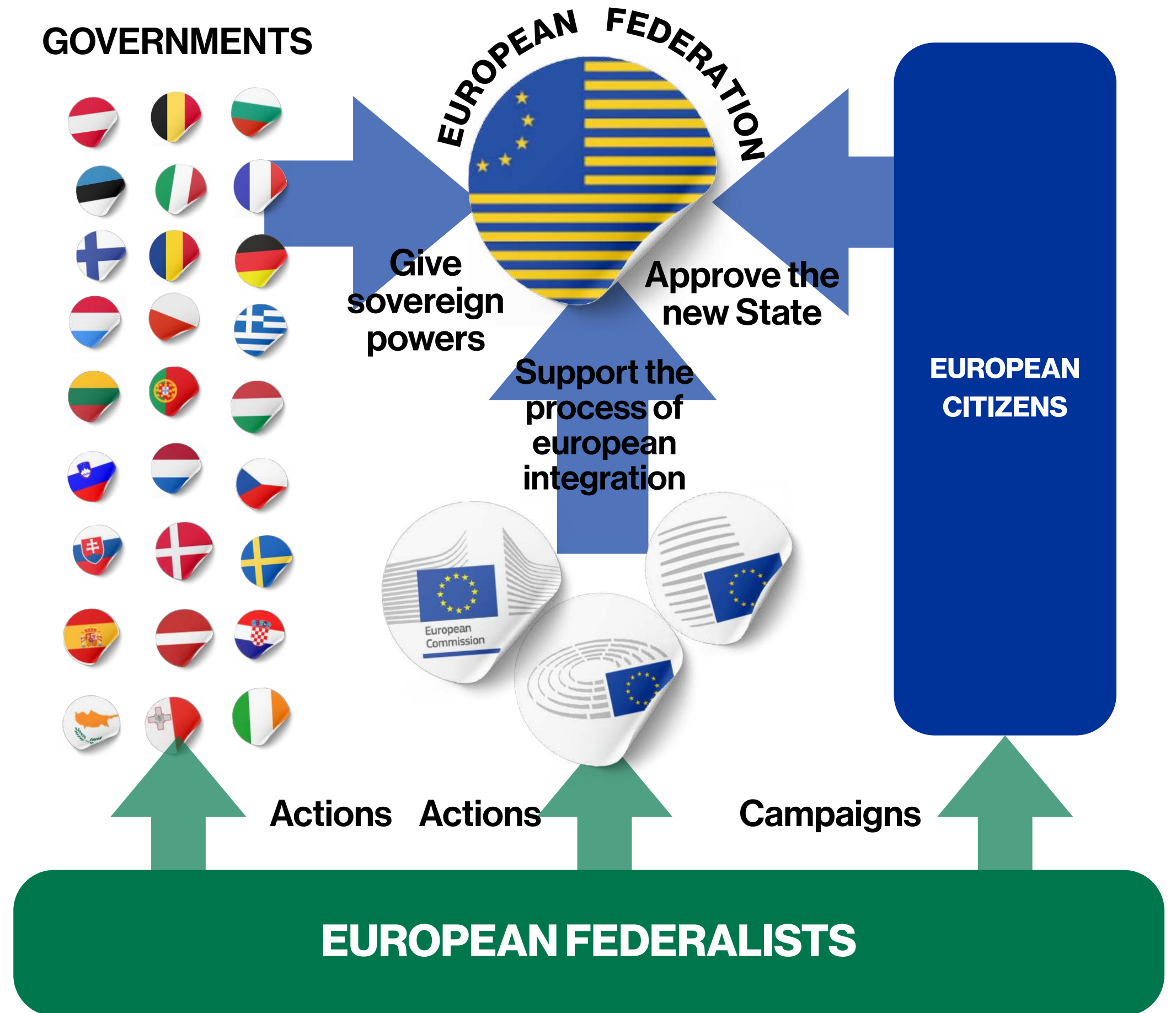
EUROPEAN LEVEL



NATIONAL LEVEL

# HOW CAN THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION BE FOUNDED?

The European Federation is a **political creation of a constitutional nature**, which can only come into being by the **will of the governments of the European states and with the consent of the European citizens.**



# HOW TO ACHIEVE A EUROPEAN FEDERATION? (THROUGH COMMON DEFENCE)

## *First possibility*

### EU LEVEL | 27 MEMBER STATES

Promote an Institutional Reform of the European Union

Activate Articles 48 and 42 of the Treaty on European Union to amend the treaties in a federal direction.

Overcome unanimity as a political and legal obstacle to common decision-making in the fields of defence and foreign policy.



## *Second possibility*

### GROUP OF WILLING STATES

Strengthen and relaunch Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) among a group of willing states.

Provide PESCO with a clear political mandate and broad operational competences, overcoming the intergovernmental logic.

Use it as a tool to bypass unanimity and initiate differentiated integration.



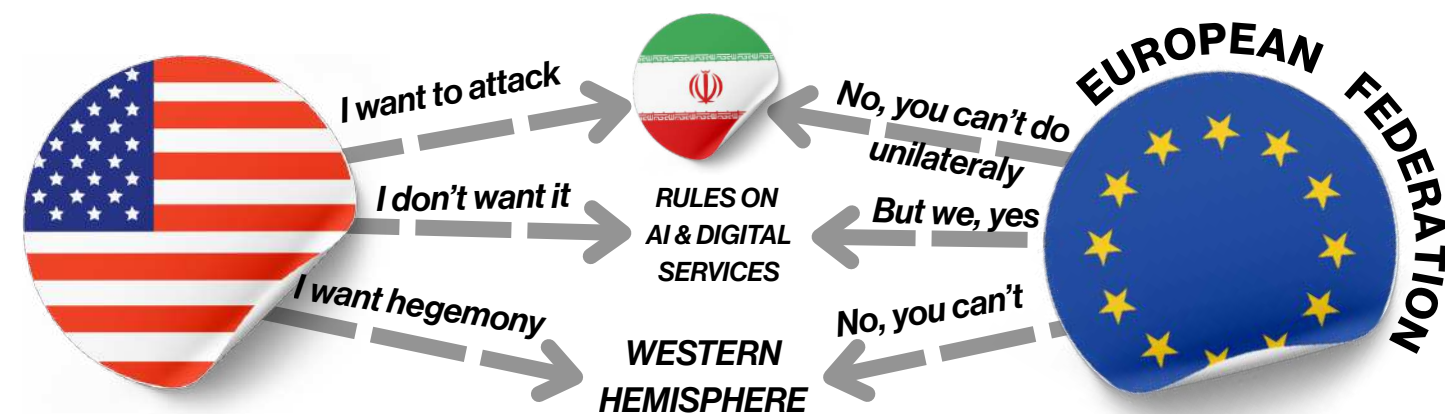


# WHY WE NEED A EUROPEAN FEDERATION

## THIS HAPPENS TODAY

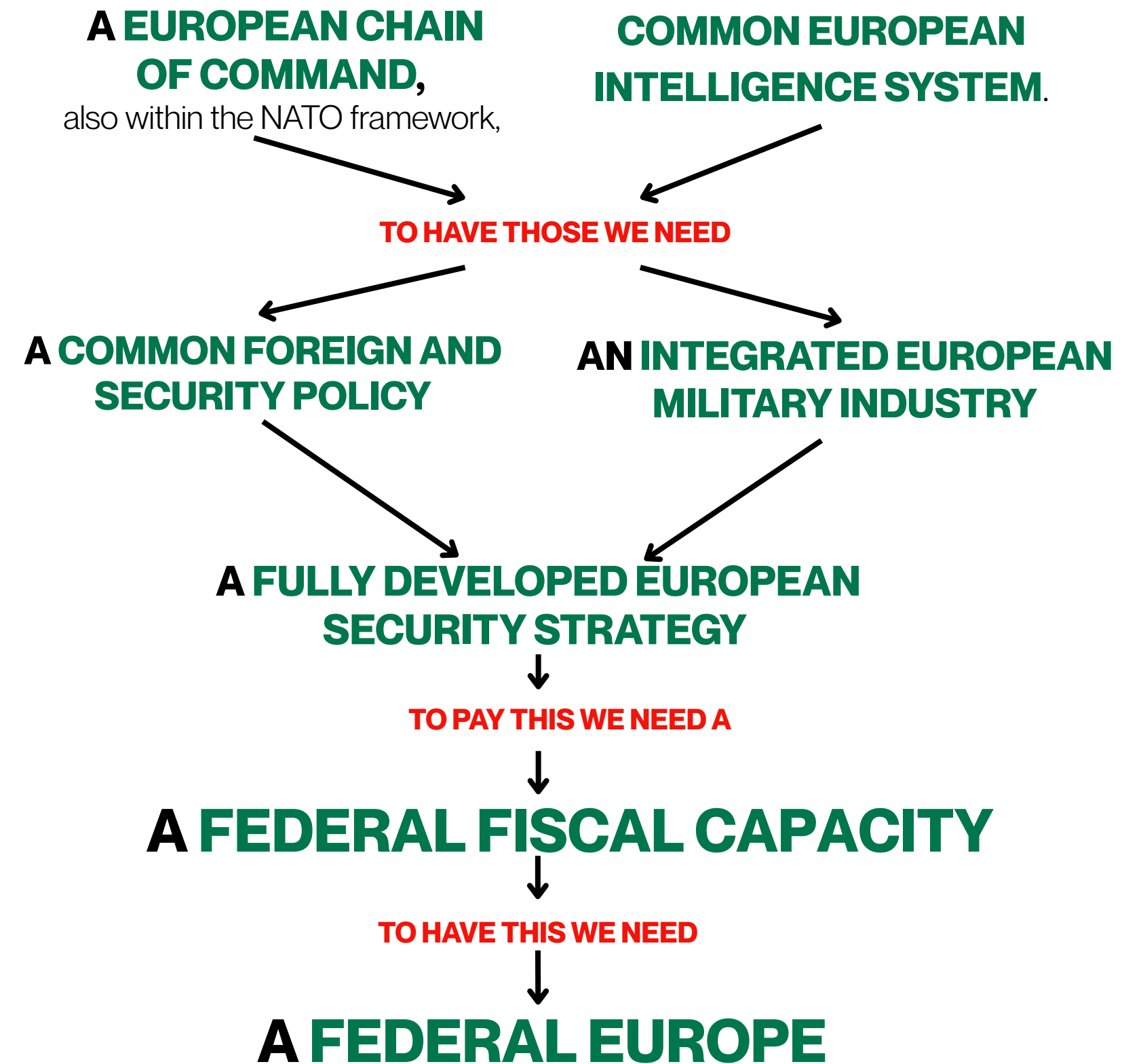


## WE NEED THIS NOW



What else must happen to understand it?

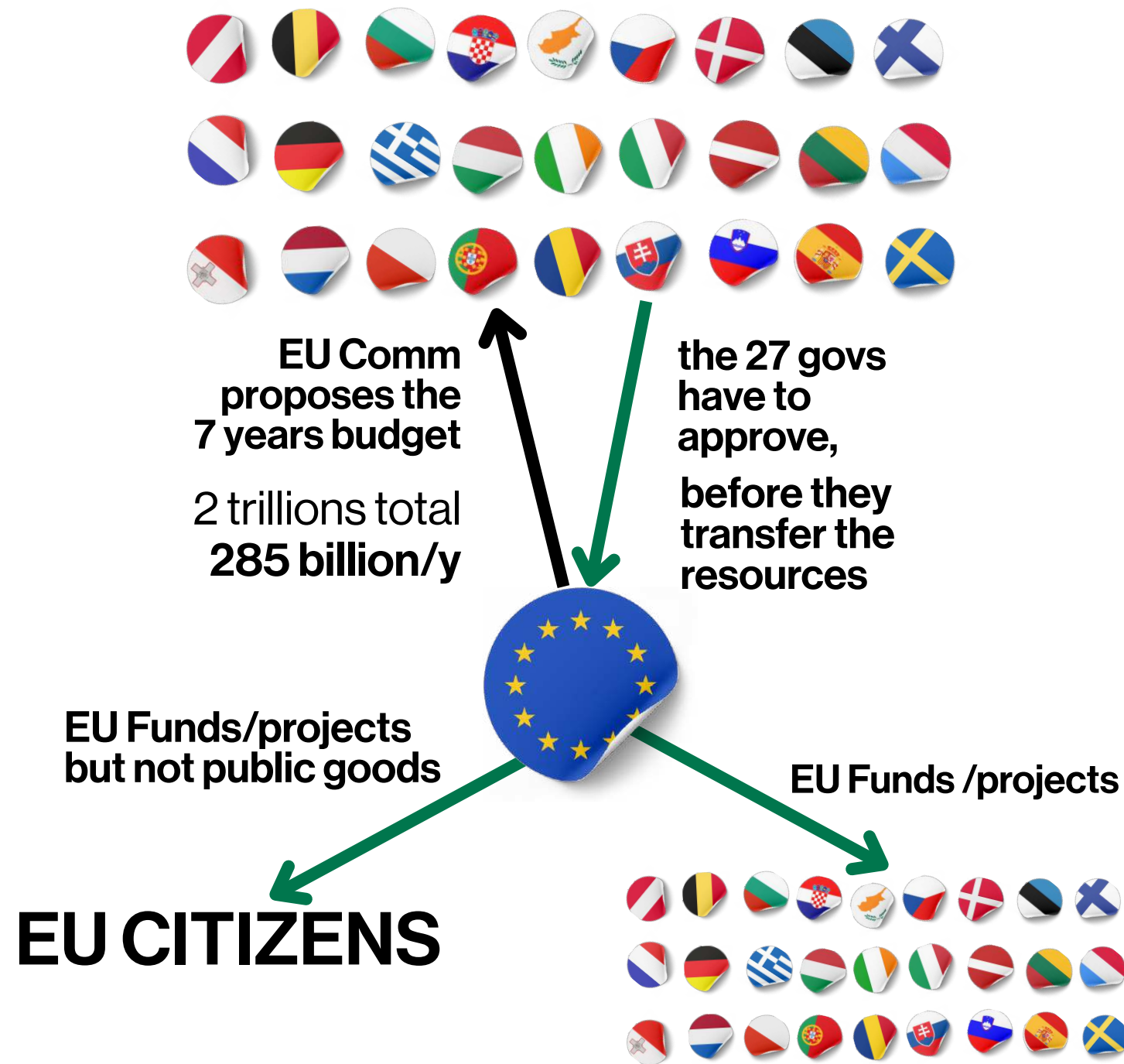
# THIS IS WHAT EUROPEAN DEFENCE NEEDS



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*Today*

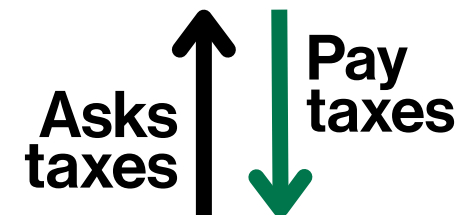
## EU BUDGET without fiscal power



*What we need*

## FEDERAL BUDGET with fiscal power

### EU CITIZENS



Proposes and votes the budget  
2 trillions/y

FED DEFENCE  
FED JUSTICE  
FED ECONOMY DEP

Public goods for  
EU CITIZENS

The EU budget is **too** small

The European Union's budget cannot provide European public goods or carrying out redistributive policies on scale.

USA BUDGET with fiscal power



6750 billions/y

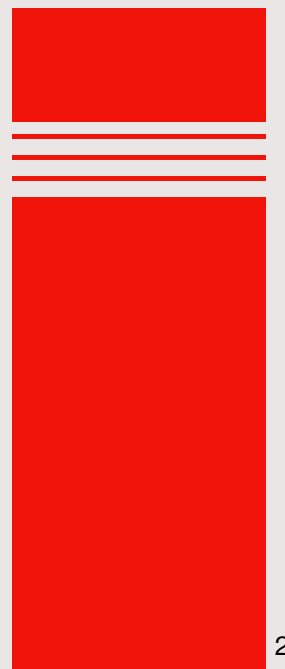
EU BUDGET without fiscal power



285 billions/y



23 cm



# OUR ACTIVITIES

## WE RAISE CITIZENS'

awareness of European issues and the need for European political unity through organised campaigns, public debates, conferences in schools and universities, seminars, street actions, and information stands.

## WE PROMOTE THE EUROPEAN FEDERAL PROJECT

among political parties, politicians, and civil society organisations at local, national, and European levels through lobbying activities, public debates, and initiatives in European, national and local parliaments.

## WE CALL ON NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

to act for a united and federal Europe with petitions, appeals, and advocacy activities directed toward decision-makers and opinion leaders.



100,000 EUROPEANS

militant federalists of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Switzerland and belonging to five groups from the countries under totalitarian governments,

represented by their delegates at

THE EXTRAORDINARY  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE EUROPEAN UNION  
OF FEDERALISTS

which met in Paris on the 29th, 30th and 31st of October, 1949, demand the immediate conclusion of

FEDERAL PACT

between the European states, and unanimously approved the text which follows.

Only a Federal Union of Europe can preserve peace with freedom and assure that prosperity which is the essential condition for raising the living standard of the European peoples.

READER,

to achieve a United States of Europe, give your signature to the Petition for a European Federal Pact

# OUR MEMBERS

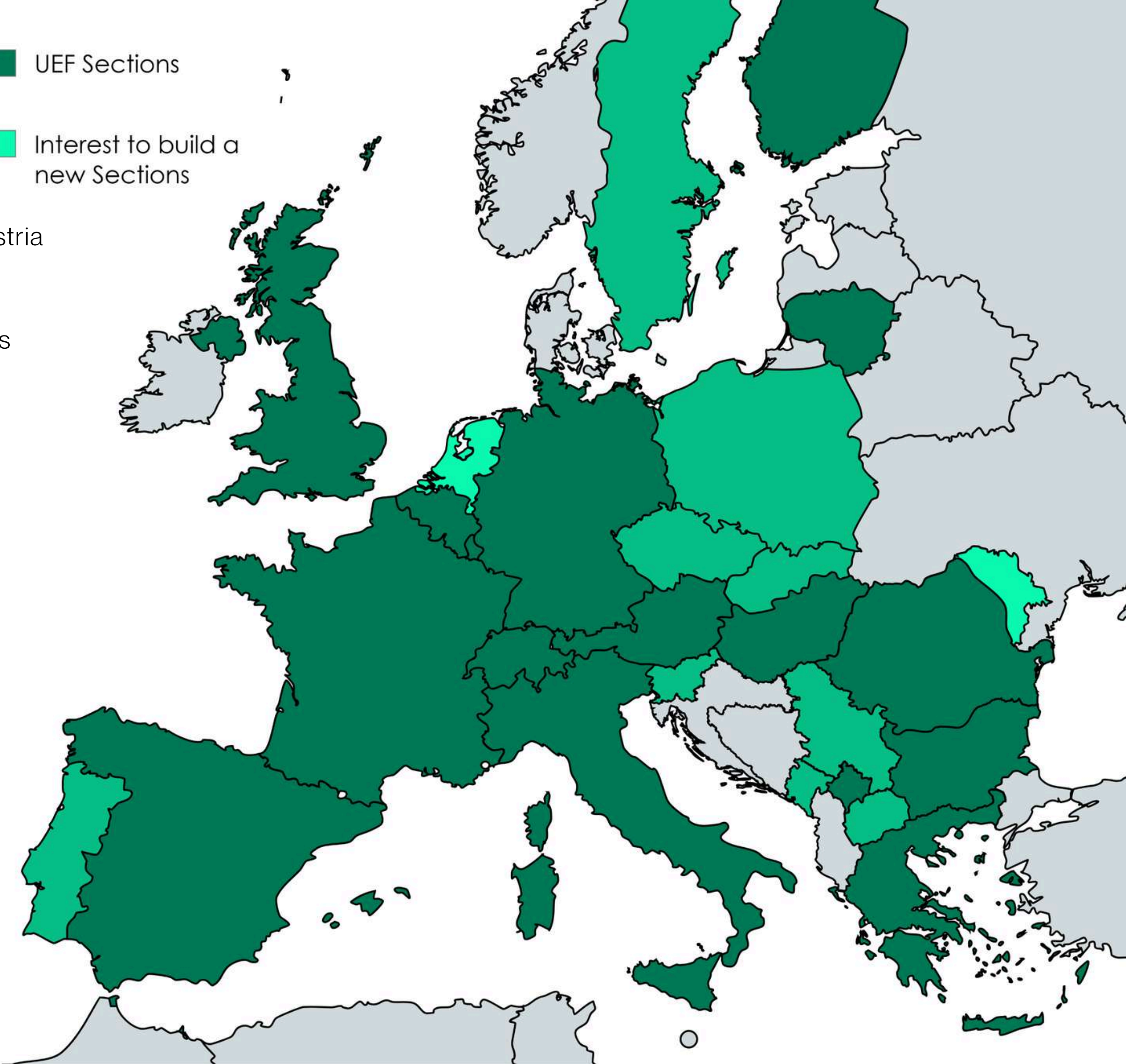
17 SECTIONS | +400 LOCAL SECTIONS

- 1. **Europäische Föderalistische Bewegung Österreich** | Austria
- 2. **UEF Belgique** | Belgium
- 3. **Съюзът на европейските федералисти** | Bulgaria
- 4. **Κίνημα Ευρωπαίων Φεντεραλιστών Κύπρου** | Cyprus
- 5. **Eurooppafederalistit ry** | Finland
- 6. **Union des Fédéralistes européens** | France
- 7. **Europa-Union Deutschland** | Germany
- 8. **Ελληνική Ένωση για την Ομοσπονδία της Ευρώπης -ΕΕνΟΕ** | Greece
- 9. **Európai Föderalisták UniójaMagyarország** | Hungary
- 10. **Movimento Federalista Europeo** | Italy
- 11. **UEF Luxemburg** | Luxembourg
- 12. **UEF Kosova** | Kosova
- 13. **Inițiativa pentru Europa Unită** | Romania
- 14. **Unión de Europeístas y Federlistas de España** | Spain
- 15. **Europäische Bewegung Schweiz** | Switzerland
- 16. **Federal Union** | United Kingdom
- 17. **UEF Group Europe** | EU Institutions

Interest to build a Section

- 1. **The Netherlands**
- 2. **Moldova**

■ UEF Sections  
■ Interest to build a new Sections



# STRUCTURE

## OUR BODIES



## XXIX CONGRESS IN BARCELONA

### EUROPEAN CONGRESS

It meets every two years. The composition is proportional to the number of members and there are adjustments to ensure the representation of smaller sections.

### FEDERAL COMMITTEE

The members are elected to serve until the next UEFA Congress. The FC determines the UEFA political direction and activities between the Congresses. It organises the Congress, approves the annual budget and final account balances, draws up the rules of procedure of UEFA, and elects the Executive Bureau and Treasurer.

# STRUCTURE

## OUR BODIES

### PRESIDENT

The UEF President is elected by the UEF Congress by absolute majority vote. They are also the President of the Federal Committee and of the UEF Bureau.

### SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary-General is responsible for running the UEF Secretariat and carrying out the decisions delegated to them by the organs of UEF.

### TREASURER

Elected by the Federal Committee on the nomination of the Bureau, they are responsible for the management of the funds.

### EXECUTIVE BUREAU

Elected by the Federal Committee for a period of two years, the Bureau carries out the decisions of and is accountable to the Federal Committee.



**THE EXECUTIVE BUREAU 2026-2028**

# OUR NETWORK



Young federalists can organise themselves, in an autonomous organisation: the Young European Federalists (JEF Europe). The relationship between JEF and the U.E.F. are determined by an agreement approved by the Federal Committee (from UEF Statutes). JEF has about 15,000 members in 31 widely autonomous national sections, which are coordinated by a European umbrella organisation, JEF Europe.



The network of federalist-minded Members of the European Parliament. The Group aims to “find a federal majority among members of the European Parliament on important subjects” and reinvigorate the endeavour for federalisation of the European Union (EU). Named after Altiero Spinelli, founder of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) and one of the founding father of the European integration. UEF is the Secretariat of the Spinelli Group.



The Action Committee for the United States for Europe was made with the aim to mobilise a number of high profile personalities in order to pave the way for a deeper political union by way of a Treaty reform. At the moment the Action Committee for the USE is composed by four organizations: Union of European Federalists, Spinelli Group, JEF Europe and Jean Monnet Association.



Founded in 1947, the World Federalist Movement is a non-profit, non-partisan organization committed to the realization of global peace and justice through the development of democratic institutions and the application of international law. The Institute of Global Policy was instituted in 1983 as the primary education mechanism of WFM and seeks to promote better understanding of the UN and other international organizations. UEF is an associated organization of WFM-IGP.



The European Movement International is a lobbying association that coordinates the efforts of associations and national councils with the goal of promoting European integration, and disseminating information about it. Since 1948, the European Movement has lobbied for further integration, on numerous subjects. The UEF is a proud member of EMI.



It is currently a brand under which we want to bring together so-called content creators on Instagram (at the moment) who are committed to producing content on federal Europe. [instagram.com/new\\_crocodile\\_club/](https://www.instagram.com/new_crocodile_club/)



# THE SPINELLI GROUP

[thespinelligroup.eu](https://thespinelligroup.eu)

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# ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

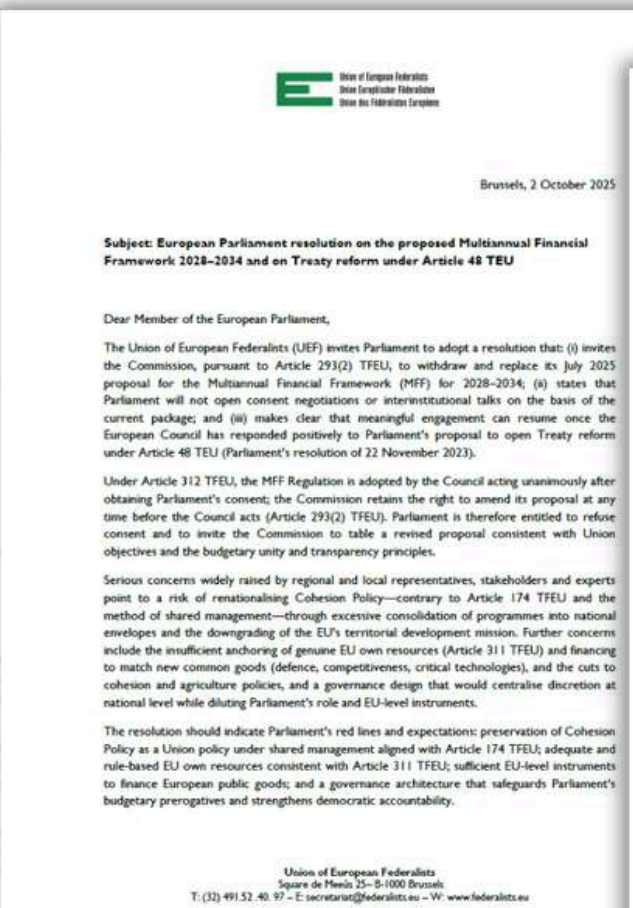
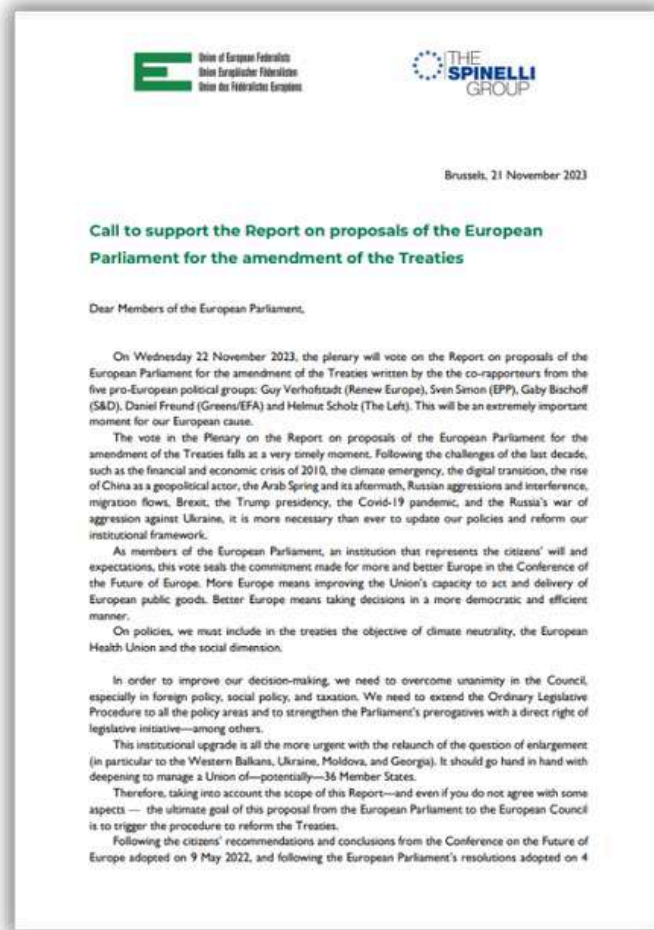


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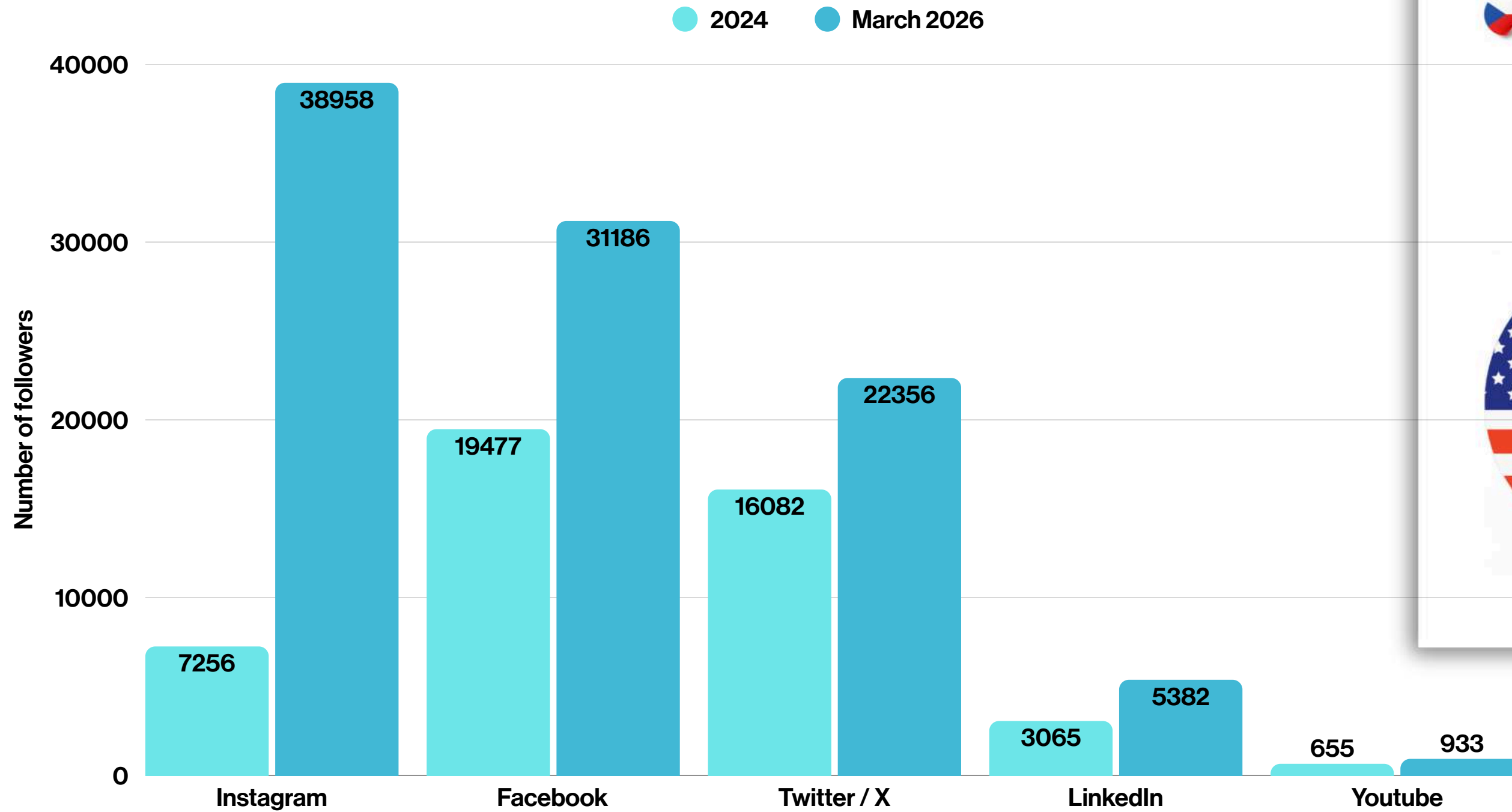
Letters sent with UEF signature

to EU Institutions, National Governments, political parties



# OUR PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

UEF Social Media Community 2024-current



# OUR PRESENCE ON PRESS AND MEDIA

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**DeMorgen.**

**Le  
Nouvel Obs**

**QUOTIDIANONAZIONALE**

**demócrata**  
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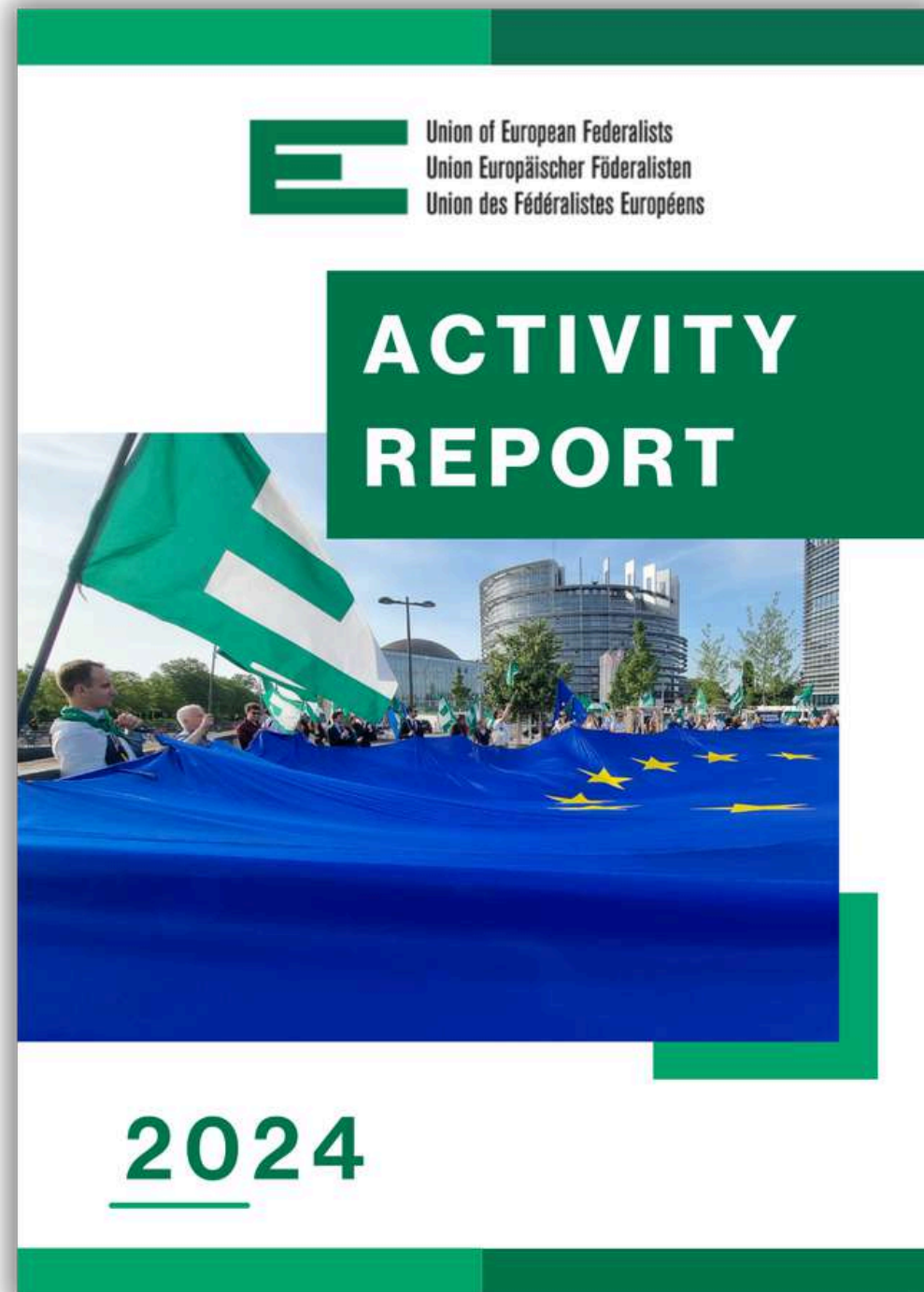
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**EL PAÍS**

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**la Repubblica**

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**FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE**

**SOVEREIGN AND**

**DEMOCRATIC**

