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# A year of deep geopolitical transformations that calls for a federal and independent Europe

## Foreword from the President and the Secretary General

In 2025, the European Union faced unprecedented challenges as the UN-based multilateral order, central to the EU's commitments, came under attack. The strategy of appeasement towards Donald Trump, from the NATO Summit to unbalanced trade giveaways or the deregulation of digital, artificial intelligence, and environmental rules, has utterly failed. Concessions have neither tempered Trump's unpredictability nor reduced his hostility. Instead, they have deepened Europe's strategic vulnerability, culminating in an unacceptable capitulation plan for Ukraine and a political declaration of war on the EU through the US National Security Strategy. This document openly calls for a return to a Europe of nations and aligns with the continent's national-populist forces. In early 2026 Trump has already undertaken two unilateral military operations (Venezuela and Iran) in violation of International Law and without seeking Europe's input and has even threatened the annexation of Greenland. It is ever clearer that only a more sovereign and federal Europe, endowed with its own Common Defence System and able to act without the constraints of unanimity can face off an emerging world order based on imperial spheres of influence.

The EU project, founded on clear ideas and strong values, must never abandon its core principles, and the respect of International Law, which application cannot be selective, is one of them. The European "way of life" and the greatest achievements of the European project must be preserved, deepened, and extended to other European countries as part of a united family. In this regard, we will continue to work in the year ahead towards deepening the EU in view of the enlargement.

Strategic sovereignty and solidarity are no longer optional; they are existential necessities. As Robert Schuman declared in 1950, "*World peace cannot be safeguarded without creative efforts proportionate to the dangers that threaten it.*" For almost eight decades, federalists have fought for peace in unity, bringing together citizens and policymakers to confront these dangers.

In 2025, we have actively called the EU institutions and willing member states to unite and begin building a genuine European Defence System, modelled after the successes of the euro and Schengen. These initiatives, too, began with a few member states

before becoming cornerstones of European integration. The European Parliament has backed our proposal to activate the different provisions of article 42 TEU for a Common Defence, a very tangible achievement. In addition, we know that being a geopolitical power has preconditions: fostering competitiveness, leading in environmental protection, safeguarding social prosperity, endowing the EU with a federal budget and true fiscal policy.

The UEF is very proud to celebrate 2025 successes and key achievements:

Activities of the Action Committee for the United States of Europe:

- The Action Committee, established by Jean Monnet in 1955, has been reinvigorated through collaboration with partners such as JEF Europe, the Spinelli Group, the Association Jean Monnet, and Civico Europa and is composed of relevant European personalities from all walks of life. The Committee has 13 High Patrons and 44 Members.
- The Committee produced a series of major political documents, including a Memorandum on European Defence Union (5 March 2025), which called early on to create a Defence Union using available Treaty provisions; a call for a Second Schuman Plan (9 May 2025) for a Common Defence and Political Union; and a bold Declaration: It's Time for a European Union Declaration of Independence (11 December 2025), published simultaneously as opinion articles in leading newspapers across the continent, from *La Repubblica* and *El País* to *Le Monde*, *Gazeta Wyborcza* and *România Liberă*, among many others.
- Our first General Meeting, held at the Jean Monnet House on October 16–18 2025, brought together prominent figures including Josep Borrell, Mario Monti, Guy Verhofstadt, and Enrico Letta on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the creation of the first Committee.
- As part of this campaign and the activities of the Action Committee, we promoted a call for a Declaration of Independence, signed by nearly 2,500 politicians, writers, philosophers, academics, and citizens and published in media outlets across Europe.

- In this political engagement, we also see our influence on defence policies being evident, as this report details the alignment between our proposals and the texts adopted by the European Parliament.

## Campaigning for Treaty Reform:

- Our campaign for Treaty Reform reached a milestone in April 2025 with the submission of a Petition to the Committee on Petitions in the European Parliament (PETI) calling for the follow-up to institution's proposal to reform the Treaty adopted in November 2023. Our initiative received positive responses from both PETI and the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (AFCO).

## Intensifying the Work of the Spinelli Group

- The Spinelli Group, with 87 members, held regular Board Meetings and participated in key initiatives, such as the online event "Women in Politics and European Federalism" (28 April 2025) and the event at the Hellenic Parliament "For a Stronger, More Democratic, and Inclusive European Union – Towards a European Federation." (21 November 2025) as well as the reception in the European Parliament in Strasbourg "Bring a European Federalist" (24 November 2025). As the secretariat of the Spinelli Group, we see these efforts as a dedication to fostering dialogue and collaboration, making the group a federalist platform within the European Parliament.
- The federalist presence in the European Parliament continues to bear concrete legislative fruit. MEP Sandro Gozi secured the adoption of his report (2 November 2025) calling for institutional reform of the Union as a prerequisite for credible enlargement, a long-standing federalist demand that ties the widening of Europe to a genuine deepening of its democratic architecture. MEP Brando Benifei, in turn, successfully steered through a report on competitiveness (25 November 2025) with strong institutional dimensions, reinforcing the case for a European Union endowed with the political tools to act effectively in a competitive global economy.

## Network Successes

- We have successfully (co-)organised Federal Committees (Brussels and Athens), Interregional Seminars and Conferences across Europe, including events in Brussels, Sofia, Athens, Nice, Strasbourg, Turku, and Ventotene.

These gatherings have strengthened our connections with local and national partners, particularly in Europe's peripheral regions. We are committed to continuing those great partnerships this year, as the UEF strength relies on its diverse internal network.

## Expanding the UEF Network

- The UEF is proudly expanding its network, welcoming expressions of interest to build or rebuild national sections in the Netherlands and Moldova, with strong support from JEF locally in both countries. This expansion reflects our commitment to strengthening unity and reach across Europe.

## Media presence

- Our media presence in 2025 speaks for itself: over twenty publications in leading national and international outlets, from Le Monde and El País to Politico, De Morgen, La Repubblica and many others, covering topics from European defence and treaty reform to enlargement and fiscal sovereignty.
- Our digital community has grown stronger than ever: in 2025, UEF's social media following surpassed 69,000 across all platforms, with Instagram reaching 6.3 million impressions, more than six times the previous year. This extraordinary leap reflects not only our expanded online presence, but the power of a growing network of content creators - the so-called New Crocodile Club - which carries the federalist message far beyond our traditional audiences.
- The impact of this collective effort is perhaps best captured by a remarkable milestone: 'European Federation' has become a trending topic on Google searches worldwide. When citizens across the globe begin searching for what a European Federation means, we know that our movement is shaping the conversation, and that the federalist idea is no longer a niche aspiration.

Despite these successes, the UEF faced a significant setback in July 2025 when the European Commission rejected our application for funding through the CERV Operating Grant for the framework 2026–2028. This decision required us to rapidly adapt. The Secretariat responded by applying for EU projects, intensifying fundraising efforts, leveraging Lorenzo Epis' artwork for crowdfunding campaigns, reaching out to private foundations, and organising targeted meetings. These efforts have helped us navigate this challenging period.

## Foreword from the President and the Secretary General

In 2026 we will celebrate our Congress in Barcelona, and intensify our political campaign, focused on the twin objectives of achieving a defence and federal political union, at 27, or by a federalist vanguard composed of willing Member States. This is why we have created in 2025 a Campaign Committee to enlist support for these objectives by national parliamentarians across the Union, while we continue our advocacy efforts at the EU level. We have also constituted an Organising Committee to mark and project into the future our eight decades of grassroots fight for the establishment of a European Federation.

The times are difficult for Europe, but we know that now our expertise and beliefs are more needed than ever. As we enter 2026 and celebrate the 80th anniversary of our federalist organisation, the vision of a federal Europe is every day more evident, even if most Member States governments still lack the will or the courage to realise it. The geopolitical shocks of 2025 have underscored the existential importance of our mission. Our commitment remains unwavering: it is not fading; it is more vital than ever.

Yours sincerely,

Brussels, 4th March 2026

### **Domènec Ruiz Devesa**

President of the UEF and Former MEP



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Secretary General of the UEF



# The European Federalists political priorities

*Based on the political resolutions adopted by the Congress and Federal Committee 2024-2025*

Europe is confronting renewed power politics, military escalation on its borders, and hybrid threats, while remaining slowed by fragmented decision-making and weak common instruments. Its constant conclusion is political: a divided EU cannot reliably protect democracy, the rule of law, and citizens' security, "true unity" requires a democratic federation with real sovereign powers.

## Federal political union and democratic sovereignty

UEF's first priority is a constitutional leap from a mainly intergovernmental system to a federal political union anchored in citizens' consent. "Tonight or Never" draws on the European Resistance federalist tradition to outline the institutional core: a government responsible to peoples (not to national executives), a supreme court to interpret the federal constitution, and the ability to exercise direct jurisdiction within clearly defined competences.

The method is explicitly constituent. UEF urges convening a Convention and launching a democratic constituent process; if unanimity blocks progress, it accepts a "vanguard" coalition forming a first federal nucleus open to later accession. It equally targets "vetocracy" by ending unanimity in decisive fields and coupling majority decision-making with stronger democratic control via the European Parliament

## Fiscal capacity and democratic budgetary power

UEF treats fiscal capacity as a precondition for sovereignty. It argues that a tight EU budget sustains paralysis, especially in defence, because only the wealthiest states can invest at scale, deepening disparities and weakening cohesion. It warns that long-term budget choices that fail to match strategic needs can renationalise cohesion policy and reduce the EU to a "cash register" rather than a public-policy actor.

As priorities, UEF calls for a genuine fiscal capacity based on EU own resources and common instruments (including Eurobonds and common safe assets) under democratic oversight, so Europe can finance European public goods. It also highlights an immediate leverage point: because the long-term budget framework needs Parliament's consent, Parliament can withhold consent to force a revised proposal aligned with Union objectives and transparency principles.

## Defence, security, and strategic autonomy

UEF's defence agenda is strategic autonomy rooted in federal legitimacy. It argues for a common foreign and defence policy decided by majority voting and involving Parliament, so defence and security are not hostage to national vetoes or fragmented procurement. For UEF, strategic autonomy requires integrated European command, intelligence, and joint procurement, all placed under democratic control.

The resolutions translate this into priorities: an EU-level command chain; a common intelligence system and strategic culture; coordinated procurement and defence-industrial cooperation; stronger cyber-security and critical-infrastructure protection; and collective capabilities such as integrated air-and-missile defence. To move despite blockages, UEF backs a re-designed permanent defence cooperation initially led by willing states, meant to break unanimity and deepen integration.

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## Ukraine, Russia and a law-based peace framework

UEF treats support for Ukraine as both a moral and strategic imperative and as a test of Europe's capacity to act as one. In its urgent statement it asks the European Union to fully support Ukrainian sovereignty; maintain and increase sanctions while the aggression continues; require a ceasefire before substantive negotiations; and mobilise frozen Russian assets to sustain Ukraine and fund reconstruction.

UEF also insists Europe must shape diplomacy rather than react to it. It calls for an alternative peace proposal grounded in international law: recognition of Ukrainian sovereignty and legitimate borders; negotiations not conducted under daily bombardment; respect for international jurisdiction; and a reconstruction financing package. In parallel, UEF's foreign and defence platform states that peace talks must respect Ukraine's internationally recognised borders and dignity.

## Digital sovereignty and the resilience of democracy

UEF defines digital sovereignty as a rule-of-law and security priority, not merely industrial policy. It warns that dependence on non-European infrastructures for hosting, communication, and collaboration exposes Europe to major security risks and strategic dependence, and can become a direct threat to judicial independence and European sovereignty; existing EU digital-market and services rules are described as insufficient, on their own, to reverse dominance by extraterritorial digital actors.

UEF therefore prioritises rapid substitution where the public interest is most direct: Europe-based alternatives in public administrations (especially for sensitive communications and data storage) and harmonised procurement to foster an integrated European digital ecosystem. It asks Parliament to strengthen oversight and issue regular progress reporting, and it mandates UEF itself to migrate to compliant Europe-based tools to lead by example.

## A common European media space and civic cohesion

UEF argues that a future federation needs a European public sphere where citizens can follow common debates across borders. Its media-space resolution proposes a transnational media network affiliated with national outlets, delivering European news and cultural content in multiple languages and via digital access, to reduce language barriers and the isolation of national debates.

The design is operational: distribution through at least one outlet in each Member State, free-to-air access, a single multilingual digital platform, minimum daily programming with a strong news component, and strict respect for pluralism and editorial independence. UEF frames this as democratic infrastructure and an antidote to nationalism and polarisation in fragmented media environments.

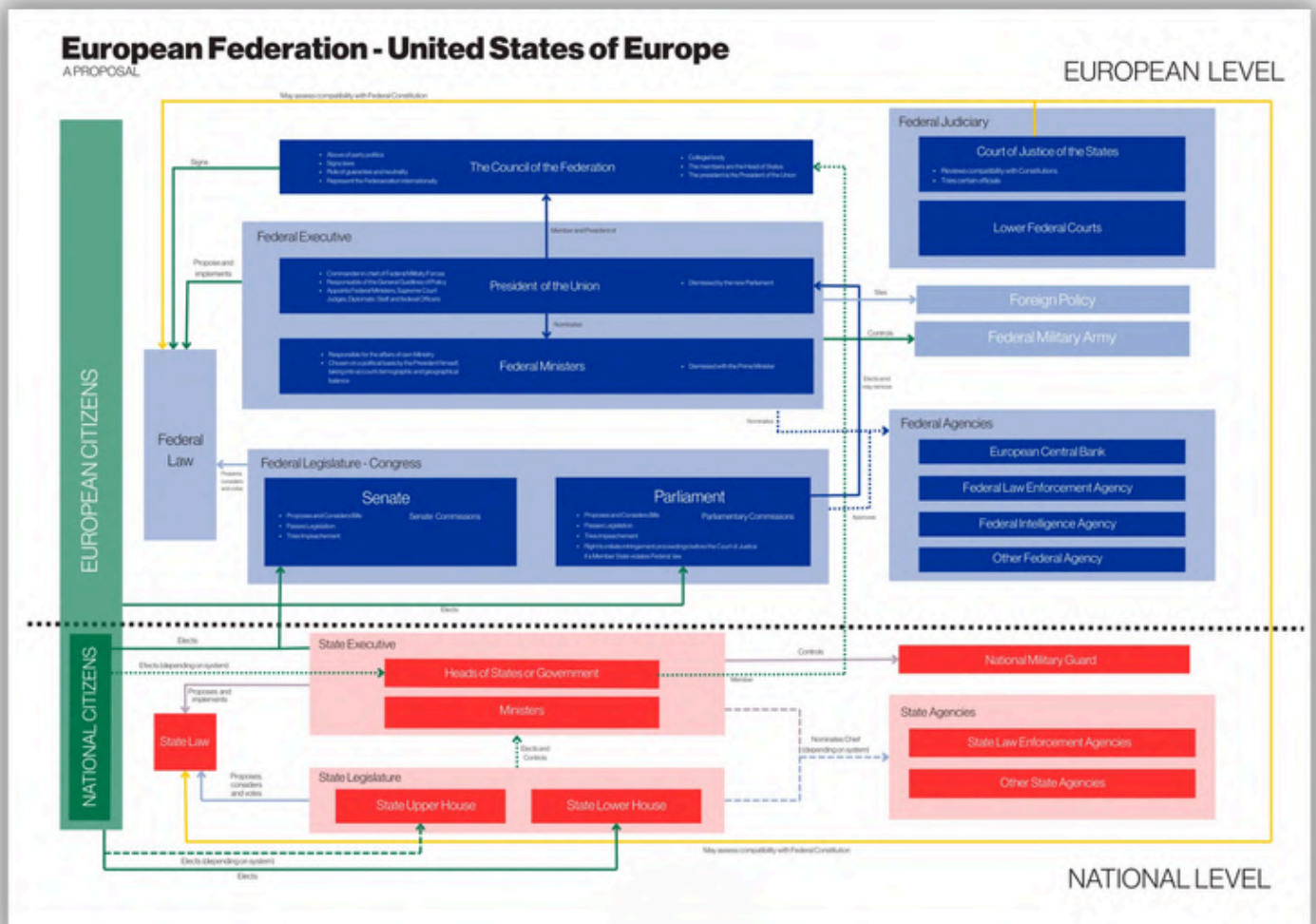
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## Europe as a peace actor and federalism as a living programme

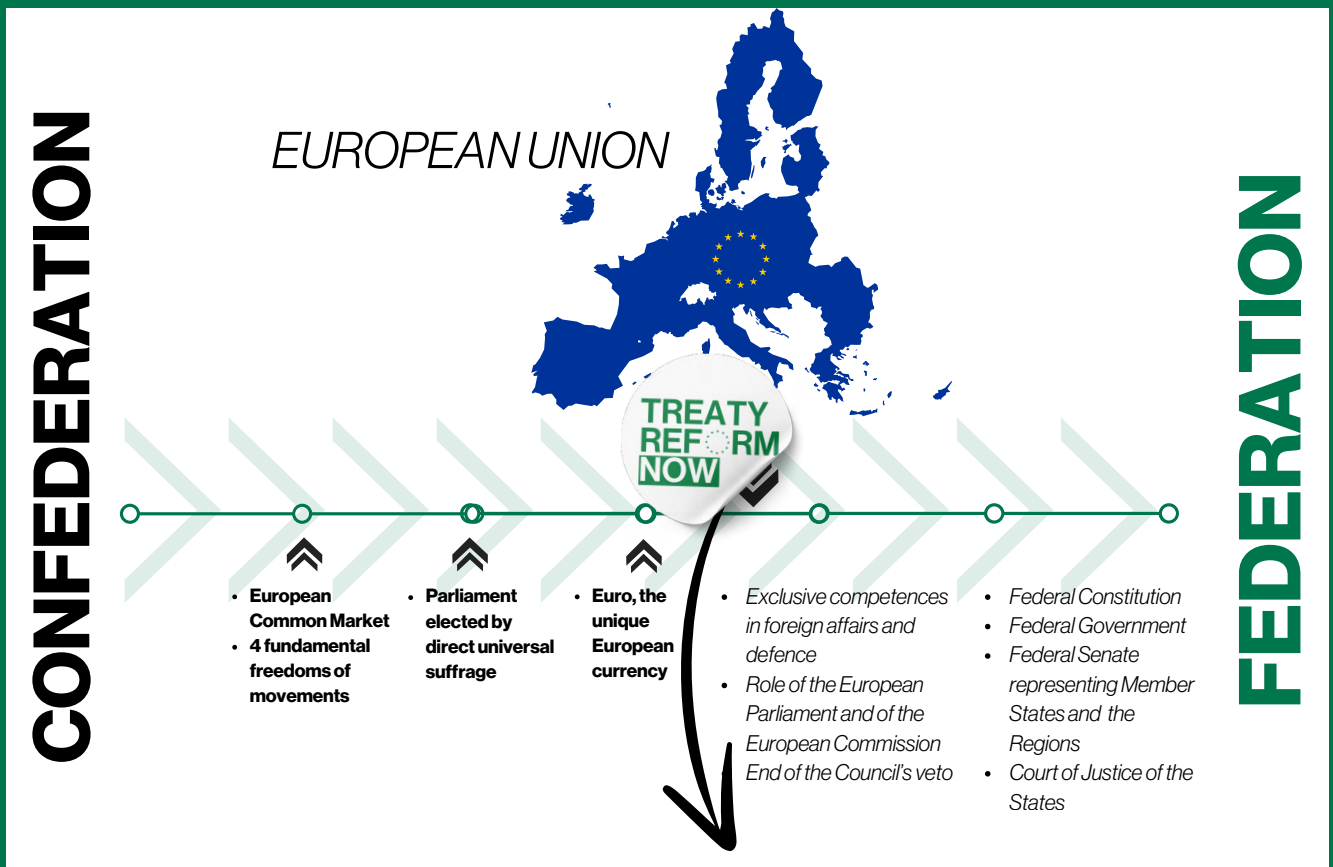
UEF links federal capacity to Europe's credibility as a defender of human rights and international law. It rejects imperialism and power politics and insists that law and human dignity must guide diplomacy. Applying this to the conflict involving Israel and Palestine, it calls for European leverage to stop military operations and the humanitarian disaster in the Gaza Strip, pressuring Hamas to release hostages and ensuring immediate humanitarian access as part of a credible peace process.

UEF finally grounds this agenda in federalism's founding texts. In its statement on the Ventotene Manifesto it argues that the manifesto remains a "programme of action" still to be realised; in today's geopolitical climate, further federalisation is "more necessary than ever," especially to build common defence and remove veto-driven paralysis. It links reform to power: democracy enables joint action and action strengthens legitimacy.



# TREATY REFORM NOW!

The campaign for a sovereign, federal and democratic Europe.



## HOW EU TREATIES CAN BE CHANGED

- The European Parliament, with the support of the Commission, has taken action by calling for a Convention to reform the Treaties and has voted a resolution with a proposal of Treaty reform in November 21, 2023, proposal reiterated two times in the year 2025 - Resolution on the institutional consequences of EU enlargement negotiations and Resolution on institutional aspects of the Draghi Report.
- UEF calls on the President of the European Council and the Heads of State and Government to take on their responsibilities at this crucial moment in the integration process and to convene a Convention for a substantive reform of the European Union as soon as possible

## ORDINARY REVISION PROCEDURE



## Timeline

March 2021 - 9 May 2022

The Conference on the Future of Europe was a unique opportunity for European citizens to engage with European and national institutions, as well as parliamentarians, to discuss the challenges and priorities of tomorrow's Europe. The objective of CoFoE was to develop a document containing proposals to reform the current European Union. Despite limited press and media coverage, 500,000 people actively participated, with the CoFoE platform being viewed about 5 million times over the course of one year. This initiative mobilized the European Parliament. On 4 May 2022, the Parliament adopted a resolution on the follow-up to the Conference, calling for a convention to revise the Treaties as provided in Article 48 of the TEU.

2 December 2022

During the follow-up event of the CoFoE, the Citizens' Panel Ambassadors - who also represented citizens in the Conference plenary - denounced the Council's silence and obstructionism.

14 September 2023

A draft report proposing a federal reform of the Treaties was presented to the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) of the European Parliament.

22 November 2023

The European Parliament approved the report on the proposals for the amendment of the Treaties drafted by Spinelli Group members Guy Verhofstadt, Sven Simon, Gabriele Bischoff, Daniel Freund, and Helmut Scholz.

18 December 2023

The Council of the EU played its part, thanks to Spain's leadership, and transmitted the European Parliament's request for the activation of Article 48 of the TEU to the European Council. Europe now turns to the President of the European Council and EU national leaders to include the EP's request on the agenda of the next EU Council meeting immediately.

6-9 June 2024

At this historic moment, in 2024, after the Covid pandemic, Russia's aggression against Ukraine and the rekindling of the long conflict in the Middle East, European citizens are going to vote again and will have to decide whether or not to renew their trust in political parties that want to empower Europe as federal, sovereign and democratic.

18 July 2024

Ursula von der Leyen was elected by the European Parliament to the Presidency of the European Commission with a large majority, clearly defined by the common positions on support for Ukraine, respect for the rule of law, and strengthening the European Union.

## UEF analysis and actions

In 2020, before the start of the CoFoE, UEF took action with an Appeal for Our Federal Europe: Sovereign, Democratic, Solidarity to call for the long-delayed initiation of CoFoE. This is why the European federalists actively participated in CoFoE: i) by publishing proposals on the conference's digital platform that called for the revision of the EU Treaties, including the EU's power of taxation, the abolition of the states' veto power, and the simultaneous granting of decision-making powers to the European Parliament; ii) by organizing numerous online and in-person events to promote their proposals. At the European level, the UEF participated in the work of the Conference Plenary, both with its own representative (its Secretary General) and through MEPs from the Spinelli Intergroup who support federalist positions within the EP.

After the end of CoFoE, UEF's actions focused on:

- (i) mobilising public opinion to support the outcomes of the conference;
- (ii) the collection of signatures on the European Petition to the EU Council (*Respect the Will of the Citizens and CoFoE*) to demand the launch of the Convention for the Reform of the Treaties and support the European Parliament in its reform efforts.

The proposal represents an extremely advanced federal reform project for the Union, capable of establishing a democratically legitimized European sovereignty.

This important result was largely made possible by the debate that took place during the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) and the conclusions reached by CoFoE itself, which AFCO's proposal aims to follow up on.

This was a historic vote, marking the European Parliament's return to a leading role after forty years, since the draft Treaty inspired by Altiero Spinelli. It represents an effort to strengthen the political and decision-making architecture of Europe and make it a key player in addressing contemporary challenges. In support of this courageous initiative by the European Parliament, which aligns with the commitments made by the European institutions at the end of the Conference on the Future of Europe, the Union of European Federalists and its sections across Europe engaged with citizens in more than 30 European cities and online to inform them about the crucial vote.

The request for Treaty change must first be considered by the European Council because it is both urgent and necessary. The European Union lacks the essential tools to address the security and economic challenges we are facing. The Russian war against Ukraine and its interference, migration flows, the ecological and digital transitions, and enlargement all demand action. More than ever, we need to reform our institutional framework, and the report offers several solutions.

In view of the European elections 2024, UEF called on all political forces and candidates to subscribe to the commitment to a deep reform of the European Union and to join the Spinelli Group, the federalist intergroup of the European Parliament. More than 200 candidates have signed the federalists pledge, and, after the elections, 67 elected candidates became member of the new Spinelli Group. *As of October 2024, the Spinelli Group has grown to 83 members.*

In 9 May 2024 the Action Committee for the United States for Europe was relaunched by four organizations: Union of European Federalists, Spinelli Group, JEF Europe and Jean Monnet House. The Action Committee is open to personalities and organizations.

## Timeline

1 Sep  
2024

9 Sep  
2024

Commission-published competitiveness report commissioned from Mario Draghi is presented/published, feeding the “governance capacity” argument in EU debates (institutional set-up and decision-making as constraints on competitiveness).

20–21  
Nov  
2024

A cooperation platform statement between European People's Party, Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats and Renew Europe explicitly commits to “advance necessary reforms, including Treaty changes.”

11 Feb  
2025

Commission adopts Work Programme 2025 (COM/2025/45), explicitly rooting the year's agenda in the July 2024 political guidelines and framing the Union as needing to “move forward together”

25 Feb  
2025

3 Apr  
2025

14 May  
2025

AFCO agenda includes structured dialogue/exchange of views with Maroš Šefčovič, a Commissioner holding interinstitutional responsibilities; treaty reform and Parliament prerogatives are raised in committee context.

26–30  
Sep  
2025

PETI Chair letter (dated 26 Sep) declares Petition 0456/2025 admissible, asks the Commission for a preliminary investigation, and refers the petition to AFCO. UEF announces the step publicly (30 Sep).

2 Oct  
2025

22 Oct  
2025

Parliament adopts the resolution on the institutional consequences of EU enlargement negotiations, explicitly framing enlargement and deepening as linked and referencing treaty tools (passerelles) and treaty revision.

25 Nov  
2025

Parliament adopts a resolution on institutional aspects of the Draghi Report (procedure 2025/2013(INI)), reinforcing the linkage between competitiveness governance and institutional reform.

## UEF analysis and actions

On the 1st and 2nd of September 2024, in the municipality of Ventotene, representatives of the Union of European Federalists, Association Jean Monnet, the Young European Federalists, the Spinelli Group, as well as significant political figures signed the Partnership Agreement for the re-launch the Action Committee for the United States of Europe.

UEF cites Draghi (alongside other high-level reports) as evidence that unanimity and vetoes weaken EU capacity to act; this becomes a core justification in the 2025 petition and subsequent advocacy.

UEF publicly welcomes the “legislature pact” and frames it as a historic coalition-style commitment at EU level; it immediately shifts the focus to the European Council as the institution responsible for deciding next steps on treaty revision.

UEF's treaty reform campaign logic aligns with the “capacity to act / enlargement readiness” framing; UEF continues to insist that an “internal reforms” agenda must include the stalled Article 48 track and Convention demand.

Institutional route opens via petitioning: UEF publishes the full text of a petition demanding Parliament reassert the Convention demand and use budgetary leverage and legal tools if necessary. UEF positions the petition as an accountability mechanism: Parliament should (a) reaffirm Convention demand, (b) use budget powers, (c) forward treaty draft to national parliaments, (d) consider action for failure to act if needed.

European Parliament administration confirms receipt and registration of the petition as No 0456/2025.

UEF reports the AFCO discussion as a sign of mounting parliamentary impatience; it highlights the Commission line that the European Council controls the Convention decision, while maintaining that institutional status quo is not sustainable.

UEF frames admissibility as “official engagement” by Parliament with treaty-reform demands and as a procedural upgrade: the petition now pushes both the Commission (investigation) and AFCO (substantive follow-up).

UEF sends a strategic letter to MEPs linking the next MFF debate with the need for institutional change: moving beyond unanimity blocks and using Parliament's leverage.

UEF and the Spinelli Group welcome the resolution and present it as a roadmap message to the European Council (“cannot enlarge without reforming itself”); they advocate an expanded QMV agenda, stronger Parliament powers, and treaty amendments where needed.

UEF analysis underscores this vote as reopening political debate on treaty reform and arguing that competitiveness agendas (Draghi/Letta) require institutional change (foreign/security policy by majority; autonomous fiscal capacity).

## What the EU Needs to Halt Its Decline and Regain Control of Its Destiny | The Draghi Report on European Competitiveness (January 2025)

Europe stands at a historic crossroads. In a global landscape defined by fierce competition among major continental powers, growing instability, and ongoing wars, a divided and weakened European Union risks losing control over its own destiny.

Without unity, Europe could become dependent on stronger external actors.

Donald Trump's election as U.S. President signals a disruption in transatlantic relations. While the United States once supported European integration and guaranteed its security after World War II, the Trump administration has pursued a national-populist agenda that may weaken European cohesion. Internal EU divisions—especially fears of Russian aggression under Putin—intensify the sense of vulnerability.

Mario Draghi's report on European competitiveness highlights the urgency of deeper political integration. Europe's structural weaknesses can only be addressed through unity, including the creation of a genuine European defense system independent of the United States.

Achieving meaningful reform requires a common political leadership, a substantial EU budget funded through European taxation, and democratic decision-making that moves beyond unanimity. A comprehensive federal reform of the EU treaties is essential to safeguard Europe's democracy, freedoms, and social model.



## Proposal on a Common European Defence (April 2025)

The UEF proposes a Common European Defence. As war rages on European eastern borders and transatlantic alliance is in danger, the Union of European Federalists releases a proposal for a Common European Defence System (EDS).

The EDS consists of the national armies of the Member States and a 28th European Army, coordinated in a common structure. The EDS would be compatible with NATO and could serve as its European Pillar.

The proposal calls for :

- Massive joint defence investment, procurement, and research, as Russia's military expenditure, calculated in purchasing power parity, has surpassed Europe's combined defence spending last year
- Extension of Common Security and Defence Policy missions to territorial defence and security in our immediate neighborhood
- A Rapid Deployment Capacity of 60.000 soldiers, becoming a 28th European Army, complementary to the 27 national armies in charge of territorial defence
- Europeanisation of French nuclear capabilities with shared financing from willing EU member states.



# Our position papers

## Federal Committee Report | Cyprus and the EU Presidency Jan - Jun 2026 (November 2025)

As Cyprus prepares to assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in January 2026, the Union of European Federalists (UEF) and the Spinelli Group have launched a dedicated reflection on the country's priorities, perspectives, and strategic role in shaping the future of European integration. This report gathers insights from Cypriot leaders and policymakers in order to assess how Cyprus views the challenges and opportunities ahead for the Union, and how its presidency can contribute to a stronger, more democratic, and more effective Europe.

Cyprus occupies a unique geopolitical position at the crossroads of Europe, the Middle East, and the Eastern Mediterranean — a region marked by instability, energy competition, and evolving security dynamics. At a time of profound global uncertainty, the upcoming Cypriot Presidency provides a crucial link between the EU and its neighbourhood.

To ensure that the perspectives of Cyprus are accurately reflected in the deliberations of the European Federal Committee, the UEF invited prominent Cypriot figures to contribute to a structured questionnaire addressing five core dimensions: the impact of EU membership more than 20 years after accession; the strategic priorities of the forthcoming Presidency; the role of Cyprus in regional cooperation; the country's position on EU Treaty reform and deeper integration; and the importance of strengthening dialogue with civil society.



Watch the videos about Treaty Reform NOW - Made Simple



<https://federalists.eu/library-series/treaty-reform-made-simple/>

**28.02.2025**

Presentation of UEF Petition on the Treaty Reform to the EP's Committee on Petitions

**04.03.2025**

Letter with Policy Proposal on a Common European Defence

**09.05.2025**

A Second Schuman Plan: for a Common Defence and Political Union

**04.06.2025**

Letters of the Action Committee to EU Leaders and the 27 Permanent Representations

**08.09.2025**

UEF Letter to the MEPs: urgent call on Treaty Reform and Europe's capacity to act

**30.09.2025**

EP's PETI Committee declares UEF petition on treaty reform admissible

**02.10.2025**

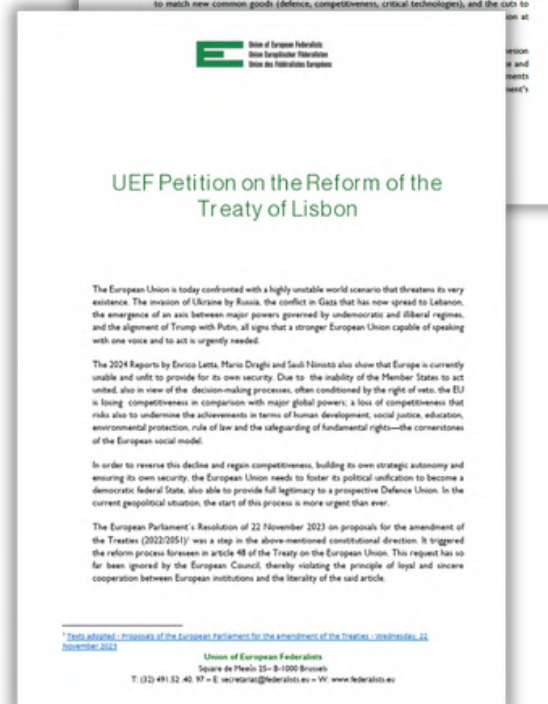
UEF Letter to MEPs: a call for new MFF and Treaty reform

**15.12.2025**

Proposal to EU Commission for a joint initiative to the European Council on the activation of Article 42(2) TEU

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The European Letter sent to the European Parliament  
and National Parliaments

The European Letter is published in 5 languages under the auspices of the Luciano Bolis European Foundation in cooperation with the Union of European Federalists.

The European Letter is a periodical publication started in 1997 with the aim of stimulating political debate in national parliaments and governments, and in the European Parliament.

## **February 2025**

Making Europe truly again

## **June 2025**

Reactivating the Franco-German Engine

## **August 2025**

Getting Out of the Dead End

## **November 2025**

Overcoming the Deadlock



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# Our main partners



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). Among the main objectives of the Group are the commitment to the strengthening of European integration and the desire to defend and relaunch the role of the European Union institutions.

The Spinelli Group is founder member of the Action Committee for the United States of Europe. The Secretariat of the Spinelli Group is the Union of European Federalists.

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## Board and members (EP 2024-2029)



### Members

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Spinelli Group Press Conference  
Presentation of Project 27

**We need to reform Europe.  
NOW!**



## News and Activities

### 2025

- [22.1.2025 | PROJECT 27: Let's Reform Europe!](#)
- [30.1.2025 | A call for Treaty Reform by Spinelli Group MEPs in AFCEP during the Polish Presidency's debriefing to EP committees on its priorities](#)
- [19.3.2025 PR | For a European Defence Union, For a European Federation](#)
- [9.5.2025 | A Second Schuman Plan: for a Common Defence and Political Union](#)
- [14.5.2025 | Treaty Reform Takes Center Stage at AFCEP Committee Meeting with Commissioner Šefčovič](#)
- [4.6.2025 | Letters of the Action Committee for the United States of Europe to the EU Leaders and the 27 Permanent Representations](#)
- [25.6.2025 | Gabriele Bischoff appointed as President of the Spinelli Group](#)
- [10.9.2025 | PR | Walking the Walk, Not Just Talking the Talk: Last Chance to Strengthen European Sovereignty and Capacity to Act](#)
- [24.9.2025 | AFCEP adopted the Gozi Report on the institutional consequences of EU enlargement negotiations](#)
- [9.10.2025 | AFCEP adopted the Benifei Report on Institutional aspects of the Report on the future of European Competitiveness \(Draghi Report\)](#)
- [22.10.2025 | PR | First General Meeting of the Action Committee for the USE: A more Secure and Perfect Union](#)
- [24.10.2025 | PR | Reform the Union to unify Europe](#)
- [24.11.2025 | "Bring a Federalist" Spinelli Group and UEF Reception in Strasbourg](#)
- [26.11.2025 | EU Parliament calls for Institutional Reforms for EU Competitiveness and Resilience](#)
- [11.12.2025 | Declaration "It's time for a European Declaration of Independence" \(open to signatures for 2026\)](#)



Spinelli Group & UEF Reception, Strasbourg, 24 November 2025  
The "Bring a Federalist" Reception is a joint initiative of the Spinelli Group and the UEF aimed at revitalizing the federalist spirit within and around the European Parliament, with the participation of some of the founding members.

# ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE



The Action Committee for the United States of Europe, first created by Jean Monnet in 1955, was an organisation dedicated to promoting European integration and the concept of a united Europe.

The re-launch aimed at mobilising prominent members of society to advocate for the implementation of the Letta report on completing the Internal Market, the Draghi report on the future of European competitiveness, the launching of an ambitious MFF post 2027, the establishment of a Defence Union, paving the way for a deeper political union by way of a Treaty reform.

Currently, the Action Committee for the USE is composed of five organizations - Union of European Federalists, Spinelli Group, JEF Europe, Civico Europa and the Association Jean Monnet. It counts 44 individual members and is supported by 12 High Patrons.

On the 70th anniversary of the founding of the First Action Committee by Jean Monnet, the first meeting of the Third Action Committee was held at the Maison Jean Monnet in Bazoches-Sur-Guyonne on 16-18 October 2025. With the participation of, among others, Josep Borrell, Mario Monti, Enrico Letta, Andrea Wechsler, Enrique Barón Crespo, Othmar Karas, Ana Palacio, Klaus Welle, and Domènec Ruiz Devesa.



# High Patrons of the Action Committee

1. **Enrique Barón Crespo**, Former President of the European Parliament and former Minister
2. **Josep Borrell Fontelles**, Former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and former President of the European Parliament
3. **Mercedes Bresso**, Former President of the European Committee of the Regions and former MEP
4. **Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz**, Former Prime Minister of Poland and former MEP
5. **Paolo Gentiloni**, Former Prime Minister of Italy and Former Commissioner
6. **Klaus Hänsch**, Former President of the European Parliament
7. **Enrico Letta**, Former Prime Minister of Italy and former MEP
8. **Mario Monti**, Former Prime Minister of Italy and former President of EU Commission
9. **Rosen Plevneliev**, Former President of the Republic of Bulgaria
10. **Hans-Gert Pötering**, Former President of the European Parliament
11. **Petre Roman**, Former Prime Minister of Romania
12. **Herman van Rompuy**, Former President of the European Council and Former Prime Minister of Belgium
13. **Guy Verhofstadt**, President of European Movement International and former Prime Minister of Belgium

# Individual members of the Action Committee

1. **Francisco Aldecoa**, Professor and President of European Movement Spain
2. **László Andor**, Former Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
3. **Jacques Attali**, Writer and Founder and First President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
4. **Petras Austrevicius**, Member of the European Parliament
5. **Mathilde Baudouin**, Secretary-General of the Union of European Federalists
6. **Brando Benifei**, Member of the European Parliament and former Spinelli Group President
7. **Gabriele Bischoff**, President of the Spinelli Group and Member of the European Parliament
8. **Elmar Brok**, Former Chair of the AFET Committee of the European Parliament, former Co-Chair of the Spinelli Group a former President of the UEF
9. **Roberto Castaldi**, Political Philosopher and Director of the International Centre for European and Global Governance, Secretary of MFE (UEF Italy)
10. **Alessia Centioni**, President of Civico Europa
11. **Richard Corbett**, former MEP and Former Special Advisor to the President of the European Council
12. **Dani Cohn-Bendit**, Writer and former Member of the European Parliament
13. **Andrew Duff**, Former Member of the European Parliament and former President of the Union of European Federalists
14. **Isabelle Durant**, former Vice President of the European Parliament
15. **Michele Fiorillo**, Philosopher and Coordinator of Civico Europa and Citizens Take Over Europe; Co-Founder of Europa Power Initiative
16. **Monica Frassoni**, President of the European Center for Electoral Support and former MEP
17. **Daniel Freund**, Member of the European Parliament and former President of the Spinelli Group
18. **José Manuel García-Margallo**, Former Spain's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and former MEP
19. **Raphaël Glucksmann**, Member of the European Parliament and of the Spinelli Group
20. **Dafni Gogou**, Former Commission Official and President of UEF Greece
21. **Sandro Gozi**, Member of the European Parliament, former Spinelli Group President and former President of the UEF
22. **Moritz Hergl**, President of the Young European Federalists
23. **Danuta Hübner**, economist, former European Commissioner for Regional Policy, former Member of the European Parliament (Poland)
24. **Othmar Karas**, Former First Vice President of the European Parliament and former MP Austria
25. **Guillaume Klossa**, Writer, President of EuropaNova, Chairman of Conclave, and Co-Chair of Europa Power Initiative.
26. **Erato Kozakou-Marcoullis**, Former Cyprus Minister of Foreign Affairs and former Minister for Communications and Works
27. **Pierre Larrourou**, Former Member of the European Parliament
28. **Reinier van Lanschot**, Member of the European Parliament and Co-Founder of Volt Europa
29. **Pascal Lamy**, Former Commissioner and Former Secretary General of the World Trade Organisation
30. **Philippe Laurette**, President of the Jean Monnet Association
31. **Jo Leinen**, Former President of the European Movement International, former President of the UEF, former MEP and Co-Founder of Europa Power Initiative
32. **Javi López**, Vice President of the European Parliament
33. **Miguel Ángel Martín Ramos**, Former President of the Cooperation Network of the European Routes of Emperor Charles V and VP of Association Jean Monnet
34. **Robert Menasse**, Writer and Co-Founder of Europa Power Initiative
35. **Ana Palacio**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Former MEP
36. **Margherita Orsi**, Political Scientist
37. **Francesca Ratti**, Former Vice Secretary General of the European Parliament
38. **Domenec Ruiz Devesa**, President of the Union of European Federalists and former MEP; Co-Founder of Europa Power Initiative.
39. **Christelle Savall**, Former President of JEF Europe and President of UEF Luxembourg
40. **Nicolas Schmit**, Former Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights and former Minister; Co-Chair of Europa Power Initiative.
41. **Lieven Taillie**, Honorary President of the Association of European Journalists
42. **Luisa Trumellini**, President of Istituto Altiero Spinelli, President of Movimento Federalista Europeo
43. **Luca Visentini**, Former President of the European Trade Union Confederation.
44. **Andrea Wechsler**, Member of the European Parliament and President of Europa Union Deutschland
45. **Slavoj Žižek**, Philosopher and Co-Chair of Europa Power Initiative.

## **Memorandum on European Defence Union** | 5 March 2025

This document aims to stimulate reaching a political solution on such an urgent and critical question with a Memorandum on a European Defence Union, based on the establishment of a European Defence System (EDS), in view of the upcoming meeting of the European Council on 6th March, the Plenary of the European Parliament of 10th March, and the publication of the White Paper on Defence on 19th March, 2025.



## **A Second Schuman Plan: for a Common Defence and Political Union** | 9 May 2025

In view of the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and the 75th anniversary of the 9th May Declaration, the Action Committee calls for launching a Second Schuman Plan, thus paving the way for a Common Defence and Security, and a European Federation, as envisaged already in 1941 by the Ventotene Manifesto.



## **BACKGROUND PAPER: Relaunch of the Action Committee for the United States of Europe** |

The paper stresses that Europe's multiple crises — from war at its borders to climate change, technological competition, and democratic fatigue — demand not only vision, but also executive capacity and political will. The Action Committee is being revived as a platform to transform analysis into action, renewing the spirit of Monnet's original initiative for the 21st century.



## **DECLARATION: A Road Map to European Sovereignty** | 18 October 2025

Adopted by the Third Action Committee for the United States of Europe, 18 October 2025, Jean Monnet House, Bazoches-sur-Guyonne, France.

## **DECLARATION: It's time for a European Union Declaration of Independence** | 11 December 2025

This text is based on the declaration adopted by the relaunched Action Committee for the United States of Europe, 18 October 2025, Jean Monnet House, Houjarray/Bazoches-sur-Guyonne, France



The Declaration - open to signatures - has been published as an opinion article in the following newspapers:

- [La Repubblica](#) (Italy).
- [El Pais](#) (Spain).
- [Le Soir](#) (Belgium).
- [Gazeta Wyborcza](#) (Poland).
- [Le Monde](#) (France).
- [Delo](#) (Slovenia).
- [Dnevnik](#) (Bulgaria).
- [România Liberă](#) (Romania).
- [Diario de Noticias](#) (Portugal).
- [TO BHMA](#) (Greek).

## UEF Outputs (Treaty Reform, Budget & Political Union) – evidence of impact

### **Treaty reform is now explicitly mainstreamed in key European Parliament reports**

- **Gozi report (institutional aspects of the enlargement):** the European Parliament reiterated that it has a pending set of Treaty-amendment proposals approved in 2023, and stressed that enlargement must go hand in hand with internal reforms (including moving beyond unanimity, strengthening Parliament, and reforming the MFF governance). UEF and the Spinelli Group publicly framed this as a clear political message to the European Council that the 2023 Treaty-reform proposal cannot remain ignored.
- **Benifei report (institutional aspects of the report on competitiveness - Draghi Report):** UEF highlighted and supported the AFCO work led by Brando Benifei as reinforcing the message that Europe’s competitiveness and capacity to act require bold institutional reform —i.e., moving towards stronger supranational governance and, where necessary, Treaty change.

**Output:** UEF’s core demand (activate the Article 48 TEU Treaty-revision path and overcome unanimity deadlocks) is increasingly echoed in parliamentary reporting and political framing, including with direct references back to the 2023 EP Treaty-amendment initiative.

### **Formal institutional follow-up: UEF petition on Treaty reform admitted by PETI**

- **Admissibility decision:** the European Parliament’s Committee on Petitions (PETI) declared admissible UEF Petition No. 0456/2025 on reform of the Treaty of Lisbon; PETI also asked the Commission for a preliminary investigation and referred the petition to AFCO given its constitutional nature.

**Output:** Treaty reform is no longer only an advocacy ask—it is now a formal parliamentary procedure with (i) a PETI file number, (ii) Commission involvement via preliminary investigation, and (iii) AFCO referral for deeper constitutional scrutiny.

### **Building parliamentary leverage: AFCO coordinators’ political support & Article 48 TEU follow-up (reported outcome)**

- **AFCO coordinators’ agreement:** coordinators agreed to support UEF’s petition within PETI and to elaborate in principle—following UEF’s proposal—an implementation report on Article 48 TEU.

**Output:** This is a concrete “institutionalisation” of UEF’s strategy: shifting from general Treaty-reform debate to a targeted parliamentary deliverable on how Article 48 TEU should be applied to force the Council to respond.

## UEF Outputs (Treaty Reform, Budget & Political Union) – evidence of impact

### **Budget line: UEF's approach taken up in parliamentary/political group positioning**

UEF's "budget leverage + Treaty reform" line is visible through a sequence of political outputs:

- Ventotene Political Declaration (Action Committee for the United States of Europe, 1 Sept 2024): explicitly links the EU's political programme, financing (new own resources, EU-level investment), and the need for an ambitious reform of the Treaties, calling on the Commission to build on the EP's 22 Nov 2023 Treaty work and urging the European Council to act under Article 48 TEU.
- UEF Letter to MEPs (Ruiz Devesa + Ferber, 2 Oct 2025): urges Parliament to use budgetary leverage on the MFF (including asking the Commission to withdraw/replace the proposal under Article 293(2) TFEU) and to condition engagement on the European Council opening the Treaty-reform process under Article 48 TEU, explicitly referencing the EP's 22 Nov 2023 Treaty-amendment resolution.
- EU "Declaration of Independence" initiative (Action Committee): framed as a public political call, published across major newspapers, pushing Europe to take its destiny into its own hands and strengthen sovereignty/capacity to act.

**Output:** UEF translated federalist principles into a tactical parliamentary line: no adequate EU capacity without (1) stronger MFF/own resources and (2) Treaty reform, with budget negotiations used as leverage to unlock Article 48 TEU.

### **Defence & political union: campaign petition proposal to the European Council**

- Campaign deliverable: UEF produced a petition proposal on defence and political union addressed to the European Council (dated 20.10.2025).

**Output:** This expands the Treaty-reform campaign into a second, issue-driven mobilisation track (security/defence + political union), creating an additional public-facing instrument that can reinforce institutional pressure in parallel with the PETI/AFCO route.

### **Defence: activation of Article 42 TEU – a tangible political achievement**

- European Parliament resolution on the institutional consequences of EU enlargement (2025/2041 (INI) – rapporteur Sandro Gozi)
- European Parliament resolution calling for a genuine European Defence Union (plenary resolution adopted in March 2025)
- European Parliament resolutions on strengthening EU security and defence policy, in the context of support for Ukraine and the development of the new European defence agenda.

In particular, the European Parliament has called on the European Council to activate the different provisions of Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union in order to establish a common European defence.

**Output:** one of the most concrete outcomes of UEF's political action concerns the progressive adoption by the European Parliament of the federalist proposal to activate the provisions of Article 42 TEU in order to build a common European defence.

## Comparative Tables 2025 European Parliament Defence Proposals

<b>Memorandum on European Defence Union (UEF Policy Paper and Action Committee for the USE, 5 March 2025)</b>	<b>EP resolution on the White Paper on the Future of European Defence (12 March 2025)</b>
<p>Strategic objective and Treaty basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EDS conceived as the core of a genuine European Defence Union.</li> <li>The Action Committee calls on the Union to activate the different provisions of Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union, including Article 42(2), in order to establish a European Defence System that would constitute the core of a future European Defence Union.”</li> </ul>	<p>Strategic objective and Treaty basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frames the White Paper as the roadmap towards a European Defence Union.</li> <li>Calls on European Council President António Costa to immediately convene the European Council, based on the conclusions of the white paper, so that EU leaders can agree on immediate and far-reaching decisions to implement the European Defence Union as laid out in Article 42(2) TEU and elaborate on the measures identified in the white paper.”</li> </ul>
<p>Territorial defence and scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extends CSDP missions "to territorial defence and security in our immediate neighborhood".</li> <li>- EDS includes a Rapid Deployment Capacity of 60,000 soldiers as a 28th European Army complementary to national forces.</li> </ul>	<p>Territorial defence, readiness and scope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Insists that the Rapid Deployment Capacity achieve full operational capability and be able to face "the most extreme military contingencies".</li> <li>- Links CSDP tools, the White Paper and the Defence Industrial Strategy into a comprehensive vision of European defence.</li> </ul>
<p>Command structure and NATO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EDS would be "compatible with NATO" and "could serve as its European Pillar".</li> <li>- Envisages a common European structure coordinating national and European forces.</li> </ul>	<p>Command structure and NATO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Calls to strengthen the Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) as the preferred EU command-and-control structure for operations.</li> <li>- Reiterates the need for a fully capable European pillar of NATO able to act autonomously when necessary.</li> </ul>
<p>Financing and instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposes exempting joint defence investment from Stability and Growth Pact deficit rules.</li> <li>- Calls for "new EU federal bonds backed up by additional own resources" and using a digital euro to set up a Defence Bank.</li> </ul>	<p>Financing and instruments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcomes proposals for a defending Europe facility and a securing Europe facility.</li> <li>- Urges creation of a "defence, security and resilience bank" and calls for a system of European defence bonds to finance large-scale military investments.</li> </ul>
<p>Pathways and differentiated integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggests that a European Defence System could be established: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• by unanimous decision of the European Council;</li> <li>• by a large group of Member States through PESCO;</li> <li>• or, as a last resort, by an interim ad hoc treaty among willing States.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- PESCO and ad hoc coalitions are presented as immediate options if unanimity fails.</li> </ul>	<p>Pathways and differentiated integration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Treats the White Paper as the basis for implementing a Defence Union under Article 42(2) TEU.</li> <li>- Invites prioritisation of successful PESCO and EDF projects to close capability gaps and calls for regular PESCO implementation reports to Parliament.</li> </ul>

# Events

## March 2025

ROUND TABLE | Building a European Defence: Technical Challenges and Institutional Perspectives

PC 3 Meeting open to FC members | Time to build the United States of Europe. Which credible initiatives for European defence?

UEF at the Civil Society Week | Strengthening cohesion and participation in polarised societies

EU Treaty Reform | High Level Discussion with the Spinelli Group in the European Parliament

## April 2025

HYBRID EVENT with Groupe Europe | Competitiveness for a strong EU in a geopolitical world

ONLINE EVENT with the Spinelli Group | Women in Politics and European Federalism

ONLINE EVENT | The New Bretton Woods and the International Economic Order

## June 2025

With UEF Spain | Federalista Eguna / Dia Federalista

PC 5 Debate | Migration policy and narratives in Europe

Reshaping Multilateralism. UN Charter turns 80. The future of sustainable global governance between neo-protectionism and return of nationalism

## July 2025

Budapest Pride: how will the 200,000 change the future for Hungary and the EU?

Event Presentation of "The Federal Forum Project: a solution for the Middle East conflicts"



# Events

## August 2025

[UEF Interregional Conference in Turku](#)

[The UEF at the 41th Ventotene International Seminar](#)

## September 2025

[The Federalist Peace Forum: a solution for the Middle East conflicts in Ventotene island](#)

## November 2025

[COP30 in Brasil, world democracy stakes and the role of the EU](#)

[For a stronger, more democratic and inclusive European Union: towards a European federation](#)

[Bring a Federalist Reception in the European Parliament](#)

## December 2025

[Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights | Nice Civil Society Forum](#)

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 2025/1 | What Makes Effective Federalist Communication on Social Medias?](#)

[Interregional Conference in Sofia | EU's Future: Enlargement, Security, and Delivering on Promises](#)

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 3 | Increasing Organisational Capacity of the Balkanic Federalist Family](#)

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 4 | Twinning program method/Reviving a national section, how to bring people together?](#)

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 2 | Communicating a Sovereign, Democratic and Federal Europe](#)



# Press releases

Sent to more than 750 journalists.

## February 2025

Trump-Putin axis: Europe must react with a common defence

## April 2025

Attacks on NGOs in the European Parliament

Germany's New Coalition opens pathways for Common Defence and Political Union in line with UEF position

## June 2025

Gabriele Bischoff appointed as President of the Spinelli Group

## July 2025

The UEF welcomes reform of European political parties and foundations, calls for next steps toward a real European political space

UEF acknowledges a higher proposed EU multiannual budget but it needs real own resources to guarantee stability, self-sufficiency and political accountability

## September 2025

A call from Ventotene for a common defence and political union

Walking the Walk, Not Just Talking the Talk: Last Chance to Strengthen European Sovereignty and Capacity to Act

## October 2025

Reform the Union to unify Europe

## November 2025

The Movimento Federalista Europeo awards the honorary membership card to President Mario Draghi

The EU should stand firm by Ukraine and come up with a proper peace plan

COP30: How long will we let unanimity block us?

## December 2025

It's time to make a United States of Europe - against Imperialisms, for Freedom

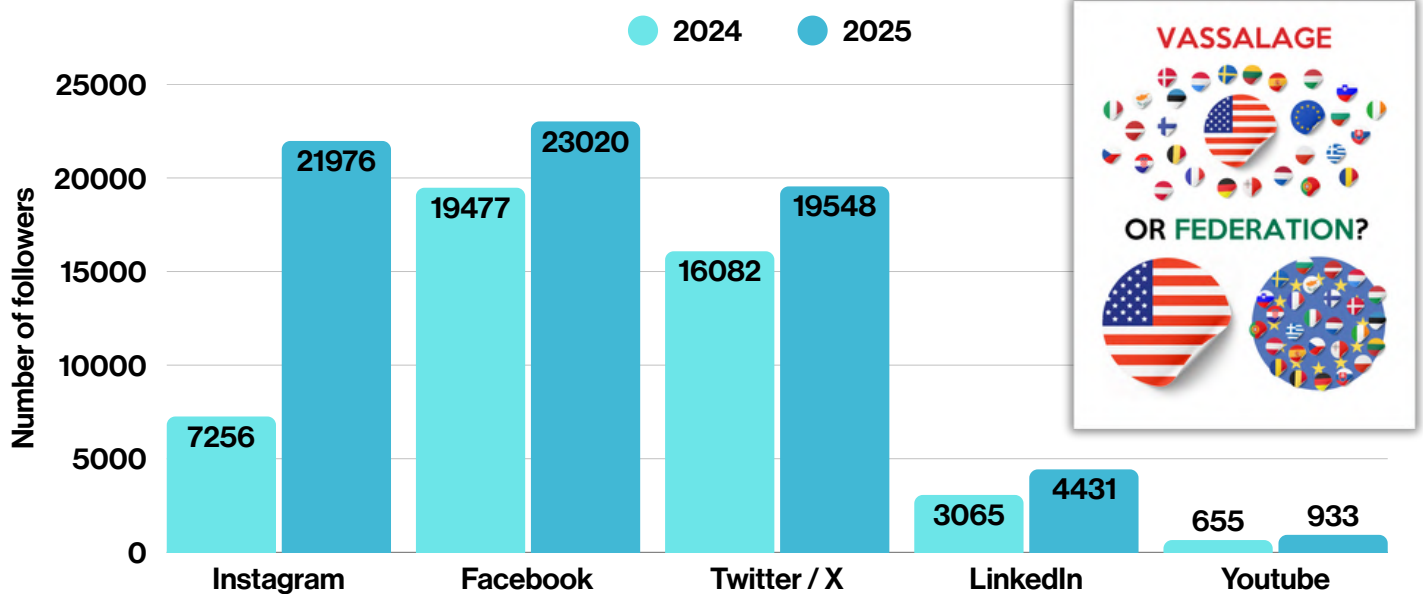
Ukraine, Debt and Defence: Europe Needs a Federal Leap

The collage consists of 15 individual press release graphics arranged in a grid-like fashion. Each graphic features a title, a central image or diagram, and key text points. The graphics include:

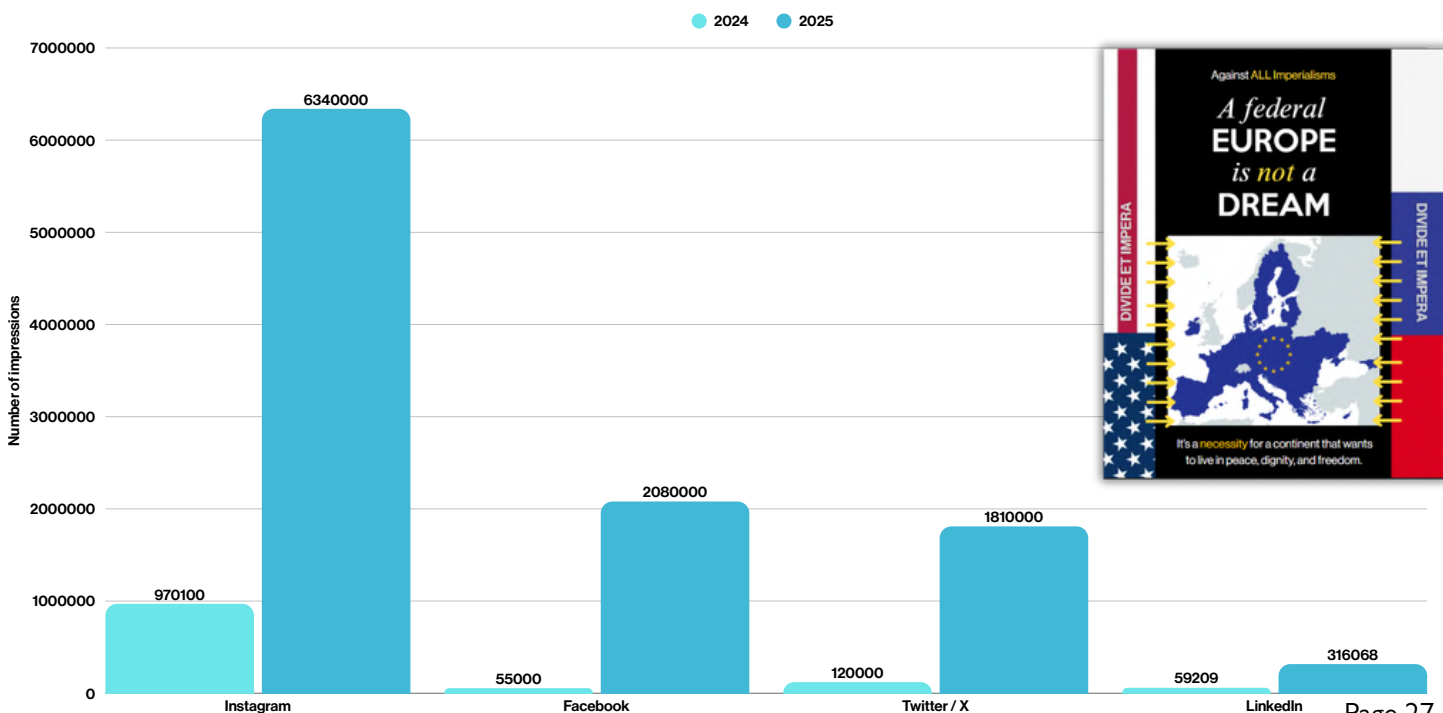
- World situation Trump-Putin AXIS**: A graphic with a green background and the text "must react with a COMMON DEFENCE".
- EU BUDGET without fiscal power** vs **FEDERAL BUDGET with fiscal power**: A comparison graphic showing the EU budget process and the need for a federal budget of 2 trillion in 1 year.
- STATE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION 2025**: A graphic with the text "WALKING THE WALK AND NOT ONLY TALKING THE TALK" and a photo of two speakers.
- DECLARATION FOR A SOVEREIGN AND FEDERAL EUROPEAN RES PUBLICA**: A graphic with a photo of three men and the text "A call from Ventotene for a common defence and political union".
- Reform the Union to UNIFY EUROPE**: A graphic with a map of Europe and the text "Institutional consequences of the EU enlargement negotiations".
- A step towards a EUROPEAN DEFENCE**: A graphic with a circular diagram of party seats and the text "Cross-party agreement for a resolution establishing a common command and control structure".
- A Stronger, More Democratic Europe**: A graphic with a photo of a man holding a framed document and the text "UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE OPENS IN THE HELLENIC PARLIAMENT".
- THIS HAPPENED FEW DAYS AGO** vs **WE NEED THIS NOW**: A graphic comparing the 28-Points-Peace-Plan proposal with the current situation of war.
- COP30**: A graphic with the text "How long will we let unanimity block us?" and a circular diagram of flags.
- It's time TO MAKE A United States of EUROPE**: A graphic with a map of Europe and the text "FOR FREEDOM".
- Ukraine, Debt, and Defence**: A graphic with a circular diagram and the text "Europe Needs a Federal Leap".

Our digital community has grown stronger than ever: in 2025, UEF's social media following surpassed 69,000 across all platforms, with Instagram impressions reaching 6.3 million — more than six times the previous year. This extraordinary leap reflects not only our expanded online presence, but the power of a growing network of content creators - the so called New Crocodile Club - who carry the federalist message far beyond our traditional audiences.

### UEF Social Media Community 2024-2025



### UEF Social Media Impressions 2024-2025



## What makes communication effective for UEF?

Effective communication for the Union of European Federalists rests on five principles.

1. **Clarity** comes first: if a message is not understood in a single second, it is lost.
2. **Courage** defines our voice — we are a political movement, not a neutral observer, and we communicate as such.
3. **Consistency** is what transforms ideas into convictions: repeating key concepts across time and platforms until they become inevitable in the public debate.
4. **Creativity** allows us to turn complex federal proposals into strong visual metaphors that resonate far beyond specialist audiences.
5. And finally, **Community** — because communication truly grows when it is shared, reposted, and co-created by the people who believe in it.

Together, these five Cs are not just a communication strategy: they are a reflection of what the federalist movement has always been.

## Is it really possible for a political NGO like European Federalists to reach hundreds of thousands of people?

*Yes. And we have already done it.*



In 2025, the UEF President, members of the Executive Bureau and national sections authored around 20 opinion articles published in major national and international newspapers. This represents more than a doubling compared to the previous year, reflecting the growing relevance of federalist arguments in the media debate.

- 02.01.2025 | [L'urgence d'une action collective](#) (UEF Belgium ; *La Libre*, Belgium)
- 28.01.2025 | [Russian, Chinese and now American imperialism: Europe must become federal to avoid disintegration.](#) (UEF France ; *Le Monde*, France)
- 19.02.2025 | [Trump is just what Europe's defence needs](#) (*Politico*)
- 06.03.2025 | [Weapons Alone Are Not Enough](#) (*Domani*, Italy)
- 11.03.2025 | [What else has to happen?](#) (*El País*, Spain)
- 14.03.2025 | [Watchword: federation](#) (*L'Espresso*, Italy)
- 21.03.2025 | [C'est la soumission ou les États-Unis d'Europe!](#) (*Tribune de Genève*, Switzerland)
- 21.03.2025 | [Europe's moment: a stronger, united future](#) (*Times of Malta*, Malta)
- 24.03.2025 | [What is the European Defence and how to create it?](#) (*Sky TG24*, Italy)
- 25.03.2025 | [Europe's best bet is to increasingly rely on itself for its own security and defence](#) (*Real Instituto Elcano*, Spain)
- 08.05.2025 | [75 años de integración europea: de la paz a la supervivencia](#) (*Información*, *Canarias7*, *El Comercio*, Spain)
- 13.06.2025 | [Il est urgent de fédérer l'Europe pour assurer notre sécurité](#) (UEF Belgium ; *La Libre*, Belgium)
- 03.09.2025 | [An appeal from Ventotene: federation or vassalage?](#) (*Le Soir*, Belgium ; *De Morgen*, Belgium ; *Le Nouvel Obs*, France ; *Información*, Spain ; *Quotidiano Nazionale*, Italy ; *HotNews*, Romania ; *Politico*)
- 23.09.2025 | [Von der Leyen: change of course?](#) (*Información*, Spain)
- 24.09.2025 | [The European Council's unacceptable silence on treaty reform](#) (*Demócrata*, Spain)
- 30.10.2025 | [Draghi and Gozi: pragmatic and transformative federalism](#) (*Información*, Spain)
- 18.11.2025 | [EU Parliament must be willing to use its veto power](#) (*Politico*)
- 27.11.2025 | [An unacceptable ultimatum for Ukraine and for Europe](#) (*Información*, Spain)
- 27.11.2025 | ["Be ready for a veto": Devesa's message for the new European budget](#) (*Insider*, Greece)
- 15.12.2025 | [European Federalists in Athens – A three-day event for a truly united Europe](#) (*TO BHMA*, Greece)

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**insider**

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# Collaborations on Communication

The Social Media Network is an informal group of editors of online publications (newsletters) and social media influencers on YouTube, Twitter, Instagram and who collaborate in activities organised by the UEF and its sections in a semi-structural manner.

All these actors have a clear desire to communicate European and, in some cases, pro-federalist issues. These collaborations make it possible to reach a wider audience than what the UEF could do on its own.

[YouTube channel 'Eu Made Simple' \(eng, de, fr, ita, ru, pl, pr, gr\)](#)

## Treaty Reform Now Made Simple

EU Made Simple collaborates with UEF for the production of short videos (max 20 minutes) about the future of Europe, the institutional reforms, and most important policy areas where the absence of a Political Union is most relevant.



124.000 Views

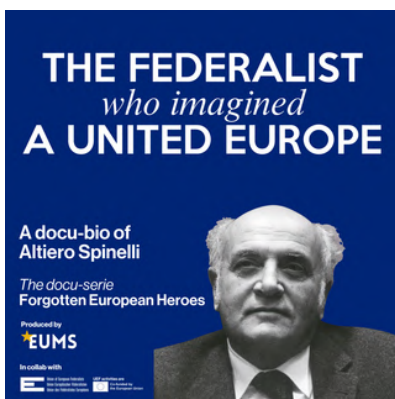


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## The Forgotten European Heroes

A video series to rediscover the lives, ideas, and courage of those who laid the foundations of the European project. Through engaging storytelling and archival footage, we revisit the stories of the visionaries who imagined a united, free, and peaceful continent.



32.000 Views



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# Collaborations on Communications

## The New Crocodile Club

The **New Crocodile Club** was founded in **April 2025** as a transnational network of digital creators, communicators, and pro-European activists on Instagram committed to strengthening the public narrative around European federalism or simply pro-european.

Inspired by the historical Crocodile Club founded in the European Parliament by Altiero Spinelli and other federalist Members of the European Parliament in 1980, the initiative aims to translate the federalist spirit into the **digital and social media landscape**, mobilising creators and communicators to reach wider audiences, particularly younger generations.

Since its creation, the **New Crocodile Club** has gradually expanded its network by bringing together pro-European social media accounts, organisations, and grassroots communicators from across Europe. The network includes individual creators as well as established organisations active in European civic engagement and political communication.

The initiative focuses on:

- promoting accessible and engaging content about European integration and federal reform;
- connecting pro-European voices across different countries and languages;
- encouraging collaborative content creation and cross-account amplification;
- supporting campaigns that contribute to a stronger and more visible federalist narrative online.



# Our partners

## The Young European Federalists

In 2025, the Union of European Federalists (UEF) continued its close cooperation with JEF Europe (Young European Federalists), strengthening the federalist network across generations. Joint activities included conferences, training initiatives, and campaigns aimed at promoting European democracy and federal reform. Through this partnership, UEF and JEF further reinforced youth engagement and grassroots mobilisation in support of a democratic and federal Europe.



## The World Federalists Movement

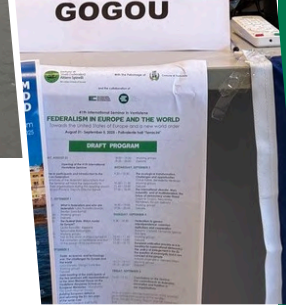
UEF maintained its longstanding partnership with the World Federalist Movement (WFM), working together to promote federalist principles at the global level. In 2025, cooperation focused on debates and initiatives on multilateralism, global governance, and the role of the European Union in strengthening international institutions. This collaboration helped connect the European federalist movement with the broader global federalist community.



## The European Movement International

Throughout 2025, UEF continued to cooperate closely with the European Movement International (EMI), contributing to joint advocacy efforts aimed at advancing European integration and democratic reforms within the EU. Through shared events, policy discussions, and civil society initiatives, the partnership strengthened the coordination of pro-European organisations and amplified the federalist perspective within the wider European movement.

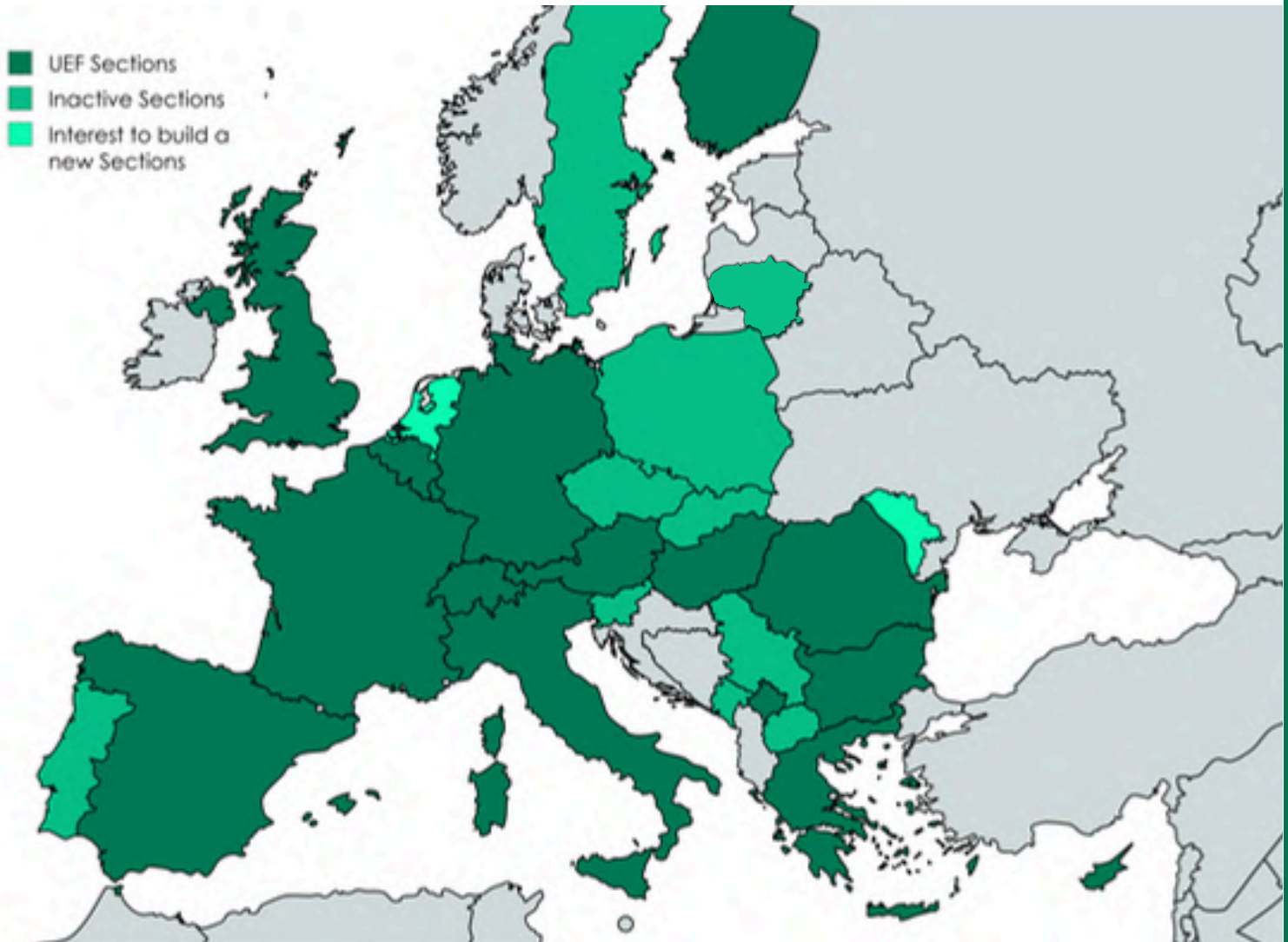




# Structure



# Our Members



## 18 SECTIONS | +400 LOCAL SECTIONS

1. **Europäische Föderalistische Bewegung Österreich** | Austria
2. **UEF Belgique** | Belgium
3. **Съюзът на европейските федералисти** | Bulgaria
4. **Κίνημα Ευρωπαϊών 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 Uniója Magyarországon** | 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

### Inactive Sections

1. **Unie evropských federalistů v ČR** | Czech Republic
2. **Europos Federalistų Sąjunga Lietuvoje** | Lithuania
3. **Unije evropskih federalista Crna Gora** | Montenegro
4. **Union of European Federalists in North Macedonia** | Macedonia
5. **Unia Europejskich Federalistow** | Poland
6. **União dos Federalistas Europeus de Portugal** | Portugal
7. **Unija Evropskih Federalista Srbija** | Serbia
8. **Únia Európskych Federalistov** | Slovakia
9. **Društvo Združena Evropa Slovenije** | Slovenia

### Interest to build a Section

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

The **Executive Bureau** convened **10** times in the course of 2025:

- 17 February 2025
- 14 April 2025
- 5 May 2025
- 26 May 2025
- 19 June 2025
- 14 July 2025
- 15 Septiembre 2025
- 20 October 2025
- 10 November
- 8 December 2025

The **Coordination Meeting with Presidents and Secretary Generals of UEF Sections** convened **5** times in the course of 2025

- 19 February 2025
- 25 March 2025
- 28 July 2025
- 30 September 2025
- 13 November 2025

The **Fundraising Task Force** convened **4** times:

- 5 March 2025
- 18 June 2025
- 10 September 2025
- 6 November 2025

The **Strategic Plan Task Force** convened **3** times:

- 16 June 2025
- 16 July 2025
- 4 November 2025

The **UEF Federal Committee** convened **2** times:

- 20-22 June 2025, Brussels
- 21-23 November 2025, Athens

# Statutory Meetings

## Federal Committee June 2025, Brussels

The Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists met in Brussels on 21–22 June 2025, bringing together delegates from national sections and affiliated organisations across Europe. The meeting opened with a political introduction by UEF President Domènec Ruiz Devesa, who outlined the organisation's key priorities: the reform of the EU Treaties, the construction of a European defence architecture, and the debate on the EU budget and own resources. A special political intervention on the future of European defence was delivered by MEP Lucia Annunziata, who stressed the urgency of strategic autonomy and the essential role of democratic oversight by the European Parliament. The Federal Committee unanimously adopted three major resolutions: *Towards a Political Union*, *For a Common European Media Space*, and *Towards a Genuine Foreign and Defence Policy* within a Federal Europe; a fourth resolution on a *federal approach to the Israeli-Palestinian peace process* was also approved by a large majority. The 2024 budget, totalling €300,034 and closed with overall financial stability, was unanimously approved, and Antonio Argenziano was formally appointed as Treasurer. Outgoing Secretary General Ilaria Caria presented a comprehensive activity report highlighting key achievements, including the Brussels demonstration of March 2025, the petition to the European Parliament via the Action Committee for the United States of Europe, and significant social media growth through the "New Crocodile Club" network of pro-federalist content creators, reaching over 500 million potential viewers. The meeting closed with President Devesa underlining two upcoming milestones: the relaunch of the Action Committee for the United States of Europe at the Maison Jean Monnet in October, and the celebration of 9 May 2026, which marks the 80th Anniversary of the UEF.

Resolutions and statements approved

- [Resolution | Towards a Political Union](#)
- [Resolution | Towards a genuine Foreign and Defense Policy within a Federal Europe](#)
- [Resolution | A federal solution to relaunch Israeli-Palestinian peace process](#)
- [Resolution | For a Common European Media Space](#)



# Statutory Meetings

## Federal Committee November 2025, Athens

The Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists convened in Athens from 21 to 23 November 2025, in cooperation with UEF Greece, in a meeting that combined high-level institutional engagement with substantive political and organisational work. The event opened on Friday 21 November with a ceremony at the historic building of the Hellenic Parliament, organised in cooperation with the Spinelli Group and attended by European political leaders, Members of the European Parliament, former Prime Ministers, current and former European Commissioners, and distinguished members of the Hellenic Parliament. The central theme of the opening — "Deepening European Integration" — addressed the European budget and fiscal governance, enlargement, European security and defence, social cohesion, and institutional reform. A particularly significant initiative launched on this occasion was the establishment of a Federalist Group in the Hellenic Parliament, reinforcing Greece's role as a driver of institutional leadership ahead of its Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2027. The Federal Committee sessions, held on Saturday and Sunday at the Laskaridis Foundation in Piraeus, featured a political introduction by UEF President Domènec Ruiz Devesa, greetings by Europa Union Deutschland President Andrea Wechsler MEP and newly elected JEF President Moritz Hergl, as well as working group sessions on strategic planning based on a survey of national sections. Reports from the Task Forces on Fundraising, Strategic Planning, and UEF-WFM relations were presented, followed by Political Commission meetings and a voting session on resolutions. The Sunday session concluded with the approval of the 2026 budget, the Activity Report of the Secretary General, and a dedicated session on the Roadmap towards the UEF Congress 2026 in Barcelona, marking a key milestone in the organisation's planning for its 80th Anniversary year.

Resolutions and statements approved

- [Resolution | Federalist Strategy for a Federal Reform of the EU](#)
- [Resolution | A Federal Europe to build a genuine European Defense and foreign policy](#)
- [Resolution | Tonight or Never](#)
- [Resolution | European Digital Sovereignty Now](#)
- [Urgent Statement | Ukraine and the EU should stand firm and come up with a proper peace plan for peace between Ukraine and Russia](#)



# Strengthening the UEF Network

## UEF President Interventions at the UEF France, EUD and JEF Europe Congress



**UEF France**  
Paris - 4 October



**EUD**  
Chemnitz - 11 October



**JEF Europe**  
Strasbourg - 15 November

## Rebuilding of UEF Netherlands and building UEF Moldova

In 2025, important progress was made in rebuilding UEF Netherlands and in developing UEF Moldova, expanding the federalist network and reinforcing UEF's presence across Europe.



## The Interregional Conferences

During 2025, UEF organised several Interregional Conferences bringing together members, activists and national sections from different parts of Europe. These meetings provided an important platform to exchange ideas, coordinate political priorities and strengthen cooperation within the federalist network. The conferences also contributed to reinforcing UEF's grassroots engagement and to promoting federalist solutions to Europe's current political challenges.



## The UEF Network Academy

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 1 | What Makes Effective Federalist Communication on Social Medias?](#)

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 2 | Communicating a Sovereign, Democratic and Federal Europe](#)

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 3 | Increasing Organisational Capacity of the Balkanic Federalist Family](#)

[UEF NETWORK ACADEMY 4 | Twinning program method/Reviving a national section, how to bring people together?](#)

# Elaboration of the UEF Strategic Plan 2025-2030

The UEF has conducted a Survey on the strategic planning of the organisation, which received 112 answers from most of our National Sections. This short report aims at summarising the questions that have received the most answers, and having a close look at ideas that came up several times, and innovative ideas.

Members prioritize institutional reform (EU Constitution, treaty change), security/defense integration, and economic/social cohesion as top federalist goals by 2030. Local engagement, youth mobilization, and media advocacy are critical for grassroots impact.

Next Steps:

- Prioritize Policies: Focus on institutional reform, security/defense, and economic/social integration.
- Engage Members: Leverage interest in education, advocacy, and media to create actionable campaigns.
- Address Standout Ideas: Explore media content production and local-level federalism to amplify UEF's impact.
- Policy Focus: Launch working groups on treaty reform, defense integration, and social Europe.
- Advocacy: Roll out a pan-European campaign (toolkits, events, media) to promote federalism.
- Internal Reforms: Improve coordination, communication, and governance for greater efficiency.
- Innovation: Pilot local federalist networks and a youth ambassador program.

LINK HERE [Report Survey results on Strategic Plan](#)



# Fundraising Actions

In the recent period, UEF has initiated and developed several fundraising activities and efforts to broaden its base of supporters. In total, approximately €7,500 in donations have been raised through different fundraising initiatives.

A significant initiative was the first fundraising action based on the artworks of Lorenzo Epis, which were used as an incentive for donations. The campaign was promoted through the dedicated UEF donation page:

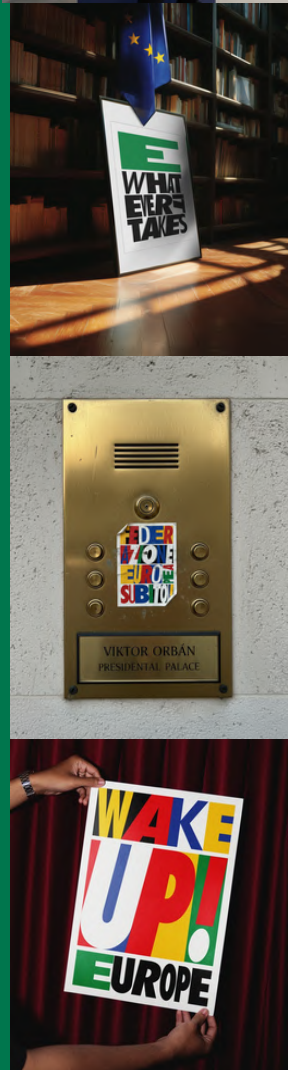
<https://federalists.eu/donate/>

At the same time, efforts continued to engage UEF individual members, including the collection of memberships from so-called individual members and strengthening the relationship with the organization's direct supporters.

UEF also implemented a fundraising campaign without rewards, based solely on encouraging support for the organization's activities and mission.

On the institutional and philanthropic side, UEF reached out to several private foundations to explore potential partnerships and funding opportunities. In parallel, the organization submitted applications to three different calls for proposals from the European Commission.

Overall, these initiatives represent a first step toward a more structured and diversified fundraising strategy, combining individual donations, memberships, and institutional funding opportunities.



## The Federalist Posters Serie

LORENZO EPIS

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In the UEF Political Commissions of the **Federal Committee** for the years 2024-2025, are focused on researching and advocating for the European unification process, while also addressing the great challenges that our societies are facing in this new phase of international politics, in the fields of economy, security, environment, defense of rights and democracy.

### **Political Commission 1 (PC1) - On Federalist Strategy for a Federal Reform of the EU**

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Rapporteur: Alejandro Peinado

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Chair: Gloria Vara Giner

Rapporteur:

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Co-rapporteurs: Wolfgang Wettach and Antonio Argenziano

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