

UEF Political Commission 1 - On Federalist Strategy for Federal Reforms and Institutions, Safeguard of the Rule of Law and Democracy

The work of PC1 during the 2026–2028 mandate will address several substantive and strategic issues connected to the federal reform of the European Union. In light of the current stage of European integration and the multiple geopolitical, economic and institutional challenges facing the Union, the Political Commission will explore possible pathways towards a federal transformation of European governance.

The discussion will focus in particular on:

- Treaty reforms aimed at strengthening the federal dimension of the European Union, including the proposals advanced by the Committee on Constitutional Affairs in the European Parliament (AFCO Committee) and the conclusions of the Conference on the Future of Europe;
- the reform of EU electoral law, including transnational lists and the Spitzenkandidaten process, and their implications for the democratic legitimacy of European institutions;
- the impact of future EU enlargements on the institutional balance of the Union and the need for corresponding institutional adjustments;
- transparency, accountability and democratic participation within the European decision-making process;
- the protection of the rule of law and the relationship between national constitutional orders and EU law;
- the development of a European fiscal capacity and the future of fiscal integration within the Union;
- the strengthening of the Union's capacity to act in the fields of foreign policy, defence, energy and strategic autonomy.

Methodologically, the Political Commission will combine legal, political and institutional perspectives. It will take into account all previous PC1 resolutions adopted during previous mandates. Particular attention will be devoted to the interaction between constitutional reform, political feasibility and democratic legitimacy, as well as to the comparison between the current institutional architecture of the Union and possible federal models. The discussion will also adopt a forward-looking approach, assessing both the opportunities and the risks associated with deeper political integration. The Commission will seek to bridge the gap between academic debate and political action by translating complex constitutional and institutional questions into concrete and pragmatic political proposals capable of advancing the federalist agenda.

More broadly, the Commission aims to reflect on how the European Union can reconcile effectiveness, democratic legitimacy, fiscal and budgetary capacity and strategic autonomy in an increasingly complex international environment. The return of great-power competition, the war in Ukraine, the challenges posed by climate change, digital transformation and economic fragmentation all raise fundamental questions regarding the adequacy of the Union's current institutional framework. The Commission will therefore examine whether existing structures remain fit for purpose and what reforms may be necessary to ensure that the European Union is capable of responding effectively to future crises.

To this end, the Commission will work in close cooperation with the Federal Committee (FC), the Executive Board (EB) and the UEF Committee on Political Campaign and Communication, contributing to the development of common political positions and strategic initiatives. The Commission will support the political work of the organisation by providing analysis, proposals and recommendations on major constitutional and institutional issues affecting the future of European integration.

The Commission will serve as a permanent forum for discussion, policy development and political reflection within the UEF. It will organise debates, roundtables and public discussions involving politicians, academics, policy-makers, representatives of civil society and other experts. Particular attention will be devoted to promoting dialogue between federalist activists and decision-makers at both the European and national levels.

The Commission will also prepare discussion papers, policy briefs, resolutions and analytical documents on key issues related to European federal reform at least before any Federal Committee. A comprehensive document will be prepared at the end of the mandate of this commission in 2028 for the next European Congress. These outputs will contribute to shaping UEF positions, supporting advocacy activities and informing public debate. Whenever appropriate, the Commission may contribute to the preparation of political campaigns, public events and strategic initiatives promoted by the UEF.

Through these activities, PC1 aims to strengthen the intellectual foundations of European federalism while contributing to the development of realistic and politically viable proposals capable of advancing the federal transformation of the European Union.