

UEF POLITICAL COMMISSION 3 - ON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY, DEFENSE AND CYBERSECURITY

1. Political Mandate and Strategic Orientation

The work of Political Commission 3 (PC3) during the 2026–2028 mandate is grounded in the resolution « *For a European Union capable to uphold security and defend its values internationally* » adopted by the UEF European Congress in Barcelona and all former resolutions adopted by UEF Statutory bodies in previous mandate. The Barcelona resolution identifies a structural mismatch between the scale of today's global challenges and the fragmented nature of European external action. Geopolitical competition, armed conflicts in the EU's neighborhood, systemic rivalry, the weaponization of trade and finance, and the erosion of the multilateral order demand a qualitative leap in European integration in foreign policy, defense, and economic sovereignty.

PC3's **mission** is therefore to (acting in constant coordination with the Executive Board and the two other PCs):

- Translate the political vision of the European Congress into concrete policy proposals;
- Support the UEF's political action through resolutions, working documents and public initiatives;
- Provide a structured forum for debate among federalists on the future architecture of EU external action.

The PC3's work will be guided by four cross-cutting **principles**:

- Federal effectiveness: strengthening EU-level competences, resources and democratic accountability
- Strategic coherence: integrating foreign policy, defense, economic and monetary instruments
- Political credibility: producing proposals that are ambitious yet operational, and suitable for advocacy at EU and national level
- Cooperation with other federalist organizations, including reinforcement of the cooperation with the World Federalist Movement and JEF on the issues of common interest.

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2. Organization of Work and Operational Tools

To ensure continuity, inclusiveness and policy impact, PC3 will structure its activities around a limited number of stable operational tools.

2.1 Working Group

By June–July 2026, PC3 will establish a permanent Working Group composed of UEF members and external experts where appropriate.

The Working Group will coordinate thematic workstreams and prepare drafts of resolutions and working documents.

Meetings will be held online, with frequency adapted to the political calendar.

2.2 Monthly Newsletter

Starting in July 2026, PC3 (together with PC1 and PC2) will launch a monthly newsletter aimed at disseminating analytical contributions and policy briefs and connecting PC3’s work with broader UEF political priorities.

The newsletter will serve both internal coordination and external visibility purposes.

2.3 Quarterly Public Webinars

PC3 will organize one public webinar per quarter, building on the successful first event held in May 2026 with the EU Ambassador to Armenia.

Webinars will address priority geopolitical and institutional issues, in accordance with the political priorities, involving policymakers, diplomats, academics and civil society actors.

2.4 Resolutions and Policy Output

PC3 commits to:

- Preparing resolutions for each Federal Committee, aligned with political developments and advocacy needs;
- Drafting a comprehensive resolution for the UEF Congress at the end of the mandate;
- Producing in-depth Working Documents, providing analytical foundations, in coordination with the EB.

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3. Thematic Priorities

PC3 will focus its work on four interconnected thematic pillars, reflecting both the Barcelona resolution and the evolving international context.

3.1 The Global Role of the European Union

The Commission will examine how the EU can evolve from a predominantly regulatory

and economic power into a fully-fledged global political actor.

Key areas of work include:

- A. Reform of global governance, with particular attention to the EU's role in revitalising multilateral institutions
- B. Trade and external economic policy as instruments of geopolitical influence, balancing openness with resilience and strategic autonomy
- C. Global financial governance, with focus on the role of Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and EU's role in international financial institutions.

The objective is to define institutional and policy reforms enabling the EU to act coherently and decisively on the global stage.

3.2 Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy

PC3 will treat enlargement and neighborhood policy as core components of European security, not as technical or secondary dossiers.

Priority regions include:

- A. South Caucasus, with a focus on conflict prevention, resilience and EU diplomatic engagement;
- B. Western Balkans and Eastern Europe, addressing the political costs of enlargement fatigue and the need for credible accession pathways;
- C. Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, building on the concrete proposals launched during the Barcelona +30 event in the context of the last UEF European Congress of 2026.

Work will focus on:

- Overcoming unanimity constraints in enlargement and neighborhood decisions;
- Strengthening EU political presence and conditionality;
- Linking enlargement policy to broader federal reforms, in light of the Gozi Report (2025)

3.3 The International Role of the Euro

The PC3 will analyze how monetary and financial integration can underpin EU strategic autonomy.

Key themes include:

- A. The Euro as an international currency, reducing Europe's exposure to

extraterritorial sanctions and financial coercion;

- B. The development of a European safe asset;
- C. The strategic implications of a digital euro, including sovereignty, privacy and global competitiveness.

This work will explicitly connect monetary policy debates with foreign and security policy objectives.

3.4 Towards a European Defense System

In line with the Barcelona resolution, PC3 considers defense integration a political necessity, not a technical option.

The PC3 will focus on:

- A. Financing: common defense investment, EU-level budgetary instruments;
- B. Industrial dimension: consolidation of the European defense industrial base;
- C. Structure and governance:
- D. From intergovernmental cooperation to a genuine European Defense Union;
- E. Democratic accountability and parliamentary oversight.

The objective is to articulate a credible pathway towards a European defense system embedded in a federal political framework.

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4. Expected Outcomes and Political Impact

By the end of the mandate, PC3 aims to deliver:

- A coherent set of federalist policy proposals on EU external action;
- Increased visibility of UEF positions in debates on foreign policy and defense;
- Stronger internal coordination and expertise within the organization.

PC3's work will contribute to positioning the UEF as a reference political actor in discussions on Europe's role in the world, bridging normative ambition and institutional realism.

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5. Conclusion

The international environment confronting Europe requires political clarity, institutional

courage and strategic vision. Through this program of work, Political Commission 3 commits to contribute to transforming the principles adopted at the Barcelona Congress into operational federalist proposals, strengthening the Union’s capacity to act, protect its citizens, and uphold its values internationally.