MINUTES of the

March Federal Committee meeting

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Opening of the Federal Committee meeting

Chair Malte Steuber opened the meeting alongside Kati Systä and Philipp Agathonos who were elected Presidium of the UEF FC by acclamation.

Election of the Tellers

The Federal Committee unanimously elected Davide Negri, Gorkem Baskan and Paula Gehrs as Tellers.

Election of a Credentials Committee

The Federal Committee unanimously elected three members to the Credentials Committee. Mathilde Baudouin, Antonio Argenziano and Christelle Savall.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously. The agenda as read out included the Dutch candidacy, the status of the Secretary General - employed or volunteer -, the establishment of the Political Commissions and the closing remarks.

Candidacy of UEF Netherlands

Adrian F. H. Waschmann, President of the European Federalist Movement Netherlands, greeted the Committee by video. Board member Reinis Giļš presented the candidacy. The Dutch group had adopted statutes and elected its board at an informal general assembly on 27 February 2026. It described a joint membership arrangement with JEF Netherlands, plans for joint events and shared resources.

The delegation argued that a Dutch section would restore a federalist presence in a founding Member State after four decades and strengthen cooperation across the Benelux and with Germany. Its priorities were to build alliances and membership in 2026 and prepare activities around the 70th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome in 2027.

In response to a question about project eligibility, the delegation said it expected Dutch Chamber of Commerce registration to take about two months after approval. Until registration, members could contribute to projects individually, but the organisation could not participate formally.

The delegation planned to build a national membership base before actively organising local branches. The Secretariat reported that it had proposed support for registration costs. Members welcomed the cooperation with JEF and encouraged the Dutch group to contact neighbouring sections.

> The Federal Committee approved UEF Netherlands as a candidate section by acclamation.

Status of the Secretary General

Domènec Ruiz Devesa explained that the Statutes allow the role to be held by a volunteer or an employee. He proposed continuing the employment arrangement in place for the current Secretary General, Mathilde Baudouin.

> The Federal Committee confirmed by acclamation that the Secretary General would continue to be an employee.

Political Commissions for 2026 to 2028

On behalf of the Executive Bureau, Domènec Ruiz Devesa proposed retaining commissions on institutions and on foreign and security policy, and combining the other three commissions into a single commission on budget and common policies. He explained that five commissions had been difficult to sustain and that the economic, social and environmental questions were closely connected.

Members called for the commissions' work to follow the Strategic Plan and the Manifesto, for closer coordination between the commissions and the Executive Bureau, and for cooperation with JEF Europe. A member suggested defining criteria for the documents produced by the commissions.

> The Federal Committee approved the establishment of three Political Commissions. It then voted on the Executive Bureau's proposed chairs and co-rapporteurs together, approved unanimously.

PC1: On Federalist Strategy for Federal Reforms and Institutions, Safeguard of the Rule of Law and Democracy. Chair: Luca Lionello. Co-rapporteurs: Eszter Nagy and Giulia Rossolillo. The remit includes democracy and the rule of law.

PC2: Budget and common policies. Chair: Julia Preiss. Co-rapporteurs: José Luis Salazar and Sebastian Camarero.

PC3: On Foreign and Security Policy, Defense and Cybersecurity. Chair: Stefano Rossi. Co-rapporteurs: Daphne Gogou and Simina Tulbure. The remit includes defence and cybersecurity.

Each commission could propose a deputy chair at its first meeting for confirmation at a subsequent Federal Committee meeting. Co-rapporteurs were drawn from the Executive Bureau to maintain a link with the commissions.

Task forces

Members discussed whether the Executive Bureau could set up task forces before the next Federal Committee meeting. Suggestions included cooperation with JEF on global federalism and a task force on finances. The fundraising and strategic planning task forces were cited as existing groups. An online Federal Committee meeting dedicated to task forces was proposed, but no date was fixed.

The Executive Bureau was to develop proposals and consult the Federal Committee. The proposed task forces could then be confirmed at a subsequent Federal Committee meeting. No new task force or chair was appointed during this discussion.

Closing remarks

Jordi Xuclà, representing the European Movement in Catalonia, welcomed the Dutch candidacy and spoke about reconciliation and European enlargement. He conveyed a message from Francisco Aldecoa of the European Movement in Spain, who had already left, calling for closer cooperation with UEF. Xuclà suggested setting up a Spinelli Group in the Spanish parliament as a possible joint initiative.

Guy Verhofstadt, President of European Movement International, called for closer cooperation with UEF and said he would work with Domènec Ruiz Devesa on a route to federal reform. He cited three opportunities: the anniversary of the Treaties of Rome in 2027, the anniversary of the Congress of The Hague in 2028, and the 2029 European elections.

Domènec Ruiz Devesa thanked the participants, the UEF Secretariat and the local organisers at the close of the meeting.

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Mathilde Baudouin, UEF Secretary General