Dear fellow Federalists, FC members, and delegates,

Ahead of this weekend's Federal Committee meeting in Brussels, we wanted to reach out on behalf of the entire board of the Union of European Federalists Netherlands (UEF NL) to introduce ourselves and ask for your support as we apply to become a full member section of UEF.

Since the Congress in Barcelona granted us candidate status back in March, our launching board - Adrian F.H. Waschmann (President), Anja Reimann (Secretary), Reinis Giļs (Board Member), and Esther Leinez (ex-officio Board Member and President of JEF NL) - has been working hard to get the section properly off the ground.

After months of paperwork and back-and-forth, we finally registered our association with the Dutch Chamber of Commerce (KVK) on November 11 under the name *Union of European Federalists Netherlands (UEF NL)*. Over the past few months, we also held an in-person board meeting and meetup in Zwolle in April, launched our Instagram and LinkedIn channels, and grew our network to around 60 members. Together with UEF, we ran a fundraising campaign that brought in over €1,500 to cover our initial legal and setup costs.

On October 23, we hosted a soft launch event in the Netherlands to put ourselves on the map. We are really grateful to Young European Federalists Netherlands (JEF NL), the Spinelli Group, UEF, and the MEPs - Raquel García Hermida-van der Walle, Thijs Reuten, Anna Strolenberg, and Reinier van Lanschot - who joined and supported us. Alongside this, we have been building close ties with members of the Dutch House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer) and the World Federalist Movement (WFM) in the Netherlands.

Becoming a full section this weekend will give us the momentum we need for our next steps. Now that the legal registration is done, we are setting up our bank account, finalizing our dual-membership onboarding with JEF NL, and preparing for our General Assembly in early 2027. Looking further ahead, we are in talks with WFM and JEF NL about sharing an office in The Hague and teaming up on funding and events - including a major joint initiative for the 70th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, alongside our official public launch event. We also want to start building closer links, projects, and exchanges with other national and local UEF sections across Europe.

Due to unforeseen personal circumstances, Adrian and Esther unfortunately won't be able to make it to Brussels this weekend. Anja will be joining online and Reinis will be there in person to present our application and represent the launching board. Please feel free to grab him for a chat - he'll be more than happy to answer any questions you have about our work in the Netherlands or our plans moving forward.

We can't wait to get to know all of you better, stay in close contact, and start working together as a full member of the UEF family.

Federalist regards,

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