



## **TOWARDS JUNE 2019: SHAPING FEDERALIST PROPOSALS & ACTIONS**

**JOINT MEETING OF THE  
UEF POLITICAL COMMISSION ON “THE FUTURE OF EUROPE AND FEDERALIST STRATEGY”  
JEF POLITICAL COMMISSION ON “INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNANCE”**

**Brussels  
13-14 January 2018**

Gemeenschapscentrum De Markten  
Oude Graanmarkt 5 - Rue du Vieux Marché aux Grains 5  
1000 Bruxelles, Belgium



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 13 JANUARY 2018

*Venue: De Markten, Oude Graanmarkt 5 - Rue du Vieux Marché aux Grains 5, 1000 Brussels*

10:30 Registrations

11:00 Opening and Introduction to the programme

11:15 **SESSION I**

### **“NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR EUROPE AFTER THE SPEECHES OF JUNCKER AND MACRON AND THE GERMAN ELECTIONS: SUBSTANCE AND METHOD TO MOVE FORWARD”**

Panel discussion to address mainly the following issues:

- What are the proposals on the table for the future of Europe?
- What are the differences between the proposals of Juncker and Macron?
- What is the status of the follow-up thereon by governments and EU institutions?
- What are the consequences of elections in major countries?
- How to proceed as federalists?

Introductions by (10-15 minutes each):

- **Pauline GESSANT**, Member, UEF-France
- **Christopher GLÜCK**, President, JEF-Europe
- **Luisa TRUMELLINI**, Secretary-General, Movimento Federalista Europeo

Moderated by:

- **Otto SCHMUCK**, Vice-President, UEF

Debate with participants

13:00 Buffet Lunch

14:00 **SESSION II**

### **“EUROZONE-REFORM : WHY IS CHANGE NEEDED AND WHAT ARE THE PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE?”**

This session will address the main shortcomings of the current architecture and explain the main proposals in the discussion on the future of the Eurozone starting from the view of the goals the Economic and Monetary Union should achieve:

- **Stabilisation and risk-reduction policies** (this slot will address also proposals for a European Monetary Fund, automatic stabilisers and strengthened fiscal responsibility).
- **Growth-enhancing and cohesion policies in the Eurozone** (this slot will address also proposals for a Eurozone budget).
- **Democratic governance of the Eurozone** (this slot will address also proposals for a Finance Minister and Eurozone democratic accountability).

The session will start with a plenary where the 3 presenters explain the 3 key issues (highlighting the gaps between existing Eurozone framework and tools and the goals to be achieved) and the different positions on the issue in the ongoing political debate (20 minutes each, total 60 minutes).

Participants will then break in 3 groups to discuss one topic each, moderated by the relevant presenter. The discussion in each group will be organised in 3 stages: (1) understanding the issue and the rationale of the different positions (pro and con) on the issue (30 minutes), (2) understanding the existing UEF and JEF positions on the issue and, where lacking, shaping a common UEF-JEF position (30 minutes), and (3) identifying how the common position can be argued to the public and stakeholders from a campaign perspective in the coming months up to the European elections.

As a final stage, each group presents its conclusions to the plenary (10 minutes each, 30 minutes in total)

The presenters and moderators will be:

- **Christopher GLÜCK**, President, JEF-Europe (on stabilisation)
- **Paolo VACCA**, Secretary-General, UEF (on growth policies)
- **David GARCIA**, Acting Director, UEF (on Eurozone democratic governance)

17.00 Coffee Break

17.30 **SESSION III**

### **“MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE – A METHOD TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND TO MINIMIZE CONFLICTS?”**

Panel discussion to address mainly the following issues:

- How to address pro-independence trends in EU countries?
- What’s the role of regions in the European project?
- What prospects for federalism at national level in EU countries?
- What’s the meaning of multi-level governance in the EU?

Introductions by (10-15 minutes each):

- **Otto SCHMUCK**, Vice-President, UEF
- **Justus SCHÖNLAU**, Political Advisor, Committee of the Regions
- **Olivier HINNEKENS**, President, European Movement in Belgium

Moderated by:

- **Mariasophia FALCONE**, Co-chair JEF FC Political Commission “Institutions and Governance”

19.30 End of the sessions

20.00 Group dinner in the city centre

**SUNDAY, 14 JANUARY 2018**

*Venue: De Markten, Oude Graanmarkt 5 - Rue du Vieux Marché aux Grains 5, 1000 Brussels*

09:00 Opening

**SESSION IV**

**“EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2019 – FEDERALIST DEMANDS, EXPECTATIONS AND ACTIONS”**

The session will start with a short presentation of the UEF and JEF positions and expectations on topics relevant in the run up to the European Parliament elections of June 2019, and the federalist political demands in the electoral campaign. Where policy gaps are identified, input for shaping a common UEF-JEF position are presented.

Presentations and discussion with participants (1 hour in total):

- **Daniel MATTEO**, Federal Committee member, UEF
- **Céline GEISSMANN**, Executive Board member, JEF-Europe

Participants will then split in 3 thematic working groups for a 45-minute discussion on how to advance selected federalist demands on the above topics with (1) the general public, (2) the political parties, and (3) the candidates.

In the last 30 minutes, the proposals of each working group are presented to the plenary.

11.15 Coffee Break

11:30 **SESSION V**

**“DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS – THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE FEDERALISTS”**

Opening and chair:

- **Paolo VACCA**, Secretary-General, Union of European Federalists

Interventions:

- **PIEYRE-ALEXANDRE ANGLADE**, Member of the Assemblée Nationale, En Marche
- **DAVID MEYER**, Bureau, Union of European Federalists - France
- **CÉLINE GEISSMANN**, Executive Board, EF-Europe
- **MARTIN MARECHAL**, President, JEF-Belgium

Subjects to be addressed:

- Macron’s proposal of democratic conventions
- Federalist views on Macron’s proposal
- Top down or bottom up conventions?
- Citizens Conventions and/or Constitutional Convention?
- Learnings from the Constitutional Convention 2002/2003
- Possible formats of bottom-up citizens conventions
- Role and contribution of the federalist movements

13.00 Wrap-up and Closing