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THE FUTURE OF SCHENGEN: *Failures, Challenges and Perspectives*

Maison de l'Union européenne, Luxembourg
Saturday 16 April 2016

The event is organized by the Luxembourg section of the **Union of European Federalists (UEF)** in collaboration with the **UEF European Secretariat** and the **Young European Federalists (JEF Europe)**.

The other **federalist organizations** active in Luxembourg are associated to the event: the **European Movement Luxembourg (MEL)**, the **UEF Groupe Europe** and the **Young Europeans Luxembourg (JEL)**.

The event, supported by the **Information Office of the European Parliament in Luxembourg** and the **Representation of the European Commission in Luxembourg**, will take place at the Maison de l'Union européenne (7, rue du Marché-aux-Herbes, Luxembourg-town).

It is meant to be an opportunity for UEF and JEF members from Luxembourg and neighboring regions to engage with speakers from the political, economic and social fields and with the wider public.

The debate will be organised in two consecutive sessions, where the federalist perspective will be confronted with the current threats to the Schengen Agreement, the management of the EU common external borders, and the main challenges facing the European integration project today:

- **The costs of non-Schengen:** how the re-establishment of internal border controls threatens the economic, social and political future of the European Union;
- **Schengen and the EU external border:** how migration flows from outside the European Union challenge the limits of Schengen and the future of the European foreign and defense policy.

A translation **English-French** and **French-English** will be provided to facilitate the debate.

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This event is being held with the support of:



10.30 Arrival of participants and welcoming

10.40 Opening by **Alain Calmes**, President of the Union of European Federalists (Luxembourg)

10.45 Session I – Panel discussion

“THE COSTS OF NON-SCHENGEN: HOW THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNAL BORDER CONTROLS THREATENS THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.”

Speakers:

- **Guy BERG**, Representative of the European Commission in Luxembourg
- **Sergio FERREIRA**, spokesperson at the Association for the support of migrant workers (ASTI)
- **Ophélie OMNES**, Vice-President of the Young European Federalists (JEF Europe)
- **Christophe ORIGER**, President of Young Europeans Luxembourg (JEL)
- **Isabelle SCHLESSER**, Director of the National Employment Agency (ADEM)
- **Marc WAGENER**, Director of Economic Affairs at the Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce

Topics that will be addressed in the introductions:

- Can the European internal market survive to the re-establishment of border controls?
- How is the European job market affected by limitation to the free circulation of people?
- How is intelligence data shared between Member States?
- How to ensure European security by safeguarding the internal market?

13.00 Lunch Break

14.00 Session II – Panel discussion

“SCHENGEN AND THE EU EXTERNAL BORDER: HOW MIGRATION FLOWS FROM OUTSIDE THE EUROPEAN UNION CHALLENGE THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY”

Speakers:

- **Christophe DÉAGE**, President of Region at the Institute of Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN)
- **Frank ENGEL**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Nathalie MEDERNACH**, Public Relations at the Luxembourg Reception and Integration Agency (OLAI)
- **Eleftheria NEFRAMI**, Professor of European Law at the University of Luxembourg
- **Bruno THÉRET**, Member of the Council at Eurodefense Luxembourg
- **Paolo VACCA**, Secretary-General of the Union of European Federalists
- **Lorenzo VAI**, Centre for Studies on Federalism (CSF) / Institute for International Affairs (IAI) - Italy

Topics that will be addressed in the introductions:

- The integration challenge in Luxembourg
- The migration challenge at the EU external borders
- How to build a European system to control the common EU border?
- How to progress integration in the police and intelligence at European level?
- How to preserve Schengen in light of the terrorism and migration challenges?

16.30 Public action in the city centre