

WE ARE EUROPE: CIVIL SOCIETY MEET UP

*Against nationalism and populism,
Uniting Europe*

Vienna, 23rd of November 2018



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Room: Barocke Suiten A,
Museumsplatz 1/5, 1070 Vienna, Austria



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AGENDA

Friday 23rd November

REGISTRATIONS

09:30 – 10:00 Welcoming coffee

10:00 – 10:15 **OPENING**

- Welcome
- Introduction of participants
- Introduction of the topics on the agenda

Paolo Vacca, Secretary-General of the Union of European Federalists

10:15 – 11:15 **THE ROOTS, RISE AND TRENDS OF NATIONAL POPULISMS IN EUROPE AND THEIR IMPACT ON EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**

Video-intervention by Professor Matthew Goodwin, Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent

Debate

11:15 – 12:45 **VOICES FROM THE GRASSROOTS**

Testimonies from pro-European civil society actors operating in politically hostile environments in different countries

Speakers:

Eszter Nagy, (Hungary), Secretary General Európai Föderalisták Uniója - Magyarország Egyesület

Antonio Argenziano, (Italy), Secretary General of the Young European Federalists – Italy

Chris Powers (UK), Young European Movement UK and Vice Chair of Federal Union

Followed by questions & answers

12:45 – 13:00 **CLOSING**

COUNTERING NATIONALISM BY BUILDING A UNITED EUROPE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Speaker: *Andrew Duff, President of the Spinelli Group*

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

15:30 **Registration for the Public Event**

16:00 **PUBLIC EVENT**

Public Debate “Sovereign again trough Europe”

Debate organized together with The Spinelli Group, in cooperation with UEF Austria and Europe Direct Vienna

PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

The event is open to civil society activists officially residents in an EU member state, an EU-candidate country, a country being part of the European Economic Area

Participants residing outside Vienna will be eligible to **reimbursement of their travel expenses of 75% and up to a maximum reimbursement of 200 EUR**. Reimbursement will be made on the spot and in cash, **upon presentation of proof of payment**. Please bring **the original receipts and tickets** with you.

Only participants who arrive on time (10:00 at the latest) and attend the entire meeting (10:00- 13.00 and 16.00-19:00) are eligible for reimbursement.

If you wish to support UEF work, you are welcome to donate part or whole of your travel fees reimbursement to the UEF.

For more information, please address the UEF staff.

SPEAKERS

Paolo VACCA

Paolo Vacca is the Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists, a pan-European, non-governmental political organisation dedicated to the promotion of European political unity. He is also Secretary General of The Spinelli Group, a network of federalist members of the European Parliament. He is a long-standing federalist activist with experience at local, national and European level and has organised countless conferences, seminars, events and grass-root campaigns and actions across Europe promoting European unity. Professionally Paolo is Director Legal Affairs Europe for a global chemical multinational.



Eszter NAGY

Eszter Nagy is the secretary general of UEF Hungary. She has long time (1997-2009) experience in the Hungarian foreign service. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs she worked as French desk officer, later as press, cultural attaché and consul in Ottawa at the Hungarian Embassy in Canada. After returning to Budapest, she joined the Cultural, Research and Development Cooperation Department in the Ministry, and was posted to Tallinn as deputy head of mission of the Hungarian Embassy in Estonia. After returning to Hungary she worked at the Common Foreign and Security Policy Department in the Ministry. She has also gained experience in the private sector, in the family business and in multinational companies. She holds a Master's degree of the Global Economic Relations Program in international relations at the Central European University in Budapest.



Antonio ARGENZIANO

Antonio Argenziano is the Secretary General of JEF Italy. He has been also JEF Italy National Treasurer.

He graduated in Modern History at l'Università La Sapienza in Rome and focused his studies on the History of European integration. He is a member of UEF Italy Central Committee and he has been elected in the President Cabinet of the European Movement in Italy. He contributes with several magazines and blog focused on culture and politics such as Critica Liberale, Stati Uniti d'Europa, l'Unità Europea, La Nuova Europa and Eurobull.



Chris POWERS

Chris Powers has been a *federalista militante* since 2012, when he and a small group created a branch of JEF in Cambridge. He then resuscitated the national section in the UK. Since then he has held various roles locally, nationally, and at European level of the federalists and the European Movement, campaigning for a federal Europe and fighting against Brexit closer to home. Currently, he is the Vice Chair responsible for European Federalism in Federal Union (UEF UK) and a member of the Presidium of JEF Europe. When not campaigning for Europe, he works in fundraising and communications in Cambridge.



Andrew DUFF

Andrew Duff is President of The Spinelli Group and a British politician. He was a Member of the European Parliament (ALDE/UK) from 1999-2014. He was a member of the Convention on the Charter of Fundamental Rights and of the Convention on the Future of Europe, and one of Parliament's representatives at the IGC, which drafted the Treaty of Lisbon. Duff was President of the Union of European Federalists 2008-13. Before becoming an MEP, Duff was Director of the Federal Trust in London. He is a founder member of the European Council on Foreign Relations; an honorary member of the board of the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA); and a member of the advisory board of Transparency International (Europe). Founding member of The Spinelli Group, Andrew Duff became its President in October 2017.



Matthew GOODWIN

Matthew Goodwin is a Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, author of the book National Populism: The Revolt Against Liberal Democracy sets out the roots, rise and impact of national populism in traditional democracies. He joined the School in 2015 and is known for his work on British and European politics, populism, immigration and Euroscepticism.

