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GUIDELINES AND TIMETABLE FOR ACTION AND CAMPAIGNING FOR THE NEXT MONTHS

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As stated in the UEF Manifesto “Towards Federal Union” updated by the Federal Committee of UEF on 13 December 2014 European Federalists believe that:

- only deeper fiscal integration will lead Europe out of the crisis and fulfil Europe's economic and democratic potential and that this new polity has to be formed around the states whose currency is or will soon be the euro;
- fiscal union is not viable without social justice and that tackling youth unemployment must be the priority; we therefore need adequate forms of European taxation and new forms of European debt instruments for a proactive European social and economic policy and the replacement of ad hoc policy conditionality with democratically legitimated policies and measures, including automatic stabilisers, which enhance solidarity and growth for a European social market economy if the conditions and rules of fiscal stability and structural changes are met;
- these steps require the transformation of the Eurozone into a true political union;
- the Treaty of Lisbon is being stretched to breaking point under the pressure of crisis management and its revision is therefore unavoidable, if the Union is to overcome its present difficulties;
- we therefore need to a constitutional Convention to begin as soon as possible and that the agenda of the Convention must be open, but shaped by a coherent political strategy based on the re-foundation and renewal of the European Union around a federal vanguard;
- a genuine common immigration and asylum policy is needed to make a reality of the EU area of freedom, security and justice;
- the European Union will not be the global actor it aspires to be unless its states makes a more serious political commitment to developing common foreign, security and defence policies;
- the main new feature of the fundamental law will be the installation of a federal government, with a powerful Treasury Secretary, for the fiscal and economic union;
- the eurozone must have its own fiscal capacity, capable of contributing to macroeconomic stabilisation and that the EU budget should be financed by genuinely autonomous own resources - such as taxes on carbon emissions or financial transactions - which, by moving away from the current system of direct national contributions, will allow the federal core to escape from the paralysis of juste retour;
- that the EU will only survive and prosper by enhancing European democracy: we act to strengthen the European public space, with citizens fully engaged at every stage of the constitutional process.

Considering

- that the questions posed by the Juncker Analytical Note at the informal European Council on February 12 2015, are crucial questions both to start a discussion process among the national and

European institutions about the future of the Eurozone governance, and to define the political goals to be achieved and the initiatives to be promoted in the near future to deepen the unification within Europe;

- that the European Parliament, and particularly its Committee for Constitutional Affairs, will be working on a report on the institutional future of the European Union beyond the Lisbon Treaty;
- that the Analytical Note's questions* could serve to ignite a permanent **European Federalist Question-Time Action** towards the MEPs, the national MPs and governments;
- that the new social networks and channels can be used to:
 - promote a citizens question time via twitter and email;
 - organize actions/initiatives in different countries/towns in specific weeks;
 - to increase awareness of the need to provide federalist solutions to the questions raised by the European Commission's President Analytical Note,

Resolves

- to use the UEF Manifesto towards federal union to circulate the federalist replies to those questions, and to prepare actions and initiatives to ask for the consolidation of the Monetary Union into a Fiscal, Economic and Political Union, as already suggested by the Four Presidents reports and the European Commission Blueprint;
- to launch common JEF-UEF Actions all over Europe in view of some specific deadlines and in particular:
 - the next European summits, starting from the one on mid June 2015, when the presentation of the new Four Presidents' report and the next round of negotiations between the Eurogroup countries and Greece, will enter a crucial stage;
 - the next EP AFCO and Economic committee meetings;
 - the national elections in some key countries (like in the UK in May 2015, and in Spain and Portugal in the fall of 2015);
 - October-December 2015 European deadlines (two European summits and presentation of reports by EP Committees;
- to prepare federalist input to the reports of the European Parliament on the institutional future of the European Union beyond the Lisbon Treaty.

In order to convey the federalist message to the European citizens, the political class, the national and European political leaders, mandates the JEF-UEF task force, coordinated by the JEF and UEF European secretariats

- to prepare as soon as possible and on the basis of the above guidelines practical tools to be used at European level and by the national, regional and local sections, in order to ask
 - a. all the MEP and national MPs (starting from those who have already signed the federalist pledges during the electoral campaigns) as well as other European political leaders, to sign and support a new pledge with the federalists' requests to build an effective European Federal Union, which can start today with the Eurozone and those states genuinely committed to joining the euro;
 - b. the European Parliament to develop its proposals on the structure of a Federal Union, in view of a Constitutional convention. This proposals must concern in the first place the completion of the EMU with the Four Unions, including the establishment of an effective and autonomous European fiscal capacity within the Eurozone-plus, that must be democratically controlled; and the new relationship inside the EU of the federal Eurozone plus with those states not willing to join the euro and the federal union.

Proposes

- as possible federalist mobilization action weeks that precede the European Council summits in June, in October and December and these on the eve of the discussion or presentation of key reports and resolutions by the European Parliament and its Economic and Institutional Affairs Committees.

(*) The Analytical Note's questions:

- *“How can we ensure sound fiscal and economic positions in all euro area Member States?”*
- *How could a better implementation and enforcement of the economic and fiscal governance framework be ensured?*
- *Is the current governance framework – if fully implemented – sufficient to make the euro area shock resilient and prosperous in the long run?*
- *To what extent can the framework of EMU mainly rely on strong rules and to what extent are strong common institutions also required?*
- *What instruments are needed in situations in which national policies continue –despite surveillance under the governance framework – to go harmfully astray?*
- *Has the fiscal - financial nexus been sufficiently dealt with in order to prevent the repetition of negative feedback loops between banks and sovereign debt?*
- *How could private risk - sharing through financial markets in the euro area be enhanced to ensure a better absorption of asymmetric shocks?*
- *To what extent is the present sharing of sovereignty adequate to meet the economic, financial and fiscal framework requirements of the common currency?*
- *Is a further risk - sharing in the fiscal realm desirable? What would be the preconditions?*
- *Under which conditions and in which form could a stronger common governance over structural reforms be envisaged?*
- *How could it foster real convergence?*
- *How can accountability and legitimacy be best achieved in a multilevel setup such as EMU?*

