

FEDERAL COMMITTEE MEETING
SATURDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2023, 9:30 - 18:00 & SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2023, 10:00 – 12:00
BRUSSELS

DRAFT AGENDA
(updated: 6 February 2023)

Saturday, 11 February 2023, 9:30 – 18:00

Venue:	 Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union Rue Montoyer 21, B-1000 Bruxelles
8:30	<i>Arrival of participants & registrations</i>
9:30	OPENING OF THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE FORMALITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Election of the Tellers▪ Election of a Credentials Committee▪ Election of the Resolution Committee▪ Approval of the Agenda▪ Approval of the Minutes of the Federal Committee Meeting on 10 and 11 December 2022
9:45	WELCOME SPEECH <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FRIEDRICH VON HEUSINGER, Director of the Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union
10:00	POLITICAL INTRODUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SANDRO GOZI, President of the Union of European Federalists <i>Followed by Q&A</i>
10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45	POLITICAL DEBATE: THE COFOE A KEY DEMOCRATIC MOMENT Role & mission of the civil society organisations to support the European Parliament and the Commission to fully implement its results The Conference on the Future of Europe was a key democratic moment that involved citizens in a reflection on the nature and future of the European Union. It was not a formality, or a mere consultative exercise. At the end of a multi-layered process, the citizens drew up precise requests: they demanded that the European Union be strengthened in terms of external and

internal action and that European democracy be developed further, both through forms of direct democracy and by giving more powers and competences to the Union's political institutions.

Most of the proposals elaborated in the conference can be implemented under current treaties, but some require Treaty change. They are few, but fundamental, for increasing the powers and improving the decision-making mechanisms of the EU. The European Parliament, with the support of the Commission, has already taken action to call for a Convention to reform the Treaties, and will present a report with its proposals in the spring.

What needs to be done now to enter the next phase? What can and needs to be done by the civil society organisations to generate political pressure in the Council on the one hand, and how can the UEF mobilise its network to drive the debate at local level on the other?

We would like to discuss all this with representatives from politics and the sections.

- **COLIN SCICLUNA**, Head of Cabinet of the Vice-President of the European Commission Dubravka Šuica and former Co-Head of the Common Secretariat of the CoFoE
- **MARKUS FERBER**, MEP (EPP), Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists
- **SANDRO GOZI**, MEP (Renew) President of the Union of European Federalists
- **GIULIA ROSSOLILLO**, Professor of European Union Law at the University of Pavia, Member of the Executive Bureau of UEF
- **DOMÈNEC RUIZ DEVESA**, MEP (S&D), Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists

Moderator:

- **JULIAN PLOTTKA**, Universities of Bonn and Passau; Chair of Political Commission 1 of the Union of European Federalists

12:30

Lunch Break

14:00

UEF FINANCES & ACTIVITY REPORT

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION & PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET 2023

- **ROLAND HÜHN**, Treasurer of the Union of European Federalists

Decision Point: Approval of the draft budget 2023

- **ANNA ECHTERHOFF**, Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists

14:30

MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSIONS – Part I

Political Commission 1: Institutional Affairs (CoFoE, Democracy)

Chair: Julian Plottka; Rapporteur: Giulia Rossolillo

Panel Debate: "Putting the Future of Europe into Practice: the Need to Respect Citizens' Will"

Welcome & introduction

- **SANDRO GOZI**, MEP (Renew) President of the Union of European Federalists and President of the Spinelli Group

Panel Debates

- **LAURA MARIA CINQUINI**, Citizens' Representative to the CoFoE from Italy
- **HUUB VERHOEVEN**, Citizens' Representative to the CoFoE from the Netherlands

Followed by Q&A

Moderator:

- **JULIAN PLOTTKA**, Universities of Bonn and Passau; Chair of Political Commission 1 of the Union of European Federalists

Political Commission 2: Rule of Law, Values & European Cohesion

Chair: Léonie Martin; Rapporteur: Eszter Nagy

Panel Debate: The EU's rule of law mechanism at work: The sharpest tool in the box?"

- **GWENDOLINE DELBOS-CORFIELD**, MEP (Greens/EFA)
- **SIMONA CONSTANTIN**, Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Vice-President of the European Commission Věra Jourová
- **SÁNDOR RÓNAI**, MEP (S&D)

Moderator:

- **ESZTER NAGY**, President of UEF Hungary, EB-Member and Rapporteur of Political Commission 2 of the Union of European Federalists

Political Commission 3: Foreign Affairs & Security

Chair: Carlo Maria Palermo; Deputy Chair: Prof. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou;

Rapporteurs: Wolfgang Wettach and Laura Tatarelyte

- Introduction & Workplan of PC3
- Working Group Ukraine: sharing actions/advocacy
- Discussion and voting on Resolution "On a victorious Ukraine in a Federal Europe"
- AOB

Political Commission 4: Economic, Fiscal Policies & Social Policies

Chair: Luca Lionello; Rapporteurs: Domènec Ruiz Devesa and Markus Ferber

Update: The PC meeting is cancelled and will be postponed to a later date.

Political Commission 5: Digitalisation, Climate & Biodiversity

Chair: Eva Lichtenberger; Rapporteurs: Birgit Wille and Ophélie Omnes

Update: The PC meeting is cancelled and will be postponed to a later date.

16:00	Coffee Break
16:30	MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMISSIONS – Part II
18:00	END OF THE MEETING <i>Meeting of the Resolution Committee</i>

Sunday, 12 FEBRUARY 2023, 10:00 – 12:00

Venue: Mundo B
Rue d'Edimbourg 26, B-1050 Bruxelles-Ixelles

9:30	<i>Arrival of the participants</i>
10:00	OPENING REPORTS FROM NATIONAL SECTIONS ON THEIR ACTIVITIES REPORTS FROM THE YOUNG EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS & WORLD FEDERALISTS MOVEMENT
11:00	REPORT FROM THE PC-MEETINGS & PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ PC Chairs
11:55	CLOSING REMARKS <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ LUISA TRUMELLINI, Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists, Secretary General of Movimento Federalista Europeo (MFE)
12:00	<i>End of the Federal Committee Meeting</i>



We sincerely thank the Representation of the State of Hesse to the European Union for making its venues available for the Federal Committee of UEF!