

TREATY REF[★]ORM NOW



February - May 2023

Proposal of the Direzione nazionale of the
Movimento Federalista Europeo for a
federalist campaign

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The European context

After the Conference on the Future of Europe, the European Parliament, with the support of the Commission, has taken action to demand that a Convention for the Reform of the Treaties be initiated, and will present a report with its proposals in the spring.

As we well know, the Council tries to stall and discourage the idea of initiating EU reform

On the occasion of the event on 2 December, the CoFoE Citizens' Panels Ambassadors – who also represented citizens in the plenary of the Conference - denounced the Council's silence and obstructionism.

The European Parliament needs to feel the support of civil society and citizens in its difficult battle to launch a Convention and reform the Treaties. It is up to us federalists to make this support felt, through concrete actions and initiatives, also by promoting the will expressed by the CoFoE citizens and by working in synergy with them.



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Campaign goals

MOBILISING PUBLIC OPINION to

- support the European Parliament in its action for the reform of the EU institutions;
- support the process initiated by the Conference on the Future of Europe and the CoFoE citizens' initiative vis-à-vis the Council of the EU.



NOTE

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Conference on the Future of Europe - Proposals and related specific measures contained in the report on the final outcome of the Conference on the Future of Europe: Updated preliminary technical assessment

C. Proposals and related specific measures that could require Treaty change in order to be fully implemented

16. This preliminary assessment also shows that **only a very limited number of specific measures would require Treaty change in order to be fully implemented**. These measures relate to:
- 9) Switching from unanimity to QMV in the European Council;¹⁴
 - 10) Switching from unanimity to QMV in the Council for the situations where the passerelles clauses do not apply, for example on decisions with military implications and on defence matters;¹⁵
 - 11) Transferring powers to the High Representative in the field of external representation of the Union, which are currently held by the Commission (Article 17(1) TEU) or the President of the European Council (Article 15(6) TEU) or changing the High Representative's role and powers¹⁶;
 - 12) Direct election of the President of the Commission by the citizens¹⁷;
 - 13) Conferring on the European Parliament a right of legislative initiative¹⁸;
 - 14) Conferring on the European Parliament the competence to adopt alone the budget of the EU, and/or to decide on the own resources decision¹⁹;



Tools

PETITION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- Launching with a press release
- Collecting qualified signatures
- Signature collection from February to May 2023

EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN

- Highlighting the main signatories with a social media campaign (as in national elections)

EVENTS

- Organise local, national and European events

MANIFESTATION IN STRASBURG

- Manifestation on the occasion of 9 May 2023
- European network



Petition (draft proposal)

The petition can be used to collect both important signatures from civil society and institutions, at European and national level, as well as signatures from political or cultural figures, entrepreneurs, etc., also at local level.

The UEF can thus engage directly at the level of its representatives in European bodies, or sections or individual activists can do so.

Above all, the petition becomes an opportunity to hold initiatives and events to draw attention to the ongoing work in the EP, together with the Spinelli Group and the CoFoE Citizens.

RESPECT THE CITIZENS' WILL AND THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

PETITION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Together with the European Parliament and the Citizens of the CoFoE we call for a Convention to reform the Treaties

Europe is facing a dramatic moment in its history and is being called upon to respond to immense challenges in order to protect its citizens, ensure respect for its fundamental values and defend freedom and democracy. In this context, 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. It is **up to the Council to take action to allow this request to move forward; but the Council and national governments try to discourage the possibility of initiating EU reform.**

The Citizens' Panel Ambassadors of the Conference on the Future of Europe - who also represented the citizens in the Conference plenary - denounce this silent and stalling behaviour of the Council which is damaging the potential of the Conference. As they state. "In case that amending the Treaties is the only way for implementing a proposal, we see it as a necessity that must be pursued". "The requirement of amending the Treaties and requesting to open a convention is already supported by Parliament and the Commission. The Council has not expressed its support, thus showing again its unwillingness to listen to the citizens' voice, and to pursue the change the EU needs".

The Council cannot arrogate to itself the power to block a democratic process!
It cannot pretend that the citizens have not spoken and asked to shape a stronger Europe.

Sign the petition to support the demands of the Citizens and the European Parliament!

I sign the petition to the EU Council of the European Federalist Movement RESPECT THE CITIZENS' WILL AND THE CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

Name and Surname _____

Organization _____

Place _____ Date _____

Signature _____

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Social media campaign

- The campaign will have three slogans to make the message more accessible and communicable depending on the target audience we are asking to subscribe to.
- In addition, depending on the ever-changing context, it is also possible to reuse it after the campaign.
- Signatures of well-known personalities will be enhanced with visual cards with one of these slogans.

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Manifestation in Strasbourg

- Manifestation on the occasion of 9 May 2023
- as approved by UEF FC online on 12 December 2022 ([LINK here](#))
- Together with the European Network
 - UEF and JEF
 - MarchForEurope network of associations
 - MEPs of the Spinelli Group
 - CoFoE Citizens Ambassadors

