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AGENDA

Saturday 14th of September | 13:30 – 18:00)

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| 13:30 – 15:30 | GENERAL POLITICAL DISCUSSION AND UEF PRIORITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Opportunities with the new European Parliament and new European Commission▪ Spinelli Group▪ Prospect of a Conference on the Future of Europe▪ Political priorities |
| 15:30 – 16:30 | UEF ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT 12 MONTH <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Current plans of the European level▪ Proposals from sections |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | SECTIONS' ACTIVITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Each section presents its situation and plans |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | SECTIONS' DEVELOPMENT <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sections' plans▪ UEF development priorities for 2020 |
| 18:00 | CLOSING |

ATTENDANCE LIST

N°	First name	LAST NAME	National organisation
1	Mahmoud	ABOUD	Europa Union Deutschland
2	Francisco	ALDECOA-LUZARRAGA	UEF Spain
3	Matilde	CERON	Movimento Federalista Europeo
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5	Chiara Stella	CIPOLLETTA	UEF Luxembourg
6	Stuart	CLARK	Federal Union (UEF UK)
7	Giorgio	CLAROTTI	UEF Groupe Europe
8	Emil	DIMITROV	UEF Bulgaria
9	Anna	ECHTERHOFF	Europa Union Deutschland
10	Emma	FARRUGIA	UEF Malta
11	Laura	FIDES OLTRA	JEF/UEF Spain
12	Thorsten	FRANK	Europa-Union Deutschland
13	Pauline	GESSANT	UEF-Europe & UEF-France
14	Nikolaos	GIANNIS	UEF Groupe Europe
15	Christopher	GLÜCK	JEF President
16	Daphne	GOGOU	Groupe Europe
17	Sandro	GOZI	UEF President
18	Christian	HÖRBELT	Europa Union Deutschland
19	Alexandre	MARIN	UEF Belgium
20	Jean	MARSIA	UEF Belgium
21	Leonie	MARTIN	JEF Europe
22	François	MENNERAT	UEF France
23	Jorge Juan	MORANTE	UEF Spain
24	Eszter	NAGY	UEF Hungary

25	Ophélie	OMNES	UEF France
26	Marcel	PLANAGUMÀ	UEF Secretariat
27	Jan	POMES-LOPEZ	JEF/UEF Spain
28	Chris	POWERS	Federal Union (UEF UK)
29	Valentina	PRESA	UEF Secretariat
30	Sebastiano	PUTOTO	JEF Europe
31	Brigitte	RICHTER	Union of European Federalists
32	Kristine	ROKE	UEF Secretariat
33	Quentin	SAMIER	JEF France
34	Otto	SCHMUCK	Europa-Union Deutschland
35	Anita	SEPRENYI	UEF Hungary
36	Magor Zoltan	SOMOGYI	UEF Hungary
37	Monica	TIBERI	UEF Belgium
38	Monika	TOTH	UEF Hungary
39	Luisa	TRUMELLINI	Movimento Federalista Europeo
40	Paolo	VACCA	UEF Secretary General
41	Catherine	VIELLEDENT	UEF Groupe Europe

POLITICAL DISCUSSION

Proposal by MFE “Towards the European Conference on the Future of Europe”

Towards the European Conference on the Future of Europe

The proposal for a "European Conference on the Future of Europe" put forward by Emmanuel Macron in his "Letter to European Citizens" of 4 March 2019 is in line with the Sorbonne's speech of 26 September 2017 for "a sovereign, united and democratic Europe".

It confirms the objective of reshaping the European system by adding the need to respond to citizens' requests to participate in change by laying the foundations for a renewed consensus on the European project.

According to Emmanuel Macron, the Conference should be convened by the end of 2019, associate groups of citizens, give hearings to academics, social partners, religious and spiritual representatives and define the roadmap of the refounding of the Union.

The idea of the Conference, based on the results of the European citizens' consultations held in 2018, anticipated the results of the subsequent European elections, which expressed a clear pro-European majority.

However, it is clear that the consensus expressed by the majority of European citizens would risk evaporation if decisions on the future of Europe were not taken during the current legislature:

- *to guarantee security in all its dimensions,*
- *to respond to the challenge of new migrations,*
- *to develop a renewed partnership with the Mediterranean and Africa,*
- *to make Europe a model of sustainable development,*
- *to equip the single currency with the means to ensure growth and stability,*
- *to promote effective social solidarity,*
- *to define the foundations of a genuine European democracy.*

Thus, the Conference will be an opportunity to address the key issues of:

- *the system of government of the Union,*
- *the division of competences between the national and European levels,*
- *the creation of an autonomous fiscal capacity for EMU as part of its completion,*
- *the achievement of sustainable development objectives,*
- *combating inequalities and creating a European labour market in the digital society,*

- *respect for the rule of law,*
- *the role of the European Union in the globalised world,*
- *the relationship between federal citizenship and national identities,*
- *the method and agenda for reforming the Union, including the transition to a sovereign Europe in the event that some Member States are not ready to accept it.*

The Conference will be the European public space in which to build the necessary consensus between the dimension of representative democracy - which for the Union is identified in the central role of parliamentary systems - and the dimension of participatory democracy. The participatory democracy makes it essential to have an open, transparent and structured dialogue with civil society and citizens, with a view to strengthening the process of forming a common European identity, in the name of the principle that "sovereignty belongs to the people", which delegates it in the forms and according to the procedures defined by our constitutional systems. The Conference will have to be accompanied, together with moments of debate and discussion with representatives of civil society, by an intense work of communication that allows citizens to be informed about the progress of its work and by forms of involvement in the territories, built on the experience of the European citizens' consultations.

In this spirit we are convinced:

- *that the Conference should be convened on the basis of an interinstitutional declaration, signed by the Commission, the Parliament and the Council (acting by a majority) after consulting the ECB, the EESC and the Committee of the Regions; and assisted by a secretariat provided by the Commission and the European Parliament, and be concluded at the latest in spring 2022, at the beginning of the French Presidency of the Council;*
- *that the Conference shall not replace the role of the institutions in the development of common policies. This development will serve as a stimulus for the debate on the future of Europe, while the debate on the future of Europe will provide a fertile ground for facilitating consensus-building in the development of common policies;*
- *that the obstacles and rigidities of the rules which have characterised the procedure of the former European Convention ex art.48 must be avoided, drawing inspiration from the method which led the European Parliament, during the first European parliamentary term, to adopt the "Draft Treaty Establishing the European Union" (Spinelli Draft Treaty). This draft had been conceived as a global and coherent, new and independent Treaty intended to create a new entity; in the same way, the Conference on the future of Europe must have the objective of drafting a new Treaty which should not be conceived as a series of amendments to the existing Treaties and should therefore take into account also different adoption procedures than those provided for in the Lisbon Treaty;*
- *that the European Parliament should seize the unique opportunity of the public space for debate created by the European Conference to take on the task of promoting and bring the*

Conference to adopt a new draft Treaty. This new draft shall be shared with the national parliaments, whose comments will have to be taken into account for any changes. The new Treaty must also stipulate that the reform of the Union must not follow the unanimity rule and that, as long as a country is not prepared to accede to the new Treaty, it will remain bound by the previous rules. Any risk of weakening the framework or cohesion of the European Union must be avoided, but at the same time the most ambitious countries must be guaranteed the opportunity to move forward together along the path of global reform of the Union;

- *that, in order to prepare for cooperation with the national parliaments, it would be essential to provide for the convening of "interparliamentary assemblies on the future of Europe" as proposed by François Mitterrand to the EP on 28 October 1989 and as then carried out in Rome in November 1990 on the eve of the Intergovernmental Conferences on the Maas-tricht Treaty. These assemblies could be conceived as a phase of the European Conference on the Future of Europe.*

Rome, September 10, 2019

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UEF ACTIVITIES

SCHUMAN 2.0

Project outline

Between September 2019 and June 2020, the UEF will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Schuman declaration on 9th May 2020 with a double purpose: raising a renewed awareness of the deep roots of the European project at a time it is challenged by raising nationalism and fostering the debate on a common vision of the EU's shape and mission in the years to come to complete the long-term project that was already envisaged in the Schuman declaration.

In order to reach these objectives, the UEF will organise a series of 6 grassroots events addressed to citizens from all social and economic backgrounds in European cities across the continent, hosted by the local university, and a final Citizens Summit on 9th of May 2020. Throughout the project, participants in the local events will reflect and debate their own "new Schuman Declaration" to address the challenges of modern Europe, which will be presented, discussed and awarded in a final event, a Citizens Summit on 9th May 2020. A multilingual project website will host historical perspectives on the Schuman declaration and host the "new Schuman declarations" developed by participants to the grassroots events.

In the first phase, in the 6 grassroots events, participants will be encouraged to form and share their perception on the initial aspirations of the European project as stated in the Schuman declaration, confront it with the view of participants from other EU countries and reflect on the best way to renew the EU's mission in the framework of the current challenges facing the Europeans.

Each event will be adapted to the local public and the hosting institution, but in principle it will be organised in three phases:

1. a discussion on the Schuman Declaration in an historical perspective;
2. an exchange of views among participants on their own interpretation and perception of the declaration and its relevance;
3. an interactive panel debate between civil society representatives and participants on the current challenges facing Europeans.

Each event will have a mixed audience of university students and participants from other local dimensions in the respective cities. Each event will include a number of international participants to compare and contrast different national views and perception on the relevance of the Schuman declaration and to support forging a narrative for the future that takes into account European diversity.

The "Citizens' Summit" on 9th May 2020 will gather an international European public to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration in Brussels or Strasbourg. Among the participants, there will be the delegates of local workshops and representatives of civil society from across Europe. It will consist of:

1. Opening session with presentation of the Schuman Declaration, its meaning in 1950 and the long-term perspectives that were already envisaged in the declaration, followed by a debate on the impact of the declaration over the last 70 years;
2. An open-space session with parallel discussion groups in different formats: discussions with direct witnesses; exchange with MEPs; presentation of civil society initiatives on the future of Europe, etc.;
3. A public debate on current challenges facing Europeans and prospects for the future of Europe with European and national political representatives;

4. Closing ceremony, with announcement of the Schuman 2.0 awards and reading of the declarations awarded.

The project will be supported by a promotion campaign aimed at fostering the diffusion and increasing impact of the initiative through social and traditional media, and directly towards European political leaders, including Governments, European Institutions and MEPs.

ACTIVITY PLAN

September	18	Strasbourg	Spinelli Group Debate
	21	Brussels	Kick-off meeting Schuman 2.0 Project
October	4-6	Vilnius	We Are Europe Meet-Up + PC Meeting on Climate Change
November	22-24	Rome	Public event + Federal Committee
December	Tbc	Brussels	Schuman 2.0 Ambassadors Training
January	10-11 tbc	Lille	Schuman 2.0 grassroots event
	24 tbc	Trieste	Schuman 2.0 grassroots event
	20 and/or 21	Brussels	Final conference RTF project with JEF
February	7 tbc	Tartu	Schuman 2.0 grassroots event
	28 tbc	Graz/Klagenfurt	Schuman 2.0 grassroots event
March	13-14 tbc	Bilbao	Schuman 2.0 grassroots event
April	3-4 tbc	Hambourg	Schuman 2.0 grassroots event
May	9	Brussels	Schuman 2.0 final event
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MEETING VENUE

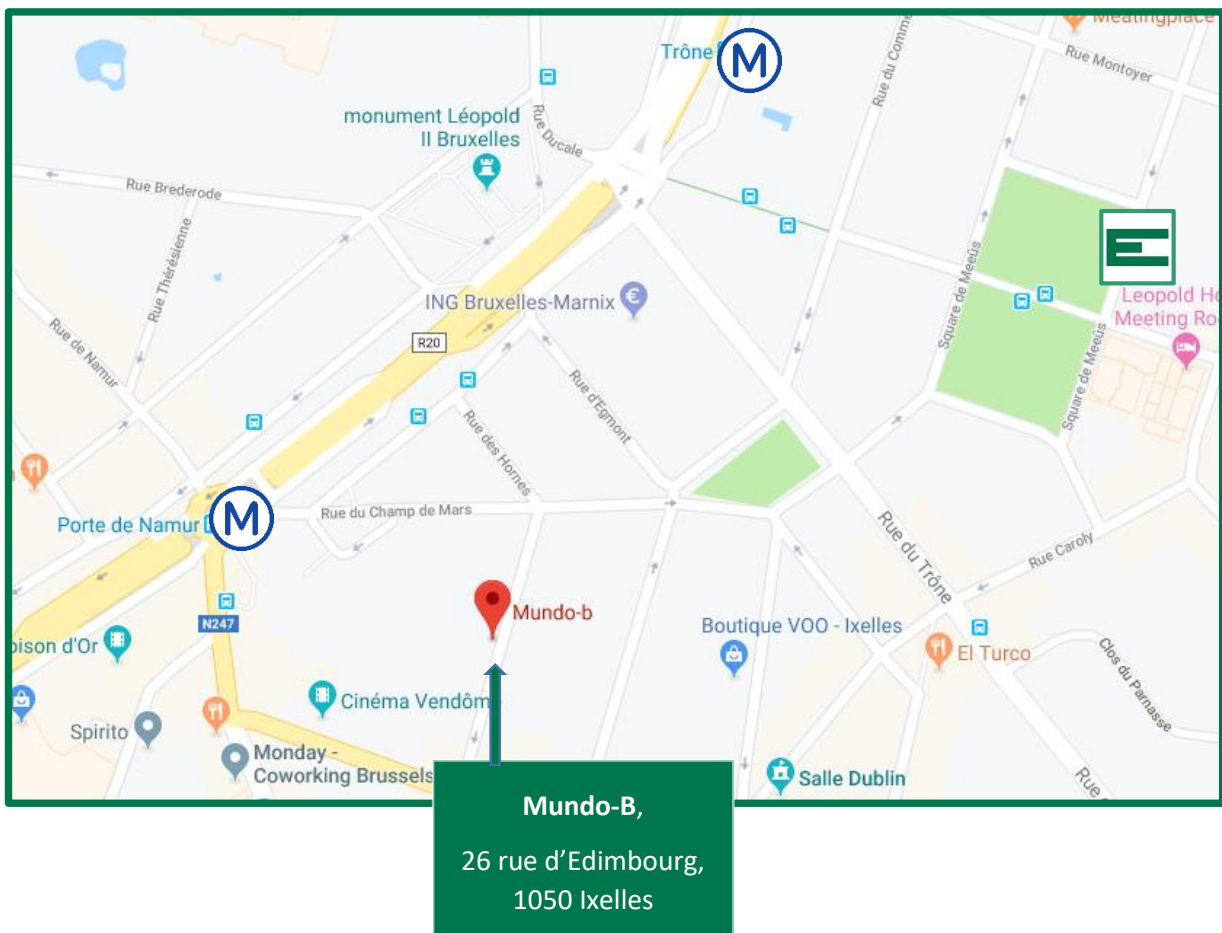
The UEF Kick Off Meeting will take place at [Mundo-B, 26, rue d'Edimbourg, 1050 Ixelles](#).

The meeting starts at 13:30 but you are all welcome to join for a light lunch (sandwiches) at 13:00 at the venue.



TRAM STOP: Porte de Namur / Naamsepoort, 3 minutes walking distance from the venue

TRAM STOP: Trône / Troon, 6 minutes walking distance from the venue.





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