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1- WHY A FEDERALIST PARTY?

Over the past decades the world has dramatically changed. **New global powers** have come to the fore, **new challenges** such as energy security and climate change have arisen, and the financial crisis has hit Europe and the world. In this context, **the ability of any single European country to satisfy the needs of its citizens has been constantly diminishing**. To generate growth and jobs or provide satisfactory levels of education and welfare has become increasingly difficult and costly. Only a true European solution can provide an answer to these challenges!

If the 19th century is the century that saw the emergence of nation states, today's world is increasingly shaped by continental-size states. **In this new world order, only a united Europe will be able to tackle the above challenges, and grow stronger out of the crisis**. To act in this direction has become urgent. It is for these reasons that the European Federalist Party fights for the creation of a Federal Europe: we believe it is only by uniting the strengths of our continent that Europeans will be able to keep having a say in international affairs, to find a new path towards economic growth and, ultimately, to maintain and improve our quality of life.

The Europe that we want is fully **democratic**, a Europe based on the principle of **subsidiarity** where local needs and interests are accounted for, and a Europe that is able to have a vision for the future - **a vision for the coming generations of Europeans!** It is our duty to give them hope, and to show them that **the future can be in Europe, once again!**

"If Europe were a State, it would be a major world power"

2- WHAT WE WANT

The federal programme that the European Federalist party will defend ahead of the next European elections has been drafted through a cooperative effort involving all members from our sections throughout Europe and was adopted at our 3rd European Convention which took place in Brussels in November 2013. The full text of the programme may be accessed at <http://federalistparty.eu/our-positions/our-political-programme/>. Some of the key points that we defend are:

1. The European Federation shall have **one President elected** directly by the European citizens or indirectly through the European Parliament, one elected **Senate** representing the Member States and a European Parliament with the **right of legislative initiative**. Europeans should be able to vote for **transnational lists**.
2. Europe shall have a **federal budget** financed through its **own resources**. These shall include **Eurobonds** to finance strategic infrastructures and investments in key sectors. At the federal level, a **more effective and partially harmonised taxation system** to finance federal expenditure will enable economies of scale and reduce the overall tax burden on each European citizen and on small and medium enterprises.
3. The European Federation shall be competent on issues such as **foreign and defence policy, asylum policy** and the control of the **external borders**. The Federal State shall have a **single seat at the United Nation Security Council** representing all Europeans.
4. The Federal State shall be able to support European businesses operating in Europe and abroad with an effective **industrial policy** able to drive Europe out of the economic crisis. Key **Europe-wide infrastructure** networks in the fields of energy and transport shall be further developed in order to lower the prices of energy, improve territorial cohesion in Europe, reinforce the single market and improve labour and student mobility.
5. The Federal State shall protect the sustainability of the **European social model** and ensure that its citizens benefit from **comparable civil, political, and economic rights** (including a European minimum socio-economic standard and a complementary European welfare system). A federal police shall be put in place and the role of the European Court of Justice shall be reinforced as the heart of the **federal judicial system**.
6. The Federation shall be initiated starting from the creation of a **federal core** composed of EU Member States willing to make a step further in the process of European Integration. The Federal State will have a **common currency** and monetary policy **for all** of its member states.
7. **Today the cost of non-Europe is huge**: the multiplication of ineffective national measures and policies was estimated by the European Parliament Research Office in least € 800 billion a year (e.g. 28 armies, 28 embassies, lack of integration in the field of energy, lack of a European industrial policy, etc.). **This budget could be used for ambitious policies instead of forcing our citizens to accept austerity measures!** If we decided to distribute this amount to the European people, this would correspond to **200 Euros a month for each European voter!**

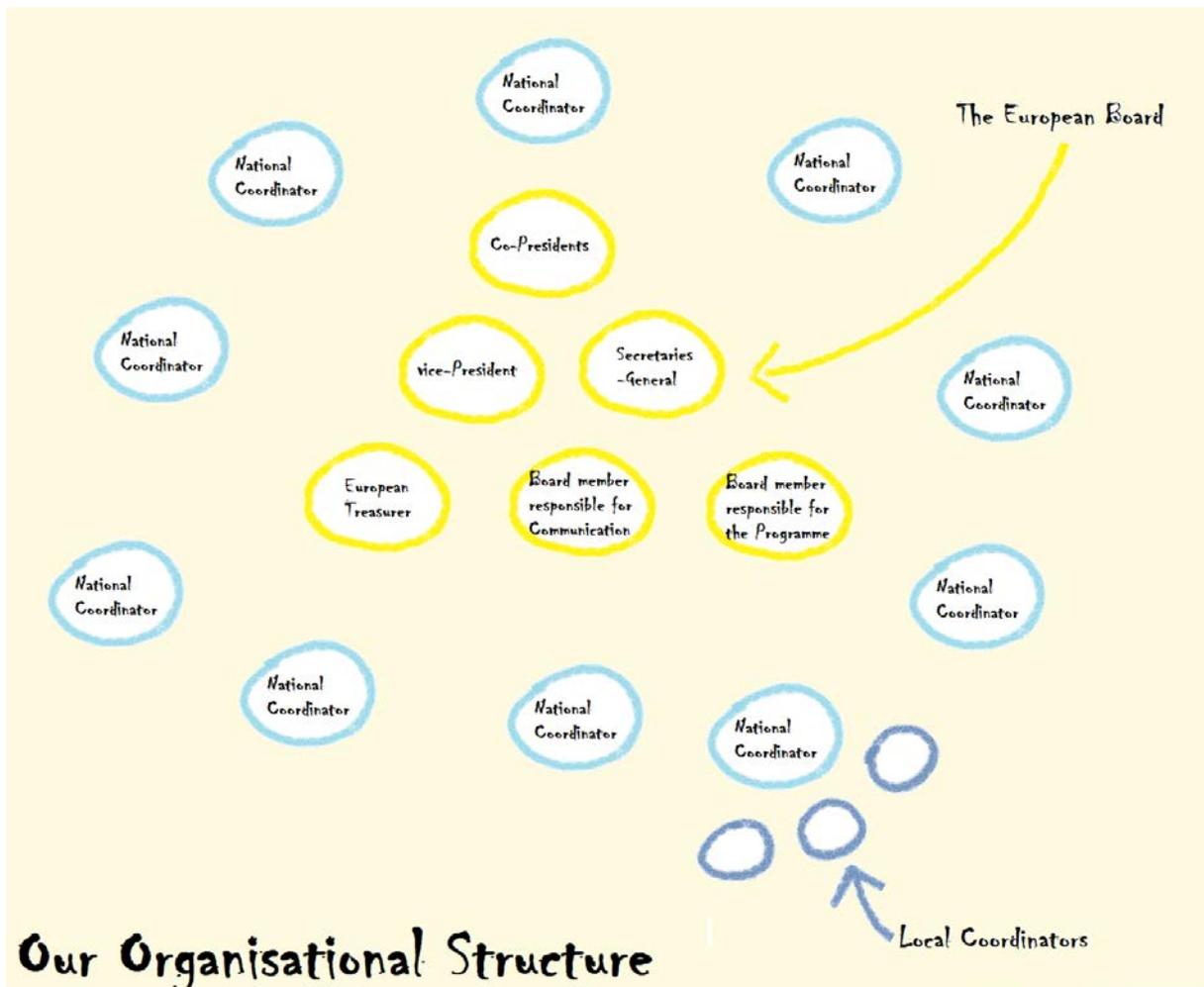
3- WHO WE ARE

The European Federalist Party is the only **grassroots** and **pan-European** political party which advocates the creation of a **fully democratic and federal Europe** as the only possible solution to tackle today's and tomorrow's challenges!

The EFP has national and regional sections in Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Scandinavia, Spain, and the UK as well as in Asia.

At the next European Elections we will have **candidates in 6 European countries**, notably in Austria, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy and Portugal.





European Board

Pietro De Matteis (Co-President)

A convinced European federalist, Pietro De Matteis holds a PhD in international studies from the University of Cambridge and currently works for the European Commission, where he manages cooperation programmes with third countries. An economist by training, he graduated from the University of Milan-Bicocca (summa cum laude) and obtained a Masters-level degree from the European College of Parma. He had the opportunity to research in the US (Columbia University) and in China (Renmin University). Previously he worked for the Chamber of Commerce of Milan, a multinational company in Shanghai, the European Central Bank and the EU Institute for Security Studies. Pietro first joined the federalist movements (e.g. JEF, GFE) after his Erasmus year at University of Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne in 2003 and since 2011 he serves as the Co-President of the European Federalist Party.





Yves Gernigon (Co-President)

Yves has been involved in the French Federalist Party for 10 years, and served as its President since 2009. He has a Masters in Economics, Law and Politics from Sciences-Po and has been working in Paris as an adviser in corporate and financial communication for more than 20 years. Since 2011 he serves as the Co-President of the European Federalist Party.

Hélène Feo (Vice-President)

Former student of Sciences-Po Bordeaux, she works today in the first French advertisement agency. Born in 1965, she has Spanish and Polish origins. She was a federalist activist since her early twenties. Indeed she used to work in the European Parliament. She is one of the founders of the French Federalist Party in 1995, she was 28 years old. Since then she took part in almost every local elections as a candidate. She took part in all the Federalist Party struggles, including the 2005 referendum campaign. She was the candidate of the European Federalist Party for the 2012 presidential elections.



Marco Marazzi (Co-Secretary General)



A convinced euro-federalist, Marco is the Secretary General of the European Federalist Party and Vice-President of the EFP-Italy. He is also a director of the think tank “Rifare l’Europa” and in this capacity contributes regularly to various Italian newspapers and magazines on themes related to European foreign and defense policy as well as commercial policy. In his professional life, Marco is an international commercial/corporate lawyer focusing on bilateral investments between Asia and Europe, with special focus on the financial services, manufacturing and retail industries and has

been ranked by Chambers Asia as one of the ‘leading lawyers’ in this field. Until March 2012 he was Vice-Chairman, Shanghai chapter of the EU-China Chamber of Commerce (EUCCC), a 1700 member-strong organization. He is also an “expert” of the EU-China Research and Advisory Network, and in this capacity has advised the EU Commission on its policy towards China. He is a former Board member of the International Crisis Group and an active member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and cooperates especially with the IBA Human Rights Institute.

Barry O Donoghue (Co-Secretary General)

Barry is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in Politics and Public Administration in which he is researching the level of representation of political parties in Ireland on issues of European Integration. Holding a Master’s Degree in Government he studied the direction in which Europe was moving following the financial crisis using federalist theory. Involved in politics in Ireland for years becoming disillusioned with the way in which Irish parties fail to engage with the electorate on the European Union and consistently put forward national agendas and issues. Following his masters studies he



became convinced that only through presenting a long term vision in which the European Union was moving could re-invigorate people's fate in the European Union. In 2013 he joined the EFP and soon became the Irish Chapters Secretary and drafted their constitution. He was elected as co-Secretary General of the European Federalist Party at the 3rd Federalist Convention in Brussels.



Maria Coelho (Communication Coordinator)

Maria is a co-founder and former national coordinator for the Portuguese chapter of the EFP and has been working with the EFP's communication strategy for four years. She holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Columbia University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at University of California, Berkeley. Prior to her graduate career, she worked in Debt Capital Markets at HSBC, and at the Fiscal Affairs Department of the International Monetary Fund.

Mariarosaria Marziali (Treasurer)

Mariarosaria has a degree in Public Communication and an extensive experience as accountant in large businesses. Europe is her daily life: she now works as the European Treasurer for European Federalist Party and she is also a European Project Manager for Local Authorities. Her dream is to make Europe a daily experience that enlightens the daily life of its citizens and supports them in building their own future.



Harry Stamelos (Programme Coordinator)

Harry was born in 1977 in Athens (Greece) and grew up in Corinth. Harry is a teacher of English Legal Terminology in seminars for lawyers, a barrister in the Supreme Court of Athens and convinced federalist. He holds a PhD in EU Law from Athens University. Harry is President of the European Federalist Party in Greece, Programme Manager in the Board of EFP, and a member of the Administrative Committee of Drassi (Greek Liberal political party, ALDE).

Local Section Coordinators

België/Belgique/Belgium

Roberto Mongiovi

Roberto graduated in Development Economics and International Trade Relations at the University of Namur in Belgium and the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China. For Roberto, there is real urgency to create a Federal Europe, to invest in a large and comprehensive European Growth plan focusing in the transnational infrastructures construction, energy and employment. Roberto has a special interest in incentives for innovation, federalism and public investment. After benefiting to companies, the European construction has now to be useful for the European citizens to increase their faith in the future and well being.



Georgios Kostakos



Georgios Kostakos holds a PhD in International Relations and a Mechanical Engineering degree. He served on the secretariat of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP) as Senior Adviser and Acting Deputy Executive Secretary, and on many other positions at UN Headquarters in New York, UN field missions, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and the University of Athens. He is currently an independent consultant based in Brussels, Belgium. In his over twenty years of experience he has been dealing with issues of global governance and sustainability, climate change, UN reform and policy planning, UN system coordination, political affairs, conflict resolution, peacekeeping and peacebuilding.

Deutschland/Germany

Björn Georg Strobel

Björn is a Partner and main shareholder at TOTATIS – Global Partner Holdings. He focuses on fund management, capital markets intelligence and fund business development in Europe. Björn was a member of German Special Forces with background in field operations and experience in Intelligence, SIGINT & IMINT at national & international levels. His experience within the military enables to implement several aspects within a Corporate Enterprise in which strategic business and market intelligence are of immediate interest. He has been registered with the EFP since 2013 and serves as the President of the Europäische Föderalistische Partei.



Jörg Buntenschach

The founder and editor of the online magazine tangokultur.info and modekultur.info, Jörg has worked in sales since 1990. In addition to German and European history, he has for years pursued the policy action, but never wanted to join a party. After the parliamentary election in 2013 and the shockingly high performance of anti-European parties throughout Europe, however, he decided to take action and became a founding member of the German chapter of the EFP. He currently as its Secretary-General.

Eesti/Estonia*Jason Van Boom*

Jason Van Boom is a specialist in European history, and is also a professional consultant for international marketing and NGO development. He is the co-founder and executive director of Nicholas of Cusa Institute (NOCI), a think tank for strengthening European solidarity through policy analysis and academic research. It will launch its full operations this fall. He did his doctoral studies in the European intellectual history in Berkeley, California at Graduate Theological Union and the University of California. He worked with several cultural organisations in marketing and development before moving to Estonia in 2012. With his business partner and staff, he is the authorised representative in the Baltic for two US PR/marketing firms. He currently resides in Tartu.

**Éire/Ireland***Barry O Donoghue (Federal board member)***Ελλάδα/Greece***Harry Stamelos (Federal board member)**Alfredo Saltiel*

Born in 1985 in Athens, Greece, Alfredo majored in Business Management at the University of Surrey, UK. He mastered his skills and expertise in the Fashion Industry attending a Masters in Fashion Marketing and Merchandising at the Institute of Polimoda in Florence, Italy. A fluent English speaker, Alfredo also speaks modest Italian and adequate Spanish. He initiated his professional career at the early age of 15 as a continuous quest to explore the value of employment. He is the founder of a partnership aiming to promote Greek Organic Extra Olive Oil worldwide since 2012.

España/Spain



Adriana Negueruela

A PR and communications project coordinator at Helsinki España – a NGO promoting human rights, fundamental freedoms, the rule of law and democracy -, Adriana speaks Spanish, Catalan, English and French. She is also a volunteer for Solidariedad Internacional and is the founder of the association More Europe.

José Manuel Gomez Gimenez

A 22 year-old architecture student in Madrid, Spain, José Manuel has been interested in social issues since he started his degree. Due to this interest, he decided to start a second degree in Political Sciences four years ago. José Manuel believes in the value of education in order to make people realize how important the role of the civil society can be in changing and improving our world. He has strong political beliefs which he fights for: an international society structure that is more multipolar, cohesive and democratic; a widening of human rights from a social perspective; a political solution to economic globalization which could mean more interdependence between national societies and social care; more sustainability, both ecologically and socially. He believes in a Europe of citizens, a Europe concerned not just about the free market, but rather a Europe that focuses on the creation of European sentiment instead of more divisive nationalism.

France

Yves Gernigon and Hélène Feo (Federal board members)

Emmanuel Rodary

Secretary-General for the French chapter of the EFP, Emmanuel is an engineer by training and currently works as a project manager in Lyon. He particularly enjoys working in Central European projects.



Italia/Italy



Stefania Schipani

Stefania was born in Calabria, in the South of Italy, and lives in Rome where she works as researcher of environmental economics and statistics. She's also a journalist and author of many publications. She has two children and has always been genuinely pro-European.

Marco Marazzi (Federal board member)

Magyarország/Hungary

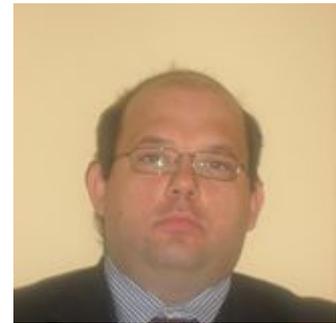


Agnes Darabos

Agnes is the national coordinator, founder and co-president of the Hungarian branch of European Federalist Party. She studied International Relations (Bachelors and Masters) at Corvinus University of Budapest. Being a true federalist, she strongly believes in the idea of the united Europe. She is as proud of being European as of being Hungarian. She believes in the Europe of Citizens' instead of the Europe of institutions.

Aron Barabas

Aron is a project expert and develops EU-related programmes with themes including EU citizenship, EU public awareness raising and EU enlargement. He holds an English-History degree from the University of Debrecen. As a committed European and federalist he is the founding member and co-president of EFP Hungary.



Nederland/Netherlands



Merian Lelieveld

Merian graduated from the University of Amsterdam with a Master's degree in European Policy Studies. She currently works as a labor/pension policy officer at the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment. She previously interned at the European Parliament. From 2010 to 2013 Merian also served as vice-president and international officer for the Young European Federalists (JEF-Netherlands).

Österreich/Austria

Bengt Beier

Bengt has been at the forefront of the fight for a more democratic and accountable Europe for years, helped to realize the innovative European Citizens' Initiative and was a founding member of several pro-democracy organizations, including Democracy International and the European Federalist Party. As coordinator for the campaign Europeans for Fair Roaming, he pushed through the latest reduction of mobile phone roaming charges across the EU and the establishment of an innovative market for roaming. As a researcher at the European Institute for European Law and Policy, he was able to get detailed insight into policy-making at the European level and organized several high-level conferences with scientists and politicians.



Polska/Poland

Martin de Noirmont

Project manager at Aiki Mundus – Europe-Africa sport and education exchange programme, Martin has been coordinating the Polish chapter of the EFP since 2013.



Mateusz Krupczynski

In 2012 Mateusz graduated with a MA in International Relations and Politics from the University of Dundee in Scotland. Currently, he studies at the European Academy of Diplomacy in Warsaw with a focus on international organizations and diplomacy of the EU. Furthermore, he is also an intern at the United Nations Association - Scotland. Being convinced that unity in diversity is possible in Europe, he joined the EFP in 2013.

Portugal

José Almeida

José holds a degree in European studies and works as an IT manager at a Law company in Lisbon. A long time federalist, having previously volunteered for the Union of European Federalists, José is currently the President of the Portuguese chapter of the EFP. He is also actively involved in several other civil society organizations, including neighbourhood resident associations.



Benoit Barbier



Born in 1965, Benoit graduated as an engineer from the Ensam-Paristech. He is now an operations manager of an international industrial group manufacturing spectacles frames and lenses. He has been living in Lisbon (Portugal) for many years. Benoit became a member of the French chapter of the EFP in 2010, and is now a member of the Portuguese chapter.

Fernanda Neutel

Fernanda holds a Ph.D. from Leeds University – United Kingdom- in Political Science/ European Studies and a Master degree in Modern International Studies from the same University. She has been a Faculty member in the Department of Politics and International Relations-University Lusófona - Lisbon (Portugal) since 1998. From October 2011 to July 2012 she was deputy director for the BA degree in European Studies and, from July 2012 to January 2013, course director.



România/Romania

Tudor Iacob

Tudor recently graduated from the MSc. program in Political Science-International Relations offered by Leiden University, in the Netherlands, and while studying abroad he was also an intern at the Embassy of Romania in The Hague. He is currently continuing his education at the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, with a focus on Foreign Affairs and Diplomacy and is enrolled in an internship program at the European Institute in Bucharest, Romania. Being dedicated to the principles promoted by the European Federalist Party, his objective is to build-up a strong chapter in Romania that will prove to be an alternative to the eurosceptic views. Tudor is a convinced federalist and knows that soon enough we will have to decide on the future of Europe: he wants to continue being a European citizen, part of a united, democratic and fair E.U.



Skandinavien/Scandinavia



Ivan Vikalo (Sweden)

Ivan has been studying international relations, and economics at undergraduate level. Currently, he is studying to obtain a graduate level degree in political science, specializing in European Affairs at Lund University, Sweden. He speaks six European languages, and has lived in three EU Member States. He is the founder of the party's Scandinavian section.

Frederik Braüner Nygaard (Denmark)

Frederik is currently studying Political Science at the University of Copenhagen. Before moving to Copenhagen he studied and worked in Germany and China, and has therefore seen Europe from both the inside and outside. Frederik is the co-founder of the Danish section together with Henrik. Frederik operates in Zealand (Sjælland).



Henrik Meilstrup (Denmark)

Henrik is trained within the broad fields of European studies and international business communication with a focus on academic disciplines such as sociology, anthropology, political science, and public communication and management. Throughout his academic years, he has been involved in a series of EU-related projects and organisations in order to boost the sense of European identity among fellow citizens. Henrik operates in Jutland (Jylland).

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