

## **TOWARDS FEDERAL EUROPE: THE CHALLENGES AHEAD and THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE 2014 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS**

FEDERALIST DEBATE & TRAINING WEEKEND 2014  
15-16 February | PARIS

### **DRAFT PROGRAM**

#### **FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY**

Arrival and registration of participants requiring accommodation

#### **SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

**9.00** Arrival and registration of participants

**9.30** **Opening session** (*Plenary*)

Presentation of the seminar & introduction of participants

Welcoming speech

**10.00** **Session I** (*Plenary*)

**WHICH POLICIES AND WHICH REFORMS TO THE INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNANCE OF THE EUROZONE AND THE UNION TO BRING EUROPE OUT OF THE CRISIS?"**

**Matters that will be addressed in the introductions:**

- How to get Europe out of the crisis? How to balance austerity, solidarity and growth?
- Is a "fiscal union" just the power to control national budgets or should it be also the independent power to tax and spend at European level?
- Which institutional reforms for the new emerging economic governance of the European Union and the Eurozone
- Does the Eurozone need its own budget and power to tax and spend? How far can the consolidation of the Eurozone go within the EU Treaties?
- Will the UK and maybe other countries need a new looser form of "associated membership" to the EU to remain members?

**12.30** **Lunch**

**13.30**      **Session II (Plenary)**

**“NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN SOVEREIGNTY AND DEMOCRACY IN QUESTION. IS FEDERALISM THE ENEMY OR THE SOLUTION? WHAT IS AT STAKE IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS?”**

**Matters that will be addressed in the introductions:**

- Is European integration hollowing national democracy and sovereignty?
- Can an ever closer European political unity coexist with national democracy?
- What can “European sovereignty” really mean? Can a genuine European democracy be built and how?
- Is federalism the enemy of national sovereignty and democracy? Or instead can federalism reconcile national and European democracy? Why is federalism so misunderstood?
- Can the European elections be a moment to enhance European democracy?

**16.00**      **Coffee Break**

**16.30**      **Session III (Plenary)**

**“TOWARD THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: EXPLAINING THE UEF AND JEF MANIFESTOS, ADDRESSING THE MANIFESTOS OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL PARTIES”**

Introductions by representatives of UEF, JEF and European political parties

**19.00**      **Drink**

**20.00**      **Dinner & Social Activity**

## **SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY**

**8.30**      Arrival and coffee

**9.00**      **Organisation of the day**  
Presentation of the topics of the training sessions

**9.15**      **Session IV**

*Parallel Workshops of 1 hour each (each Workshop will runs 3 times, so each participant can attends all 3 Workshops)*

**Workshop I: TOWARD THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: COUNTERING EUROSCEPTICS AND NATIONALISTS – FEDERALIST ARGUMENTS AND HOW AND WHERE TO USE THEM**

**Workshop II: TOWARD THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: ADDRESSING CANDIDATES AND PARTIES - WHAT TO ASK, HOW AND WHERE**

**Workshop III: TOWARD THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: ENGAGING THE PEOPLE – DEVELOPING MESSAGES, SHARING BEST PRACTISES**

**12.15**      **Closing Session**

**WHAT CAN I DO? HOW TO GET ENGAGE IN THE UEF CAMPAIGN IN THE NEXT MONTHS**

**13.00**      **Closing and departures**