

Ai Membri del Comitato Centrale
Ai Segretari di Sezione
cc al Presidente e al Segretario nazionali della GFE

Cari Amici,

facendo seguito alla conferenza telefonica organizzata oggi con la Segreteria europea dell'UEF per l'avvio dei lavori della Joint JEF-UEF Task force, vi allego le due bozze di documenti di lavoro che sono state discusse: uno sugli scopi, il metodo di lavoro e un primo calendario (da aggiornare) della Task force; l'altro sulla Campaign week che, su impulso della JEF, è stata proposta in vista del prossimo vertice europeo del 18-19 Ottobre. Avremo modo di tornare sull'importanza di questa scadenza e della proposta d'azione nell'ottica di una mobilitazione federalista anche fuori dall'Italia. Intanto come MFE possiamo prepararci a contribuire al successo dell'iniziativa facendo in modo, fin d'ora, che il maggior numero possibile di sezioni MFE e di Comitati per la federazione europea pianifichino parte della loro attività autunnale organizzando dei significativi eventi locali tra il 13 ed il 17 Ottobre (sotto forma di dibattiti, tavole rotonde, azioni pubbliche, raccolte di firme ecc): l'obiettivo è come sempre quello di far pervenire, a maggior ragione entro il 18 ottobre, ai governi, alle istituzioni nazionali ed europee ed ai leaders politici le rivendicazioni e le proposte federaliste contenute nell'Appello e nella Petizione Unione federale ora!

Per predisporre e pubblicizzare il calendario degli eventi, non esitate a farmi conoscere per tempo le azioni che intendete programmare.

Entro la metà di settembre la Task force terrà altri incontri per definire, coordinare e promuovere, anche via Internet, le diverse iniziative.

In occasione della direzione nazionale MFE del 15 settembre potremo così fare il punto anche sullo stato di preparazione della Campaign week.

Un cordiale saluto

Franco Spoltore

Link a materiale per la Campagna e per il reclutamento:

- al dépliant per il tesseramento 2012,

http://www.mfe.it/site/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=112&Itemid=76;

- alla Petizione al Parlamento europeo Unione federale ora! (www.wetheeuropeanpeople.eu)

- all'Appello Federal Union Now, per la raccolta di adesioni di esponenti e responsabili di organizzazioni ed enti e di sostegno al Comitato per l'ICE http://www.mfe.it/site/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=228:appello-dei-federalisti-europei&catid=40:news&Itemid=37

- alla lettera con box riassuntivo ICE

http://www.mfe.it/site/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=114&Itemid=50

- al progetto di ICE e documento esplicativo

http://www.mfe.it/site/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=111&Itemid=50

**UEF-JEF JOINT TASK FORCE
for joint federalist action**

Agenda

version of 8th July 2012

MISSION & OBJECTIVES OF THE TASK FORCE

In order to promote a joint action of European Federalists at European level, UEF Federal Committee meeting in Leuven in April 2012 supported the setting up of a Task Force. Objective would be a successful coordination of the various initiatives to mobilise public opinion, to put pressure on the European and national institutions, on the governments and on the political parties and to highlight the need to solve European problems at European level.

The Task Force will be action oriented, trying to foster actions at national level and coordinate them with the European level.

MEMBERS & PARTICIPANTS TO THE TASK FORCE

The Task Force is open to representatives of the UEF from different countries and open to the cooperation with JEF and the European Mouvement at all the levels.

The Task Force is coordinated by the UEF Secretary General who will constantly refer to the UEF Bureau about its results and how its works might be improved and implemented.

WHY A TASK FORCE NOW?

The European federalists have to face huge challenges to promote actions for building a Federal union. The signature by 25 countries of the "fiscal compact" has created a new framework in the EU, clarifying the relations among member states which are in favour of the perspective of political and institutional deepening and those who are structurally against. The European federalists, like many other people, know that when this intergovernmental Treaty, the new EMS Treaty and the reform of article 136 of the Lisbon Treaty, were to be ratified, Europe would still lack the institutional, political, fiscal and budgetary means to mend the democratic legitimacy deficit, to promote a European plan for growth and development and not to become more and more irrelevant in the world. The last European council's and Eurozone's decisions to go forward on the road towards a banking union, to establish mechanisms to help the countries against the international speculation on the sovereign debts, and to launch a European plan for growth, have also implicitly admitted that all these goals cannot realistically be achieved without a more integrated economic policy, and a fiscal and political Union. These four steps are closely linked and can be effectively done only in concert: the next months and deadlines will be decisive to promote a federal leap forward.

This is the reason why we urgently need new instruments to develop and coordinate our efforts:

- to contribute to coalesce the different voices and initiatives which are raising in favour of the relaunch of the European political project and of a New European Deal;

to mobilize the public opinion, the organizations of the civil society and the citizens to ask the European and national MPs and institutions, the political parties to work in favour of a European Federal Union starting with the Eurogroup and all the countries wanting greater unity.

WHAT IS TO DO?

Giving tangible input as well as Strategic advice on

- a) establishing contacts with all federalist initiatives
- b) coordinate a federalist manifesto / plan based on existing federalist statements that can be tweaked into a common message of all initiatives
- c) contribute to some European actions, like the Action week proposed by JEF mid October;
- d) aiming to organize at occasion of the UEF Congress 2013 in Berlin a Conference/Convention of representatives of federalist initiatives, the political parties, trade unions, other organizations
- e) collect further commitments for contributions and actions
- f) create opportunities for debate and for meetings/round-tables between groups and sections of federalists open to contributions coming from outside UEF on crucial issues for our political activity.

OUTREACH

Federalists organizations

- UEF national, regional and local organisations
- JEF
- European Mouvement
- Spinelli Group

Personalities

cf. list of pro-European organizations

Movements that support the European political union on a federal basis

cf. list of pro-European organizations



ROAD MAP

2012

July	<p>Kick off call and circulation of the first working papers</p> <p>TF conference call</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to foster the autumn/winter actions at national level and coordinate them with the European level - Overview of the main possible actions and initiatives to be promoted and/or coordinated in 2012-2013 - Contribute to draft a joint UEF-JEF federalist manifesto, with a list of demands to the European political parties to face the European crisis and more in general towards the European election. - Contribute to elaborate a new text of appeal on the basis the resolution approved at the FC meeting in Leuven (<i>Proposal for resolution Federal Union Now, Submitted to TF as Guideline</i>).
<p>End August/September 27-29.09</p>	<p>PES Congress, Romania</p>
5.10	<p>Task Force meeting in Brussels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Draw up, before the 2014 European elections, of a plan to relaunch the European constituent project, so as to resolve, without delay, the crucial problems of the democratic legitimacy of the European Union and of the government of fiscal, budgetary and monetary policies, so that the European institutions might win back the consent of the European citizens and of the international community.</i>
6.10	<p>UEF EB meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss the Federalists Manifesto before presentation to the Federal Committee meeting in Warsaw (Nov. 2012) and Brussels (Spring 2013) in the perspective of its adoption by the Congress in autumn 2013.
17-18.10	<p>EPP Congress, Bucharest, Romania</p>
8-10.11	<p>ELDR Congress, Dublin, Ireland</p>
9-11.11	<p>EGP Council Meeting, Athens, Greece</p>
17-19.11	<p>UEF Federal Committee meeting, Warsaw, Poland</p>
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<h3>2013</h3>	
Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invite other organisations of civil society and the social partners to get engaged in the manifesto.
Spring	<p>UEF Federal Committee meeting, Brussels, Belgium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the Manifesto for a Federal Union
Autumn	<p>UEF XXIV European Congress, Berlin, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adoption of the Manifesto for a Federal Union

JEF-UEF EUROPE-WIDE CAMPAIGN DAY/WEEK IN OCTOBER

DRAFT CONCEPT OUTLINE – v28062012

What	Europe-wide campaign events preceding the meeting of the European Council on 18 October 2012
When	The week from Saturday 13 October to Wednesday 17 October
Promoters	JEF-Europe and UEF. Others organisations invited to join once the Campaign Week is launched
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make pressure on European Council to remember necessity to move towards Federal Union • Increase citizens' awareness and support for the goal of a European federation • Improve visibility of federalists' organisations
Slogan	To be decided: [Federal Union Now] or [European Federation Now] or [United States of Europe Now]
Local/National Activities	<p>Local sections free to organise activities as they see fit. Examples can be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public stands to distribute campaign material • Other street actions – Flash mobs • Panels with politicians or organisations • Conferences <p>Ask national sections and local sections in main capital cities to organise a stand/action in front of their national parliament.</p> <p>Local sections would also be invited to send out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a press release prepared by the European level • a letter addressed to their prime minister • a letter addressed to local MEP's • a letter that can be sent to other local politicians <p>Buy-in and organisational involvement of large national sections very important at an early stage.</p>
European activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JEF-UEF Press Conference (to be discussed) • Possible public action on the day of the summit (to be discussed) • Possible panel/conference with other organisations (to be discussed)
To be done by European level of JEF and UEF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform national and local sections of the initiative (by DATE) • Create Facebook page (by DATE) • Post article on JEF and UEF websites (by DATE) • Prepare basic campaign folder explaining to sections what they can do (by DATE)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree basic text and translate in key languages (by DATE) • Develop concept for flash mobs • Prepare format press-releases and letters to politicians 9by DATE)
Online actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facebook page • Common dedicated page on JEF and UEF websites • Articles week on different TNF versions • Email campaign vs sections and partner organisations
Basic text	To be agreed. Ideally shortened version of the text recently agreed by MFE, EUF, Jef-D and Jef-I
Time table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • by 1 July : define a concept and propose to JEF and UEF Bureaus • 7 July: presentation of the concept to Task Force • Take decision on Brussels events • by 15 July: first info to UEF and JEF sections • in the summer: website work and preparation of formats • Beginning Sep: circulate flyer and PR
Core Project team	JEF: Pauline Gessant, Carlo Maria Palermo, JEF-EU Sec Gen UEF: to be decided