



Friday 23 November 2018

16:00-19:00

MuseumsQuartier, Arena 21

Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna

The case for European unity is today stronger than ever. Global instability grows, but the EU continues to underperform in foreign, security and defence policy. A decade-long economic slow-down is not yet over, but the eurozone remains weakened by poor fiscal integration and loose governance. Immigration puts a strain on the management of European borders and the integration capacity of our societies, but the EU struggles to agree common policies in the fields of asylum and immigration. Brexit and the rise of nationalism in many European countries show the risk of overall disintegration. A radical renewal of the European Union's institutions and policies is needed to preserve and advance European integration. European solutions for European problems require more effective and democratic institutions as well as more resources. The elections for the European Parliament in May 2019 will be the occasion to present citizens the alternative between progress towards a federal Europe or the renationalisation of European policies and institutions. The Spinelli Group and the Union of European Federalists are engaging with citizens and policy-makers across Europe to raise awareness of the challenges and opportunities at stake and to promote support for a federal Europe at the elections in May 2019 and beyond.

Draft Programme

15:30

Registrations

16:00

Opening remarks

- **Elmar BROK**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)
- **Christian BUCHMANN**, Chairman of the EU Committee, Austrian Federal Council

16.15 - 17.40

1st Roundtable

“A SHARED DESTINY – POLITICAL CHANGE FOR A FEDERAL EUROPE”

Panel discussion with:

- **Andrew DUFF**, President of The Spinelli Group
- **Othmar KARAS**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Kai Jan KRAINER**, Member of the Austrian Parliament
- **Jo LEINEN**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Angelika MLINAR**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Paul SCHMIDT**, Secretary-General of the Austrian Society for European Politics

Moderated by:

Nana WALZER, Author, Winner of the 2018 Europa Staatspreis

17.45 - 19.00

2nd Roundtable

“THE 2019 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE OF EUROPE”

Panel discussion with:

- **Brando BENIFEI**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Elmar BROK**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Ulrike GUEROT**, Founder and Director of the European Democracy Lab
- **Stefan WINDBERGER**, International Officer New Austria and Liberal Forum (NEOS)
- **Stephanie COX**, Member of the Austrian Parliament
- **Christopher GLÜCK**, President of JEF Europe

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The debates will be in English



The Spinelli Group is a network of members of the European Parliament and European political leaders committed to the goal of federal Europe. Founded in the European Parliament in 2010, the Group brings together politicians of different political parties who want. The Spinelli Group organises events in Brussels and European national capitals to engage citizens and national policy makers in the debate on the need for federal solutions to the challenges Europe is facing.



The Union of European Federalists (UEF) is a pan-European, non-governmental political organisation dedicated to the promotion of European political unity. Throughout the past 70 years UEF has been the leading voice in the promotion of European unity and federalism. With over 400 local groups in 25 countries, UEF promotes the project of a federal Europe through grassroots actions, conferences, events and advocacy campaigns. The Europäische Föderalistische Bewegung Österreich is the UEF section in Austria.

