



Union of European Federalists
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XXVI EUROPEAN CONGRESS

Sovereign Again Through Europe

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XXVI CONGRESS OF THE UNION OF EUROPEAN FEDERALISTS

On 23-25 November the XXVI UEF European Congress will be held at Vienna, at the premises of the Museum Quartier and the University of Vienna. The representatives from UEF national sections will vote resolutions on various current policy matters and elect successors to its bureau members, including the new president of the UEF. The Congress will start on Friday with a public debate with high-level speakers, including members of the European Parliament and the Austrian Parliament, co-organised with the Spinelli Group.

About UEF

The Union of European Federalists (UEF) is a pan-European, non-governmental political organisation dedicated to the promotion of European political unity. It was founded shortly after World War II, in the belief that only by uniting into a European Federation could the states of Europe overcome the divisions of the past and ensure a future of peace and economic prosperity. Throughout the past 70 years it has been a leading voice in the promotion of European unity and an early campaigner for key milestones in the development of the European Communities and then the European Union.

Federalists believe that completing European economic and political unity is urgently required to ensure Europe's economic prosperity and relevance in a fast-changing world. The organisation is critical of the slow-pace and small-steps policy that impedes progress towards a greater European integration. It considers nationalism, Euro-scepticism and passive acceptance of division as Europe's worst enemies and calls for a European democracy where European citizens - not just national governments - determine the policies of a European government. The UEF promotes federalism as the optimum way to organise European unity in a way that is democratic and effective while preserving the diversity of our European countries.

AGENDA**FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2018, 12:00-19:00***Venue: Arena 21, MuseumsQuartier (Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna), Arena 21*

12:00	Welcoming of participants and registration of delegates
13:30	UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE
14:00	OPENING OF CONGRESS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening ▪ Welcome address by UEF-Austria: EVA LICHTENBERGER, Vice-President ▪ Welcome address by the JEF-Austria: ABDUL KERIM AYDEMIR, President ▪ Address by the JEF-Europe: CHRISTOPHER GLÜCK, President
14:45	OPENING SPEECH AND POLITICAL REPORT BY UEF PRESIDENT ELMAR BROK
15:15	ACTIVITY REPORT BY UEF SECRETARY GENERAL PAOLO VACCA
15:45	<i>Break</i>
16:00	PUBLIC EVENT – See separate programme
19:00	<i>End of session</i>

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2018, 09:00-19:00*Venue: Barocke Suiten, MuseumsQuartier (Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna)
BIG-Hörsaal, Universität Wien (Universitätsring 1, Vienna)*

9:00	WORKING GROUPS
	WORKING GROUP 1 – “PROSPECTS FOR EU REFORMS AND THE FUTURE OF THE EURO” <i>Barocke Suiten, MuseumsQuartier (Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna)</i>
	Chair: OTTO SCHMUCK , Rapporteur: LUISA TRUMELLINI
	Debate introduced by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FRANZ NAUSCHNIGG, Head of the European Affairs and International Financial Organizations Division at the Österreichische Nationalbank • JULIAN PLOTTKA, Research Associate at the Institut für Europäische Politik - Berlin
	WORKING GROUP 2 – “BUILDING A SOCIAL EUROPE, FIGHTING UNEMPLOYMENT” <i>Barocke Suiten, MuseumsQuartier (Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna)</i>
	Chair: DAFNE GOGOU , Rapporteur: CHRISTOPHER GLÜCK
	Debate introduced by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHRISTOPHER GLÜCK, President of Young European Federalists (JEF) • ANGELIKA SCHENK, UEF Federal Committee member
	WORKING GROUP 3 – “EUROPEAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES” <i>Barocke Suiten, MuseumsQuartier (Museumsplatz 1, 1070 Vienna)</i>
	Chair: BODGAN IUSTIN-BIRNAUM , Rapporteur: WOLFGANG WETTACH

Debate introduced by:

- **JEAN MARSIA**, Colonel (retired) in the Belgian Army, former defense adviser of the Belgian Minister of Defence and the Belgian Prime Minister
- **DOMENICO MORO**, Expert on EU defence – UEF Federal Committee
- **NEZKA FIGELJ**, Academic assistant and expert on security and Middle East

WORKING GROUP 4 – “THE 2019 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS AND THE FEDERALISTS’ CAMPAIGN”

BIG-Hörsaal, Universität Wien (Universitätsring 1, Vienna)

Chair: **PAULINE GESSANT**, Rapporteur **OPHELIE OMNES**

Debate introduced by:

- Representatives of EUD (**BIRGIT KOESSLING**), MFE (**LUCA LIONELLO**), and JEF-Europe (**CAMILLA WALSTAD** and **JUUSO JARVINIEMI**) on their campaigns
- **PAULINE GESSANT**, Coordinator of UEF Task Force on European Elections

12:00

Family Picture and Lunch

13:00

BIG-Hörsaal, Universität Wien (Universitätsring 1, Vienna)

FINANCES

14:00

AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

- Presentation of proposals
- Vote

15:30

REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS AND PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

DEBATE ON THE RESOLUTIONS

17:30

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE/S FOR UEF PRESIDENT

18:00

ELECTIONS

- Election of the President
- Election of the Federal Committee
- Election of the Arbitration Board

19:00

Closing of ballots

End of the session

MEETING OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

SUNDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2018, 09:00-12:30

Venue: BIG-Hörsaal, Universität Wien (Universitätsring 1, Vienna)

09:00

MEETING OF NATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO NOMINATE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL COMMITTEE

09:15

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS

09:30

VOTES ON RESOLUTIONS

11:00	CLOSING SPEECH BY THE NEW PRESIDENT
11:15	<i>End of the Congress</i>
11:15	MEETING OF THE NEW FEDERAL COMMITTEE
13:00	<i>End of the Federal Committee</i>

PUBLIC DEBATE | FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER



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
- [Jan KREINER](#), 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 of the New Austria and Liberal Forum (NEOS)
- [Stephanie COX](#), Member of the Austrian Parliament

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MEETING VENUES

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