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Joint Declaration Of The Union Of European Federalists & The Young European Federalists
‘Taking The Next Steps In The Federation Of Europe’
9 May 2010

Sixty years ago the Declaration of Robert Schuman changed the course of European history. It had the virtue of brevity and clarity. It was bold, and at once visionary and down to earth.

“Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity.”

The proposal to pool the coal and steel production of France and Germany made the two states depend on each other for mutual well-being. Their destiny was shared.

“The pooling of coal and steel production should immediately provide for the setting up of common foundations for economic development as a first step in the federation of Europe ...”.

Their example was to be followed by others. The new coal and steel community was from the outset “open to all countries willing to take part”.

“In this way there will be realised simply and speedily that fusion of interests which is indispensable to the establishment of a common economic system; it may be the leaven from which may grow a wider and deeper community between countries long opposed to one another by bloody divisions. By pooling basic production and by instituting a new higher authority, whose decisions will bind France, Germany, and other member countries, this proposal will lead to the realisation of the first concrete foundation of a European federation indispensable to the preservation of peace.”

Sixty years on, after many successes and some failures, the goal of Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet to create a European federation has come closer. Sovereignty is pooled to a great extent in the European Union, whose constitutional architecture has many federal characteristics. The recent entry into force of the Lisbon treaty has widened the competences of the Union and strengthened the powers of its institutions. Yet building a federal Europe is still work in progress. **Much remains to be done.**

Read the full text, available in five different languages, [here](#).
I. JEF NEWS

I.B: Tomas’ Goodbye!

The time has now come for me to say goodbye, but this is not a farewell, not by a long shot. As the curtain closes on my short three month internship in the JEF Europe secretariat, I have begun reflecting on what seemed to be a period that lasted a lifetime, yet passed so quickly.

Thinking back in snapshots of my time in the secretariat, I can clearly see that my involvement with The Belarus Action, thenewfederalist.eu and a number of other JEF initiatives have allowed me to learn so much about the organisation and what we strive for. None of the work which I carried out would have been possible without the constant support of Curly Peter, the secretariat team, the Executive Bureau, the Editorial Board of thenewfederalist.eu and of course, each and every JEFer I have met along this incredible journey.

Fear ye not however, this is not the end of my JEF adventure – it is merely the beginning of the second chapter. As I was Co-opted into the Federal Committee as the Co-Chair for Federalist Online Activism at the Bratislava meeting and as I remain an Editorial Board member of thenewfederalist.eu, this will not be the last you hear from me, and sadly, this will not be the last time I will bombard your inboxes whilst striving to rally your support for another exciting JEF initiative – so be warned!

When I started my internship three months ago, I had an overwhelming urge for a free, fair and democratic Europe - today, this urge has evolved into a JEF spirit that is burning deep inside me.

I.C: Welcoming Francesco in the JEF-Europe secretariat

Hello Europe!

I am Francesco (25), originally from Italy and doing a double diploma Master between the Universities of Twente (the Netherlands) and Münster (Germany).

I feel very motivated to help JEF in spreading federalist ideas. Indeed, I strongly believe that federalism for Europe is the only way to deal with globalisation and to combine democracy with long-lasting peace.

I am working as an intern with JEF-Europe for the next couple of months. Practically I am translating articles for the thenewfederalist.eu and Eurobull, assisting in JEF campaigns, promoting JEF through different channels and helping to keep contacts with the Italian section.
II. ACTIVE JEF

II.A: A pan-European celebration of 9th May / Europe Day

On the 9th May, JEF members and supporters all over Europe organised and participated in a large variety of activities aiming to give a pan-European touch to this year’s Europe Day.

As a pan-European organisation with active sections in most European countries, JEF has a unique opportunity to let its European transnationalism be reflected not only in the belief in a common European project, but also in major activities such as the celebration of the 9th of May. Local, regional and national levels of JEF participated in Europe Day events in their village, town or city and gave visibility to what JEF believes are crucial values for Europe and for the European Union.

What made Europe Day 2010 even more special is the fact that it has been the 60th anniversary of the Schuman Declaration.

On the 9th May 1950, Robert Schuman changed the course of European history. Schuman was bold and visionary, yet also down to earth. He presented his proposal for an organised Europe as an indispensable tool for the maintenance of peace on the continent. This proposal led to the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community which immediately provided for the setting up of common foundations for economic development between France and Germany. The forefather of the EU was founded.

Last week, JEF issued a joint statement, “Taking the next steps in the federation of Europe”, together with the Union of European Federalists (UEF). This statement stresses how the Coal and Steel Community was a very important first step, not only for the foundation of the European Union but also as a foundation for a European federation which is indispensable to the preservation of peace. Today, after many successes but also several failures, our goal of a European federation has come closer. Not least thanks to the declaration of Schuman sixty years ago, sovereignty is pooled to a great extent in the European Union, whose constitutional architecture has many federal characteristics. The recent entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty has widened the competences of the Union and strengthened the powers of its institutions. However, building a federal Europe is still work in progress. Much remains to be done. Consequently, it is our job as Young European Federalists to continue to call on the institutions of the European Union and on national parliaments to recall the motivation behind the Schuman Declaration and to confirm the Union’s mission to peace, solidarity and enlargement, as these are the next important steps towards the building of a European federation.

On the weekend of the 9th May, therefore, thousands of JEFers and JEF supporters have got together and engaged in innovative, fun and interesting activities to celebrate, not only the Europe we have today but also the future of Europe and the European Union.

Here are some of the Europe Day activities around the 9th of May:

In Azerbaijan, a slide show about the history of the 9th of May was presented, information about JEF was distributed, a statement to make Europe Day an international holiday was signed, banners with the logo of JEF, the EU flag and the Youth Club of Azerbaijan were set up, all combined with live music, exhibitions, food fairs and the distribution of star shaped stickers.
II. ACTIVE JEF

In Italy, several partner organisations joined in organising and contributing to the JEF events on Europe Day. The activities were ranging from stands with distribution of flyers, public debates and debates in high schools, seminars with guest speakers, concerts, competitions, round tables, collection of signatures for a European Federation, historical readings, expositions, information stands, meetings with young political leaders, participating in local city council meetings, speeches on the Schuman Declaration and the future of the EU. Furthermore there were European Parliament Simulations going on in Turin, Pisa, Florence, Forli, Ferrara, Bologna, Parma, Cesenatico, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Genoa, La Spezia, Gallarate, Milan, Desenzano del Garda, Erba, Brescia, Como Pavia, Monza, Verona, Padova, Trento, Elmas, Sassari, Rome, Urbino, Lanuvio, Pescara, Bari, Faenza, Lugo, Savona, Ventimiglia, Napoli and Taranto.

In Madrid, JEFers organised a seminar called “Democracy in Europe! (Give Europeans a voice!)” in the University Carlos III on the 6th of May with several prominent speakers (Carlos Maria Bru, President from the Federal Council of the European Movement in Spain and Carlos Moreiro, Professor specialised in EU-issues) talking about the ECI and the democratic principle in the Treaty of Lisbon.

JEF-Malta was celebrating Europe Day by organising a European wine and film night on the 9th of May, showing the film “Goodbye Lenin” and distributing EU and JEF related material.

In Moldova JEFers participated in a street action in the city centre on the 9th of May offering booklets and leaflets to the public. Furthermore, if you have been lucky, you might have caught hold of a 9th of May t-shirt. They also made a European puzzle and in the evening everyone was invited to an informal Europe party.

JEF-UK is organising three conferences in London, Leeds and Bristol respectively, in cooperation with the European Movement UK. The topic for discussion are the various aspects of the Schuman Declaration.

Finally, JEF-Belgium and JEF-Europe and have been present at the celebrations of Europe Week in front of the European Parliament, together with the Union of European Federalists and the European Movement Belgium. They were including visitors in games and discussions about Europe.

Furthermore, there were different activities organised in Albania, Belarus, France, Norway, Switzerland and several other countries.

JEFers taking part in the events have taken pictures or made a short film of their activities in the framework of Europe Day. All contributions will be compiled into one presentation, which will be published online very soon. Furthermore, there is a competition between all contributions and the winner will receive a small prize.

The Europe Day 2010 with its variety of inventive, interesting and fun activities surely has been a day to remember. And hopefully, it will also be the start of a yearlong tradition in JEF to celebrate the Europe we as young, European and federalists believe in and work to realise.
II.B: A new public Consultation about EU Citizenship - Call for Input

The European Commission is organising a public consultation entitled “EU citizens’ rights: the way forward. How to strengthen the rights stemming from the European Union citizenship” from 19 April to 14 June 2010. The Commission is launching this consultation with a view “to identifying concrete actions to take in order to strengthen and complement EU citizens’ rights, within the framework of the Lisbon Treaty”.

The consultation questionnaire is attached to this email and can be downloaded here.

The conclusions of the consultation will inform a conference to be held on 1st and 2 July and a Communication of the European Commission on Union citizenship to be issued in October 2010.

JEF-Europe would like to submit a contribution to this consultation so we need your input. Could you please send me your comments before the 1st of June so I will be able to gather all the contributions and draft JEF contribution on time?

Thanks a lot in advance,
Pauline Gessant, Vice-President of JEF-Europe
Email: paulinegessant@gmail.com

II.C: ‘Jour fixe’ of JEFers in Brussels
The ‘jour fixe’ of JEF in Brussels became a nice tradition!

At the first Wednesday of every month we meet in the restaurant Ultime Atome (14, rue Saint Boniface, 1050 Bruxelles).

In order to reserve a table, please confirm your participation either with a short email to info@ief.eu or via the facebook event that you will find at the JEF fan page. Of course not only active members of JEF are welcome, but also Alumni or people who are just interested in what we do and who we are.

So if you happen to be in Brussels for the next ‘jour fixe’ at Wednesday, 2 June 2010 around 7 pm feel free to join us for a drink (or a meal) and a nice evening in the Ultime Atome.
III. NEWS FROM JEF SECTIONS

III.A: Call - Ventotene International Seminar, August 29th to September 3rd

For many years, the Altiero Spinelli Institute for Federalist Studies has organised a yearly international seminar on the island of Ventotene.

This island off the Italian coast, was the place where Altiero Spinelli, author of the Federalist Ventotene Manifesto, was imprisoned during the Second World War. Each year, young Federalists gather here to discuss with leading experts from the European and World Federalist Movement federalist ideas and their application to the European and global context.

Topics & Structure of the seminar

* What is a federal state
* The world economic crisis: a federalist proposal for a new economic and monetary world order
* A new Lisbon Agenda or an enhanced cooperation to launch an industrial European policy for R&D
* Perspectives on Peace in a globalised world
* European Union and regional unification processes: Africa, Middle East, South America, Asean
* Strategy and action of the federalist organisations towards a federal Europe
* Round table on the European Citizens’ Initiative

Conditions for European participants (coming from outside Italy)

Considering that, in the past years, the participation fee was often higher than the travel expenses, starting with 2005, the ASI decided to abolish both the participation fee and the travel reimbursement. The selected participants will receive without any cost full board and accommodation from the lunch of Sunday Aug. 29 to the lunch of Friday Sept. 3 included.

No travel reimbursement is provided. Booking in large advance, it will be possible to fly to Rome or Naples (the closest airports) at very low costs from many places.

Applications

The online application form must be submitted by May 31 at the very latest. The form is accessible through the Institute’s website.
III. NEWS FROM JEF SECTIONS

III.B: The Annual Congress of Young European Movement/ JEF-UK

The Young European Movement/ JEF-UK is organising its

*Annual Congress which is to be held at 13:00 on 6 June 2010 in London*

All members of YEM have a right to vote or stand in elections for the either the National Board or the Federal Executive. The National Board is responsible for the day to day running of YEM and the Federal Executive periodically oversees their work. All positions are elected annually and will need to be voted upon. The positions are, as follows:

**National Board**
- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary General
- International Officer
- Up to 4 other officers (currently the Press Officer, Events Officer, Campaigns Officer and Membership Officer).

**Federal Executive**
There are up to 8 positions available on the Federal Executive to ordinary members who wish to be part of the Executive. These will be voted on at the meeting.

The remainder of positions on the Federal Executive are by virtue of either Board membership or being an officer of a local/university section.

At the moment there are no resolutions proposed for the Congress but a final agenda will be circulated ahead of the meeting with any new resolutions. Also, all members may propose amendments to the YEM Constitution or any resolutions on behalf of YEM.

**If anyone from outside the UK would like to attend we are sure we can arrange places for you to stay so just let us know.**

The exact venue of the meeting is to be announced. **For detailed information, please have a look on our homepage and in case of participation, please sign up to the Congress either via the Facebook event or by sending us an email.**
IV.A: Call - JEF Pool of Trainers!

Are you young, dynamic and full of experience? Would you like to share your passion for youth work with other youngsters all over Europe? You’re creative, and not afraid of a challenge?

JEF-Europe is looking for qualified trainers, interested in being part of the new JEF Pool of Trainers! This Call endeavours to bring together the most qualified young people of the organisation in the Pool of Trainers’ database, with the aim of raising the prominence and standard of future JEF activities on local, national or international level.

To become part of the Pool of Trainers, you must have been actively involved in international youth work for at least 2 years. Moreover, you have served already in minimum 3 international training activities (training courses, seminars). JEF-Europe puts great emphasis on non-formal education, experimental learning, group dynamics and interactive methods.

Interested? We invite you to fill out the application form and send it back to the secretariat at info@jef.eu. Also we would kindly ask you to forward this Call to all potentially interested members from your local, regional or national section.

Download the application for here.

The deadline for submitting your application is May 28th, 2010.

For any further questions or comments, feel free to contact the JEF-Europe Secretariat.
V.A: The federal Perspective in the Schuman Declaration

Monday 10 May 2010 by Sergio Pistone.

The Schuman Declaration (9th May 1950), whose 60th anniversary is celebrated this year, is the founding document of the European unification process. Based on the Franco-German reconciliation, it marked the first step in the actual construction of a united Europe, a process that, despite not yet being completed, has progressed so much that the achievement of the final goal seems possible – though not to be taken for granted.

Read more here.

V.B: The Stages of the Enlargement of the Democratic State and Federalism

Thursday 6 May 2010 by Lucio Levi.

On 15 September, all Parliaments around the world celebrate the International Day of Democracy, declared by the UN General Assembly in 1997. We have asked Lucio Levi, member of the Executive Committee of the World Federalist Movement, to express his reflections on the relations between democracy and federalism.

Read more here.

V.C: International Climate Policy Post-Copenhagen: What Role for the EU?

Tuesday 4 May 2010 by Jofre M. Rocabert.

After the Copenhagen failure, the EU has to set up a new strategy and find the tools to translate his soft power into effective international pressure. The United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Copenhagen last December was presented as the most important climate Summit of the decade, it was called to replace the famous Kyoto Protocol. Indeed, it was a very important opportunity for the EU to demonstrate its capability to lead the change needed to stop global warming.

Read more here.
VI. PARTNERS & OTHER EVENTS

VI.A: EULAC Youth Summit

Summary of the First European Union - Latin America and the Caribbean Youth Summit, which took place in Madrid from May 7-9th, written by Till Burckhardt, Treasurer of JEF-Europe.

The purpose of this summit was to gather representatives from all the member organisations of the European, the Latin American and the Caribbean youth fora in order to prepare a common position paper for the upcoming summit of the heads of states and of governments. The final declaration will be available online at the EULAC Youth Summit Homepage.

JEF was represented by me and Daniel Csonka. Steffi Krauer, the SG of JEF-Switzerland, was also there as delegate of the Swiss Youth Council. The discussion was based on two position papers adopted by the respective youth fora in different working groups. I participated in the WGs “Sustainable Development” and “Youth Participation and Democratic Governance”. With other European delegates, we managed to stress the local and the regional (i.e. continental) dimension of youth cooperation, which will be handed to the heads of state and of government. Furthermore, the group on equality - attended by Daniel - managed to introduce a request of a legal framework against discrimination that should be accompanied by institutions to monitor their applications and implementation.

The shared position paper will help us to understand on which points of our policy corpus we can find consensus beyond Europe, something important for PC Global Europe.

VI.B: TEIMUN 2010: International Student Conference in The Hague

We would hereby like to invite you to participate in The European International Model United Nations (TEIMUN) 2010, which will be held from the 5th till the 11th of July in The Hague.

TEIMUN is the oldest Modell United Nations in Europe and this is translated in a conference of high-quality. Our programme includes an opening ceremony with former ministers, preparation talks with experts and extraordinary excursions to the Peace Palace, ICJ and the International Criminal Court. We also provide amazing parties as the Beach Party and the Global Village!

With 240 international students we will simulate seven councils including an International Court of Justice, North Atlantic Council and a Historical Council. We will reserve positions in these councils for the more experienced delegates. So let us know if you are interested in a position in one of the councils at TEIMUN 2010 or register now at www.teimun.org!

I hope that we can welcome you to our amazing TEIMUN conference in The Hague!
VI.C: Training of Trainers for European Youth in Action Projects 2010/2011

The SALTO-Youth Resource Centre is organising a training course for trainers for the European Youth in Action projects 2010/11.

The major aim of this training course is to train trainers who have the competences and the motivation to contribute to the improvement of the quality of projects within the Youth in Action Programme of the European Union. It will offer training to a group of 24 participants and take place in Switzerland, Sweden and Finland from September 2010 until July 2011.

This Training of Trainers lasts a year and consists of:

- three residential seminars,
- an international training project you design and run with some other participants,
- ongoing mentoring with one of the course trainers as your mentor,
- a personal learning project.

The dates for the three residential seminars are:
- 1st seminar 17-26 September 2010 in Switzerland,
- 2nd seminar 13-23 January 2011 in Sweden,
- 3rd seminar 23 June - 2 July 2011 in Finland.

Participants have to be recruited and paid for by one of the National Agencies for the YOUTH IN ACTION programme, usually the one the participant lives in. Participation fees need to be checked with the National Agency (NA) of your country. Being selected by your NA, expenses for accommodation and travel will be covered by the NAs. The deadline to apply is 31 May 2010. You can find more information about the requirements and application here.

VI.D: Nantes Creative Generations Forum, October 14-15 2010

Taking place in Nantes, between 14-15 October 2010, this forum will discuss innovative experiences among young people in different European countries, all of whom are involved in original projects that help strengthen the notion of citizenship.

The organizers are looking for experiences and projects that are innovative, either through their aims or methods of implementation. Young people must be actively involved in these projects.

Applications will be selected the end of May. Individuals and organisations interested are invited to send completed application form by 14 May 2010. Each selected project can then be represented by a delegation of two people, at least one of them being a young person.

Find more information on www.nantescreativegenerations.eu
VII.A: Internship - Eur@dioNantes
Eur@dioNantes, a European Radio station based in Nantes and supported by the European Commission, has recently launched the selection process of its upcoming European team of interns. Eur@dioNantes is currently looking for high-level bilingual (in french) students in political science, journalism or European studies who are interested in European issues and who would like to get a formative experience in the world of New European Media. The internship will start on the 23th of August 2010 in Nantes and usually lasts 6 months (documents have to be returned before mid-june). The students get a monthly allowance of about 417 €. The Eur@dioNantes team is composed of several young journalists who came from their countries to the training centre in Nantes. They are being coached by French professionals with loads of experience. For several months the whole newsroom have to create new ways of listening to European information. They have to immerse themselves into the local background and compare what they see and hear to the wider frame of European newsgathering so as to open new perspectives and consider the implications of what is happening, be it on the cultural, economical, social or political level. Those young students in journalism are therefore lucky enough to be trained in a unique background, and they start their career in a dynamic European environment. More details on Eur@dioNantes and on the selection process of the next promotion is also available on the website www.euradionantes.eu.

VII.B: Editorial Internship - EurActiv, Brussels
Fondation EurActiv operates a trainee scheme in Brussels for young people providing graded learning in EU policies. Interns are allocated either to editorial, commercial or technical tasks, depending on availability and abilities/experience. These internships are for a minimum of six months and can be extended twice, in which case there are opportunities to serve in a different unit. EurActiv publishes in 10 languages through its own and a network of franchise offices. We are now looking for an Editorial Intern (EN/DE/FR).

Profile
* School of Journalism or other equivalent studies
* Excellent German, English and French
* Experience in a busy international environment (e.g. ‘Stage’ with EU institution, law firm, company...)

Responsibilities include
* Research on EU policies (experience in the EU institutions welcome)
* Validate and/or rewrite information on EU policies
* Prepare articles for publication

A financial contribution is provided; favourable consideration will be given to applicants who are eligible for funding via Erasmus or other programmes. Application deadline is May 30th.

Find more information here.
VII.C: Internship - Transparency International, Berlin (Deadline May 16th)

The Transparency International (TI) Secretariat in Berlin is seeking a highly motivated, pro-active intern to support its work in the Africa & Middle East Department, working primarily with the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) team.

Transparency International is the global civil society organisation leading the fight against corruption. Through more than 90 chapters worldwide and an international secretariat in Berlin, Germany, TI raises awareness of the damaging effects of corruption and works with partners in government, business and civil society to develop and implement effective measures to tackle it.

**Main function:** Assisting the Middle East and North Africa team in their work

**Starting Date:** Monday the 5th of July 2010

**Duration:** Three to six months (full time)

**Remuneration:** As per the internship guidelines (EUR €400 per month if the internship is not sponsored by a third party)

**Location:** Berlin, Germany

**Key responsibilities:**

* Assisting with the implementation of a number of projects, including regional programmes on promoting transparency of National Integrity System studies (NIS); Advocacy & Legal Advice Centres (ALACs); the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) and other ongoing projects;

* Assist in the preparation of workshops, conferences and trainings; In particular with the preparation of the 14th International Anti-Corruption Conference and the TI Annual Membership Meeting

**To apply:**

Qualified candidates should submit a one-page cover letter and CV (in English) via email to menainternship@transparency.org

**The closing date for applications is Sunday 16 May 2010.**

Find more information on the [Homepage](#).
**VIII. CALENDAR**

28-30 May: EB Meeting in Brandenburg, DE

2 June: ‘Jour Fixe’ in Brussels, BE

29 Aug-3 Sept: Ventotene International Seminar, IT

**IX. CONTACT**

A good contact always comes handy, so if you have any questions regarding the items you read in the present JEF-INFO or any other questions related to JEF don’t hesitate to contact us via email at info@jef.eu and/or call the Secretariat during office hours (10-18.00) at +32 2 512 00 53.

All the best,

Iohanna, Johannes and Peter.