

PRESS RELEASE



TO STOP THE CRISIS, FEDERAL EUROPE NOW !

On October 18-19 the European Council will meet to discuss plans for a European banking union, a fiscal union and closer political integration. In the week preceding the summit, the Union of European Federalists (UEF) and the Young European Federalists (JEF) are carrying out a campaign-week across Europe with the common slogan "**TO STOP THE CRISIS, FEDERAL EUROPE NOW!**". Events are planned in 40 cities across Europe.

With their pan-European action week, UEF and JEF want to stress the need to give a solid fiscal, economic and political foundation to the European monetary union, launch a major European project to promote continent-wide growth, and address the crucial questions of reforming and governing Europe democratically and effectively. Without answering these questions, sacrifices at national level to address the debt crisis and the intervention of the European Central Bank alone will not be sufficient to win back the confidence of the European peoples, the markets and the rest of the world in the Euro and in European integration.

"Plans for a banking union and a fiscal union currently under discussion will prove realistic and up to the challenges that Europe is facing only if they become part of a project for a strong political union, otherwise they will eventually lose traction. Such projects should come together into a new constitutional pact providing democratic and federal institutions for the Euro-zone and the other countries willing to join such a project" declares Pauline Gessant, President of the Young European Federalists (JEF)

"Federalists across Europe are calling the European Council to approve a roadmap to convene a constituent Convention with the mandate to prepare a federal Constitution that provides the Euro-zone with adequate fiscal and economic powers and resources, and with a democratic and effective federal government and institutions, and at the same time allows forms of looser integration for those countries that don't intend to join the Euro" declares Andrew Duff, MEP, President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF).

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Enclosed a list of Europe-wide events and actions.

CONTACT

*The Union of European Federalists, a non-governmental and supranational organisation, is **dedicated to the promotion of a democratic and federal Europe**. It aims to **bring together citizens** who desire to work for the federal unity of Europe, act as a catalyst of democratic forces in Europe, and **stimulate public debate** on the political content of the 'European project'.*

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The Young European Federalists is a supranational political movement active in most European countries. It is an autonomous youth organisation without party political affiliations or commitments. The aims of JEF are to work towards the creation of a European Federation - a first step towards peace and World Federation - and for a freer, more just and more democratic federal society.

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LIST OF EVENTS & ACTIONS



TO STOP THE CRISIS, FEDERAL EUROPE NOW !

EUROPE

Federalists will address members of the European Council with a special photo gallery entitled "Federalist Outing", where heads of government are calling for 'more Europe' and a genuine fiscal union based on solidarity. With this gallery federalists call on members of the European Council to stick to their word and act to achieve deepened fiscal integration within the euro area.

The "Federalist Outing" is an action that aims to ensure that the idea of Federal Union becomes an option for all democratic forces. The outing is a collection of statements made by politicians on a national and European level who have declared that we need more European integration.

AUSTRIA

Various lobby actions.

BELGIUM

18.10.2012 - Brussels - Street action in front of the European Parliament in Brussels.

FRANCE

Paris - Actions organised by JEF France

Rennes - Actions organised by JEF France

Lyon - Actions organised by UEF France

Tours - Actions organised by UEF France

GERMANY

13.10.2012 - Wiesbaden - EUD Conference "Europa, wege aus der Krise"

20.10.2012 - Bad Münster - EUD Conference "Mehr Europa ist die Zukunft"

GREECE

Creta - Actions organised by UEF Greece

ITALY

12.10.2012 - Bardonecchia - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

12.10.2012 - Cagliari - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

12-19.10.2012 - Pavia - JEF Pavia will organise debates with the participation of Members of the European Parliament and several youth associations.

13.10.2012 - Ruedgio Canavese - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

13-14.10.2012 - Ferrara - Street actions and information stands.

14.10.2012 - Genova - Survey asking to the citizens "How to solve the crisis?" organised by JEF Genova - Video from action: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GFTKS7u2_E&feature=youtu.be

14.10.2012 - Milano - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

15.10.2012 - Verona - Flashmob "To Stop the Crisis, Federal Union Now"! organized by JEF-Verona at Piazza Bra. Creation of a federalist flag and distribution of leaflets.

16.10.2012 - Roma - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

18.10.2012 - Parma - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

Gorizia - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

Firenze - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

Forli - Street action.

Castelfranco - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

Pescara - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

Pisa - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

Torino - Information stands, street actions, flash mobs and demonstrations

Trento - a Flashmob in Piazza Duomo Trento

THE NETHERLANDS

16.10.2012 - Maastricht - A lecture "A United Europe in A United World", organised by JEF Maastricht will help to discover the federalist principles at the European level and will evaluate, how a supranational Europe can have a better ability to achieve economic prosperity, social justice and environmental protection in a democratic way.

NORWAY

12.10.2012 - National Conference on Federalism.

PORTUGAL

Coimbra - Street action and active lobby of the political parties and youth political associations to strengthen the awareness to the topic.

ROMANIA

Bucharest - a discussion titled '*A Federal Europe that everybody can understand: Developing a campaign to promote European Federalism in Romania*', with guest speakers from advertising and communication fields, well-known bloggers, as well as students of the College of Communication.

Timisoara - an event entitled '*A Federal Europe that everybody can understand: The need for European Federalism movement in Romania*'.

SLOVAKIA

Bratislava, Nitra, Trenčín and Prešov - Distribution of leaflets among students at universities by JEF Slovakia. A press release will be issued and promoted through the Representation of the EC and Information Office of the European Parliament in Bratislava.

UK

Cambridge - An information stand on federalism