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Dear Friends,

the challenges that the Europeans must inevitably address in the next months are of three different types:

- historical, because a future of progress will become inconceivable if the EU is allowed to remain for much longer in the pre-federal stage in so many crucial fields, given the risk that, in the meantime, the growing divergences between and within the member countries could become unsustainable politically, socially and economically;
- political, because it is necessary to go beyond inefficient and highly unstable intergovernmental and national solutions;
- democratic, because today's global challenges demand that democracy be given a supranational dimension, ensuring the involvement of members of the national parliaments and of MEPs, as representatives of the European people, in Europe's political revival.

We, as European federalists, must equip ourselves with the theoretical, organizational and technical tools needed to obtain a deeper understanding of the nature of these challenges and try and help to clarify, at different levels, the ends and the means of our initiatives to support the building up of a federal union, in the full awareness that:

- the future does not depend on the EU Treaties alone (a solution to the sovereign debt crisis was sought and has been implemented outside this framework);
- the working of the economic and monetary union cannot be based on a single institutional framework at European level (the bodies of the ECB and the ESM already act without the involvement of all the member states, as does the Eurogroup);
- the consolidation over the past twenty years of different levels of state participation in the EMU (i.e. with/without opt-outs and special status), added to the process of enlargement, has made it indispensable to pursue a deepening of the institutions through strong differentiation within the EU.

The guidelines decided by our last UEF-Congress and the collaboration with the JEF are the ideal channels through which to translate this awareness into concrete initiatives and actions for 2015. How to do all that and to improve the collaboration among federalist organizations, is one of the goals of our PC3 meetings on the FUTURE OF EUROPE & FEDERALIST STRATEGY.

At our next [PC3 meeting on Saturday 13 December](#) we will have two keynote speeches to introduce the debate, and stimulate reflections and proposals: one by Pauline Gessant (JEF President) and the other one by Giulia Rossolillo (Professor of EU Law and Editor of the political review *The Federalist*).

In view of this meeting, let me contribute to the debate with some considerations on [FEDERALIST ACTION IN THE PHASE OF DIFFERENTIATED INTEGRATION](#) which deals with: a) *The historical phase we are living through in Europe*; b) *The different models of flexibility*; c) *Some*



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reflections on a political level; d) What tools are needed in order to advance on the path to union?; e) Towards federal union.

For those interested in some other political notes I presented to the MFE National Board last May 31st, just after the European elections and in anticipation of the Italian semester on [PREPARING FOR ACTION IN THE NEW EUROPEAN LEGISLATURE](#). It deals with: a) *The forces in favour of Europe are still in the majority, but they have no time left to lose Italy's task: to direct European change towards the federal solution;* b) *The task of the European Parliament: to give this legislature constituent value.*

Looking forward to hearing and meeting you soon, all the best
Franco Spoltore