

To the members of the Federal Committee

To the Presidents and Secretary Genarl of UEF sections

## <u>Invitation to the on line meeting of Political Commission No 1, Saturday 8 May 9.30 - 12.30</u>

Dear federalist Friends.

With the signing of the Joint Declaration by the three Presidents on 10 March and the presentation of the Interactive Digital Platform on 19 April, the work of the Conference on the Future of Europe was effectively opened. The Conference will be officially launched on 9 May in a hybrid ceremony - partly in person and partly online.

For the UEF and all supporters of Europe, this is a decisive opportunity. The Conference is both a unique moment of supranational participatory democracy for all citizens and an opportunity for us federalists to convey our political message in support of a federal Europe. The coming months - we have less than a year ahead of us - will largely decide the future of the European Union. As both Guy Verhofstadt and Dubravka Šuica underlined in the presentation of the platform, the conclusions of the Conference that will be reflected in the Final Declaration will depend on the demands coming from the citizens, and if among these demands emerges the one to reform the Treaties in order to make the EU more able to act and to connect with its citizens, these should be taken up by the European institutions at the end of the Conference, as they committed themselves to do in their Interinstitutional Declaration.

Over the past year, we have voted with great consensus and participation in our European bodies on documents setting out the priorities for the reforms we want for the European Union. They have also been summarised in the Appeal, *Our Federal Europe, Sovereign and Democratic*, which you can find on the UEF website (<a href="https://www.federalists.eu/news-">https://www.federalists.eu/news-</a>

<u>uef/view/uef-the-spinellii-group-appeal-our-federal-europe</u>), co-signed with the Spinelli Group and already published in the press in Spain, France, Italy. It is a kind of Manifesto that we will relaunch on the occasion of the opening of the Conference on 9 May, on which high-profile signatures are being collected. *We ask your help in order to spread it also in your counties and to collect signatures of key figures of the world of politics, intellectuals, academics, artists*. It has already been translated into 5 languages (English, Spanish, German, French, Greek and Italian) and anyone wishing to translate it into their own language would make a great contribution. If so, you can already contact the secretariat to arrange this.

In addition, in the coming months we will need to be able to act in a coordinated way to bring out our proposals on the platform, both by organising events to be reported on the platform and by working in synergy on the political messages to be brought out in the online debates on the platform.

In order to discuss all this and to lay the foundations for our common work in the coming months, we therefore propose a meeting of Political Commission 1, to be held online on Saturday 8 May from 9.30 to 12.30, with the agenda you can find attached.

## **AGENDA**

With warmest regards,

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