

MOVIMENTO FEDERALISTA EUROPEO

SEZIONE ITALIANA DELLA UNIONE EUROPEA DEI FEDERALISTI E DEL MOVIMENTO FEDERALISTA MONDIALE

Il Segretario nazionale

Mr. Alexander Yaroshuk

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Dear Mr. Alexander Yaroshuk,

the European Federalist Movement, Italian Section of the Union of European Federalists (UEF), and of the Federalist World Movement (WFM) has learnt, with deep sorrow and indignation, that in your city some vandals have smeared the statue, the houses where he lived and the tomb of the great philosopher Immanuel Kant.

We are also aware that these gestures are related to his cosmopolitan thinking, and this is what we find most worrying, as Kant's contribution to human civilization is unique. The attempt to interpret his works in terms of belonging – or not – to the great Russian cultural tradition is non-sense, as there is a world cultural dimension shared by all our national families that cannot be denied without falling into barbarianism.

This is the reason why we want to express to your city, Kaliningrad, as the cradle of the this same great culture shared by Europeans and Russians, and to you personally, as Mayor, and to the majority of your fellow citizens, our affinity and friendship.

Yours faithfully,

Luisa Trumellini

