

A PROJECT, A METHOD, AND AN AGENDA TO BUILD UP THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION

Since the signing of the Lisbon Treaty in 2007, fifteen and a half years ago, the European Union has been confronted with a series of challenges that have highlighted its weak capacity to react and respond to the expectations of its citizens. The aggressiveness asserted by Putin in Munich in 2007, and exercised in 2008 towards Georgia, then in 2014 in Crimea and Donbass, remained unanswered, prompting him to behave even more horribly from 24 February 2022 in Ukraine. In the face of the financial (2008), monetary (2010), migration (2015), health (2019-2022) and security crises, whether in Afghanistan, the Sahel or Ukraine, the European Union and its Member States have taken certain measures, but not in the way that a **European Federation**, with a **single foreign and security policy**, including a common defence, and budgetary, monetary, migration, health, social and environmental policies, would have been able to act effectively in the interests of its citizens. But it is no longer enough to suggest a **European Federation**, it must now be done.

To this end, it is necessary and urgent to establish the fundamental elements of **a PROJECT, a METHOD** and **an AGENDA**, inspired by the dozens of federal states that exist throughout the world, but taking into account the cultures, values and history of Europeans. **Like the Schengen zone or the Euro zone, this Federation would be founded by the States that want to do so**, in parallel with the European Union, of which it would be a member, but this time by means of a Constituent Assembly, with the mission of drafting and adopting a **real Constitution**, not a new international treaty. This is the **PROJECT**.

The essential elements of this constitutional text should be, first of all, a **single citizenship** granted to all those who live in the **European Federation** and guaranteed by the Charter of Fundamental Rights. It will then be up to the federal legislator, who will be bicameral, to determine the **budget** of the Federation and to **finance it with its own resources**. The entire European Federation will use the single European currency. The **common foreign and security policy** must include a common defence. **No power of veto shall be granted to the Member States**. The **federal government** will be accountable to the federal legislature.

The **METHOD** that the Constituent Assembly should follow in drafting and adopting a federal **Constitution** will include a **constant and thorough dialogue with national parliaments and civil society**. It will be subject to mandatory ratification by the citizens through a **pan-European referendum**, because **sovereignty belongs to the people**. In this way, the principles of both **representative democracy** and **participatory democracy** will be respected. With this in mind, it would be useful to convene **inter-parliamentary assizes** like those convened in Rome in November 1990.

The **AGENDA** is linked to the **tenth term of the European Parliament (2024-2029)** in order to establish a **European Federation** before any further enlargement.

We call on **European political parties** to integrate these ideas into their electoral programmes, and we will call on people to vote for the parties that have integrated them into their programmes.

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