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## THE FUTURE OF EUROPE BETWEEN FEDERALISM AND THE NATION STATE

13 - 15 March 2015 | Madrid

### FRIDAY 13 MARCH

- 16.30 | Arrival and registration for participants from outside Madrid
- [Hotel Agumar](#), Paseo de la Reina Cristina, 7, 28014 Madrid
- 17.30 | Group transfer to the Spanish Parliament:
- [Congreso de los Diputados](#), C/Floridablanca s/n, 28071 Madrid
- 18:00 | Meeting at the entrance to the parliament on the [Calle Cedaceros](#).  
For security reasons all participants will require government-issued photo ID to enter the Spanish parliament, please arrive on time to ensure a smooth passage through security.
- 18.30 | **Joint session with the participants of the 2015 Model European Union**
- “THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION: UNITY, SOLIDARITY, DEMOCRACY”**
- Welcome speeches:
- **Pablo FAURA**, President of UEF Spain
  - **Eugenio NASARRE**, Member of the Spanish Parliament, President of the Spanish Council of the European Movement
- Speakers:
- **Enrique BARÓN CRESPO** President of the European Parliament 1989-1992
  - **Paolo VACCA**, Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists
- Prizes to winners of the Model European Union competition**
- 19.45 | **Celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of JEF (Young European Federalists) Spain**
- Presented by:
- **Óliver SOTO SAINZ**, President of JEF Spain
- 20.30 | Cocktail and dinner

- 8.45 Group transfer to the venue of the “Federalist Breakfast”
- Meeting point: Lobby of the Hotel Agumar, Paseo de la Reina Cristina, 7, 28014 Madrid
- 9.00 Federalist breakfast (venue tbc)
- At the breakfast tables, presentation of participants and informal discussions on the topics of the sessions of the day:
- Which future for European unity?
  - What does federalism stand for?
  - What type of federalism?
  - National sovereignty vs European sovereignty?
  - What place for the regions in Europe?
  - Which federal policies in the European Union?
  - Which European solutions to the economic crisis?
- 10.00 Group transfer to the venue of the morning session:
- [Biblioteca Pública Municipal Eugenio Trías](#), Paseo Fernán Núñez 24, 28009 Madrid
- Registration for participants not registered on Friday
- 10.30 Opening of the seminar
- Presentation of the programme
- 10.45 Session I – Panel discussion
- “EUROPEAN INTEGRATION BETWEEN FEDERALISM AND THE NATION STATE: MODELS AND OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE”**
- Speakers:
- **Pauline GESSANT**, European President of the Young European Federalists
  - **Ignacio MOLINA**, Senior Researcher at the Real Institute Elcano
  - **Pablo SIMÓN**, Professor of Political Science at the Universidad Carlos III of Madrid and Member of Politikon
  - **Eva PEÑA**, Senior Researcher Fellow at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
- Moderated by
- **Paolo VACCA**, Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists
- Topics that will be addressed in the introductions:**
- What model for the future of Europe: renationalisation, enhanced inter-governmentalism or federalism?
  - What’s left of national sovereignty and is a European sovereignty really possible?
  - Is federalism the enemy of national sovereignty and democracy? Or instead can federalism reconcile national and European democracy? Why is federalism so misunderstood?
  - Is the EU heading to a federal union and are there different models of federalism possible for Europe, with more or less centralisation?
  - How to win the challenges of democracy and legitimacy of European institutions and European policies?
  - Is federalism also a solution for Member States and an alternative to the dilemma between centralism and separatism?

13.00	Lunch
14.00	Group walk through the city centre
	Transfer to the venue of the afternoon session:
	<a href="#">European Parliament Information Office in Spain</a> , Pº de la Castellana 46, 28046 Madrid
15.30	Session II – Panel discussion
	<b>“RENOVATING EUROPE – TIME FOR EUROPEAN FEDERAL POLICIES”</b>
	Speakers:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alberto MAJOCCHI</b>, Professor of Public Finances at the University of Pavia (I), former President of the Italian National Institute of Economic Studies and Analysis</li> <li>• <b>Miguel OTERO-IGLESIAS</b>, Senior Researcher at the Elcano Royal Institute</li> <li>• <b>Jonás FERNÁNDEZ</b>, Member of the European Parliament, Committee for Economic and Monetary Affairs</li> </ul>
	Moderated by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Domènec RUIZ DEVESA</b>, Vice President Unión de Europeístas y Federalistas de España</li> </ul>
	<b>Topics that will be addressed in the introductions:</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Can the European economy be saved and re-launched just with an aggregate of national economic plans?</li> <li>▪ What’s the ideal mix between national and European economic policies?</li> <li>▪ Does Europe need a true “New Deal” as the United States had in the 1930’s?</li> <li>▪ What European federal policies would be necessary and which ones are realistically possible?</li> <li>▪ Is the Juncker Commission’s investment plan a step in the right direction?</li> <li>▪ What would a truly European economic policy look like? What would its revenues and expenses be?</li> <li>▪ What can be achieved within the current Treaties of the European Union and what needs Treaty change?</li> <li>▪ Is the Eurozone the place to start?</li> </ul>
17.30	Coffee Break
18.00	Session III – Panel discussion
	<b>“CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TOWARDS A FEDERAL EUROPE”</b>
	Roundtable and debate with former Spanish Presidents of the European Parliament
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Josep BORRELL</b> President of the European Parliament 2004-2007</li> <li>• <b>José María GIL-ROBLES</b> President of the European Parliament 1997-1999</li> </ul>
	Moderated by:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Anna BOSCH</b>, Journalist at TVE, Televisión Española</li> </ul>
20.00	Closing and group transfer to the dinner venue:
21.00	Dinner
	<a href="#">Restaurante Playa de Riazor</a> , Calle de Toledo 19, 28005 Madrid

08.45 Group transfer to the venue of the “Federalist Breakfast”

Meeting point: Lobby of the Hotel Agumar

09.00 Federalist breakfast (venue tbc)

At the breakfast tables, informal discussions on the organisation and the topics of the workshops

9.45 Group transfer to the venue of the workshops:

[Biblioteca Pública Municipal Eugenio Trías](#), Paseo Fernan Nuñez 24, 28009 Madrid

10:00 **RAISING THE VOICE FOR EUROPEAN FEDERALISM - PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

The workshops will run simultaneously, with around 20-25 participants, and will last approximately one hour each. Participants will attend all three workshops.

*Workshop I*

**HOW TO COMMUNICATE THE GOALS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE FEDERALIST MOVEMENT**

Facilitated by:

- **Laura BRINGINA**  
Communication Officer in the UEF Secretariat
- **Allan WITHERICK**  
JEF UK

*Workshop II*

**HOW TO ENHANCE AWARENESS OF THE EU THROUGH SIMULATION GAMES**

Facilitated by:

- **Óliver SOTO SAINZ**  
President JEF Spain

*Workshop III*

**HOW TO GROW MEMBERSHIP AND MAINTAIN ACTIVISTS IN THE FEDERALIST MOVEMENTS**

Facilitated by:

- **Luisa TRUMELLINI**  
Member of the UEF Board
- **Alistair SPEARING ORTIZ**  
JEF France

13.00 Evaluation session

13:30 Closing and departure