

# **Manifesto**

## **for more democratic European elections in 2024**

Joint action for the European Parliament elections of 2024 is needed to make Europe stronger, more united and more democratic, because in 73 years, neither the Communities nor the European Union (EU) have given birth to the European Federation announced on 9 May 1950 by Robert Schuman. Europeans suffer from the absence of this Federation. Since 2008, the nation States and the EU have been unable to cope with the financial, monetary, migration, health, and security crises. Our ecosystems are in peril. War is raging in Ukraine, because Europe is not a power, deterrent but peaceful. We are paying for it economically and politically. We must act, urgently, to restore peace in Europe, to become sovereign, autonomous, independent, and respected again.

A democratic, federal European State requires a constitution, not a treaty. This has been obvious since 1787 and the Philadelphia Convention, because a treaty is external to the State and multilateral, whereas a constitution is an internal, unilateral act of public law that aims to establish the fundamental rights of citizens, the principles on which the legitimacy of political power rests and the general architecture of institutions. A constitution is at the top of the hierarchy of State norms.

That is why *Avenir de l'Europe*, *Associazione Mazziniana Italiana*, *Citoyen d'Europe M3E* (*Europe, éthique, équité*), *Europe Unie dans sa Diversité*, *Europa-Union - Kreis Heilbronn*, *the Union of European Federalists (UEF) - Groupe Europe*, *UEF-Belgium*, *UEF-Czechia*, *UEF-Luxembourg*, *the European Society for Defence in Central and Eastern Europe (S€DCEE)* and *the European Society for Defence INPA (S€D)*, propose that you join forces with ours to put this manifesto into practice. This manifesto proposes what a federal Europe should do for the citizens of Europe, how these policies should be financed, how federal governance should be achieved and how the European Parliament should be made a constituent and legitimate body.

### **What would a federal Europe do for European citizens?**

Only a European Federation can be effective and efficient in matters of external security, including defence, of internal security, terrorism, public health, pandemics, security of energy supply, environmental protection, management of migratory movements. It alone can develop European culture and guarantee the maintenance of a social market economy. It alone can ensure the future of the new generations, by promoting innovation, supporting scientific and technological research, reindustrialisation and mastering emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, quantum computing, new energy solutions and green technologies.

### **How would these policies be financed?**

The European Federation should have its own resources, based on an innovative, egalitarian tax system. Multinationals, especially those in the digital sector, should no longer escape taxation. This would make it possible to finance the above-mentioned policies and also to conduct a budgetary policy that could support the monetary policy successfully carried out by the European Central Bank.

## How would federal governance be defined?

We want a democratic, transparent, sovereign, autonomous, independent European State that is respected by its allies and by other powers. Neither integration within the EU nor cooperation within NATO has been able to establish a European State of guaranteeing us peace and security. History shows that confederations either turn into federations or dissolve. To carry weight in the world, to face up to the current threats and challenges, Europe is left with the path of the federation. The Constituent Assembly will choose the name of the federation and will define the areas of competence, while respecting the principle of subsidiarity, to maintain the sovereignty of the people and the balance between the federation and national and regional powers.

## How would the European Parliament declare itself a constituent?

The method for founding a sovereign and democratic European State, united in diversity and therefore federal, has been known since 7 September 1787. In Philadelphia, the delegates of the American States adopted the very first federal constitution. It begins with the words "We, the people". It separates the legislative, executive, and judicial branches. The legislative branch is bicameral. The lower house is directly elected, with the citizens of each State represented in proportion to their number. In the Senate the States are equal. Europe can draw inspiration from these principles to keep us in peace and security, to guarantee our fundamental rights and freedoms, and to regain its rightful place on the international scene in view of its economic power and European civilisation!

## How could the European Parliament improve its legitimacy?

Preferably before the elections of 2024, the European Parliament should adopt an electoral law that sets out, among other things, the age at which a European citizen acquires the right to vote, as well as the electoral threshold, the manner of voting and a criterion that ensures a sufficiently egalitarian, democratic representation of citizens.



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