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We want a better Europe!

The Young European Federalists want a free and united Europe, governed according to the principles of democracy and the rule of law, striving to ensure peace, prosperity, security and justice in Europe and in the world.

The recent crisis proved that the process of European integration is still far from complete. We need to complete the integration process and build Federal European institutions and a Federal European democracy.

A European Federation is our only prospect to find the necessary balance between decisionmaking power and democratic legitimacy that will enable our society to face the unpredictable challenges that are bound to rise in the 21st century.

We want a sustainable Europe!

We want a common economic policy that is rooted in a larger European budget, based on own resources such as a European financial transaction tax.

A common economic plan for sustainable development and social welfare is an essential component of an economic policy that aims to build a sustainable Europe.

We want an economic policy that is also based on solidarity tools, such as Eurobonds for the mutualisation of debt or to make investments in sustainable projects at European level.

The common market needs to be completed with a common basis for taxation, an end to fiscal competition among states within the Union, a common banking supervision, the continued support to freedom of movement for workers and common mechanisms to counter external economic shocks in the member states.

Member states need to be supported by the EU institutions in their efforts to provide social protection. Common minimal standards should be set at the EU-level to avoid social dumping and convergence of social rights at the lowest common denominator in the European Union.

A single European energy policy is a necessity. Europe needs to act as one single actor on the world scene and promote a united approach towards climate change.

We want a stronger European role in the world!

The EU needs a real European Foreign and Security Policy that will enable it to act with a single voice on the world stage.

The Common Defence Policy for the EU should be strengthened, including the development of European defence capabilities.

We want a future-oriented Europe!

Investment in education, research and development should be central to the EU's strategy. The EU should also develop and improve exchange programs for secondary school pupils, trainees, students, researchers and teaching staff from all over Europe and remove financial obstacles to participation in these programmes.

The Europe we want!

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We want a Europe that considers migration as a resource, not a problem. The EU needs a Single Immigration and Asylum Policy that is implemented by its Federal Government and controlled by its European Federal Parliament.

We want a Europe that does not accept the reintroduction of borders. The free circulation of people should be guaranteed as a fundamental right of European citizens.

We want a more democratic Europe!

The European Parliament elections are the right moment to re-launch democracy in Europe. We want the European parties to go beyond being simple groups of national political families and follow ideological, social and political lines rather than territorial ones.

The European Parliament is the only European institution that is directly elected by the citizens. That is why we want the current decision-making framework to be reformed to a true federal bicameral system with the European Parliament at its democratic core.

We want the European Commission to become a true European Government that is accountable to the European Parliament. It has to include a European Ministry of Economic and Financial affairs with the competences to conduct coherent economic governance.

The restoration of the authority of democratically legitimised politics over the dynamics of the global markets is only possible by creating a Federal Economic, Fiscal and Monetary Union that is accountable to the European Federal Parliament.

We want a new convention!

A new constitutional convention is needed to build the federal Europe we want. The convention ought to be a true constitutional committee with representatives of citizens of all origins, ages, sexes and social statuses, associations and other actors of civil society.

The convention should in particular develop the Economic and Monetary Union, strengthening its government and introducing a federal budget to finance growth policies in order to overcome the current and future crises.

The draft federal constitution must be democratically accepted. It must win a majority in the convention and the adopted text must be supported by European citizens in a pan-European-referendum.

The constitutional process needs to be fully democratic, open, public and transparent, allowing citizens to provide their input and empowering them to do so.

We want European institutions that meet the needs of all citizens!

We want a federal Europe!