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# EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY: *Failures, Challenges, Federalist Perspectives*

Athens, 18-20 March 2016

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## PROGRAMME

### FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2016

Evening | Arrival and registration for participants  
Welcome drinks

### SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2016

9.00 | Opening  
Introduction to the programme  
Greetings by **Yannis Smyrlis**, President of the Union of European Federalists - Greece

9.15 | Session I – Panel discussion

#### **“SOLIDARITY BETWEEN STATES: FROM MONETARY UNION TO A FISCAL AND ECONOMIC UNION FOR THE EUROZONE”**

Speakers:

- **Rodi KRATSA**, President of the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy, Former Vice-president of the European Parliament
- **Georgios KYRTSOS**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Georgios PAGOULATOS**, Professor of European Politics and Economy at the Athens University of Economics and Business, Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges
- **Paolo VACCA**, Secretary-General of the Union of European Federalists
- **Giorgos TSIPRAS**, Secretary General for International Economic Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece (**tbc**)

Moderated by:

- **Ophélie OMNES**, Vice-President of the Young European Federalists

**Topics that will be addressed in the introductions:**

- Why is the European Monetary Union still fragile?
- Does the Eurozone have sufficient mechanisms to address economic imbalances?
- What solidarity mechanisms between member states are typical in federal states?
- Does the Eurozone need more solidarity mechanisms between member states?

- What would a Eurozone fiscal union mean?

11.15 Coffee Break

11.30 Session II – Panel discussion

## “SOLIDARITY BETWEEN CITIZENS: TOWARDS A SOCIAL EUROPE AND EUROPEAN WELFARE TOOLS”

Speakers:

- **Marietta GIANNAKOU**, Former Member of the European Parliament and former Minister for National Education and Religious Affairs
- **Ioannis MANIATIS**, Member of the Greek Parliament, Former Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change
- **Domenico MORO**, Member of the Executive Bureau of the European Federalist Movement
- **Ioannis NASIOULAS**, Founder and Director of the Social Economy Institute
- **Marilena SIMITI**, Associate Professor of Political Sociology at the Department of International and European Studies in the University of Piraeus

Moderated by:

- **Petroula NTELEDIMOU**, Member of the Union of European Federalists Bureau

**Topics that will be addressed in the introductions:**

- What is meant by “social Europe”?
- What solidarity mechanisms between citizens are typical in federal states?
- Does the Eurozone require a dedicated social policy?
- Will there ever be a European welfare system directly for citizens?
- How could a European Unemployment Insurance Scheme work?
- What social rights are necessary to ensure EU citizens’ freedom of movement?

13.30 Lunch Break

14.30 Session III – Panel discussion

## “SOLIDARITY BETWEEN PEOPLES: EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS TO THE REFUGEE AND MIGRATION CRISIS”

Speakers:

- **Notis ANANIADIS**, Journalist at the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation and Editor at portnet.gr (**tbc**)
- **Ioannis PAPAGEORGIOU**, Assistant Professor at School of Political Science of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- **Angelos SYRIGOS**, Assistant Professor of International Law and Foreign Policy at Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (**tbc**)
- **Apostolos VEIZIS**, Director of Medical Operational Support Athens (SOMA) , Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières

Moderated by:

- **Daphne GOGOU**, European Commission (Directorate-General Justice) and Chair of UEF Political Commission on Social Europe

**Topics that will be addressed in the introductions:**

- Who is coming to Europe? Why are they coming? Where are they coming from?
- Why has the Dublin regulation failed? What could replace it?
- How can Schengen be strengthened?
- How would a single European Asylum policy look like?
- How can EU member states share the impact of refugees and migrants?
- How to assess the recent proposals of the European Commission for a European Border Management

16.30 Coffee Break

17.00 | POLITICAL ROUNDTABLE AND DEBATE WITH GREEK MEPs/MPs:

## “TOWARDS A FEDERAL EUROPE: OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE EURO AND MIGRATION CRISES”

Speakers:

- **Philipp AGATHONOS**, Vice-President of UEF
- **Christopher GLÜCK**, President of the Young European Federalists
- **Kyriakos MITSOTAKIS**, President of Nea Dimokratia **(tbc)**
- **Konstantinos KYRANAKIS**, President of the Youth of European People’s Party (YEPP)
- **Miltiadis KYRKOS**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Dimitrios PAPANIMOU**, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Evangelos VENIZELOS**, Member of the Greek Parliament, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Finance **(tbc)**

Moderated by:

- **Sarantis MICHALOPOULOS**, Editor-in-Chief at EurActiv.gr

19.30 | Closing

20.00 | Group dinner

9.30 Explanation of the workshops

9.30 **WORKSHOPS**

The workshops will run one after the other and will last approximately one hour each.

They will be structured as table discussions.

Each workshop will focus on one of the sessions of the previous day with the aim to:

1. Summarise key federalist proposals out of the previous day's debates
2. Build arguments in defence of each proposals
3. Identify and rebut arguments against each proposal

*Workshop I*

**SOLIDARITY  
BETWEEN STATES**

*Workshop II*

**SOLIDARITY  
BETWEEN CITIZENS**

*Workshop III*

**SOLIDARITY  
BETWEEN PEOPLE**

12.30 Evaluation

13:00 Closing and departure