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## TOWARDS A FEDERAL EUROPE: THE CHALLENGES AHEAD, THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2014

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Hôtel de l'industrie  
4, pl. Saint-Germain-des-Prés

### PROGRAMME

**8.30** Arrival and registration

**9.30 – 10.30** Session I: Opening, presentation of the program & key note speeches

**“TOWARDS A FEDERAL EUROPE: THE CHALLENGES AHEAD, THE OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2014”**

- **ISABELLE DURANT**, Vice President of the European Parliament, Vice President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)
- **JEAN-MARIE CAVADA**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Mouvement Européen-France

Chaired and moderated by **FRANÇOIS MENNERAT**, Vice President of the European Federalists – France and Member of the Board of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)

**10.30 - 13.00** Session II – Panel discussion

**“WHICH POLICIES AND REFORMS FOR THE EUROZONE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION TO TAKE EUROPE OUT OF THE CRISIS?”**

- **PAOLO VACCA**, Member of the Board of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)
- **SILVYE GOULARD**, Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Spinelli Group
- **GUILLAUME KLOSSA**, Executive President of EuropaNova
- **CHRISTIAN SAINT-ÉTIENNE**, President of Generations Citoyennes, Chair of Industrial Economics at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers
- **EDOARD TÉTREAU**, Editorialist at Les Echos, Founder of website *Les Etas-Unis d'Europe*

Chaired and moderated by **FABRICE POZZOLI-MONTENAY**, Secretary General of the Association of European Journalists, France

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

- How to get Europe out of the crisis? How to balance austerity, solidarity and growth?
- Is a “fiscal union” just the power to control national budgets or should it be also the independent power to tax and spend at European level?
- Which institutional reforms for the new emerging economic governance of the European Union and the Eurozone
- Does the Eurozone need its own budget and power to tax and spend? How far can the consolidation of the Eurozone go within the EU Treaties?
- Will the UK and maybe other countries need a new looser form of “associated membership” to the EU to remain members?

**13.00 – 14.00** Lunch break

**14.00 – 16.30** Session III – Panel discussion

**“BUILDING EUROPEAN UNITY - BALANCING NATIONAL AND EUROPEAN SOVEREIGNTY AND DEMOCRACY. IS FEDERALISM THE ENEMY OR THE SOLUTION?”**

- **BERNARD BARTHALAY**, Member of the Board of the Union of European Federalists – France, President of Puissance Europe
- **YVES BERTONCINI**, Director of Notre Europe – Institut Jacques Delors
- **SABINE SAURUGGER**, Professor of Political Science at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Grenoble, Member of the Institut Universitaire de France
- **HENRI LASTENOUSE**, Secretary General of Sauvons l'Europe

Chaired and moderated by **MANA LIVARDJANI**, Director, Union of European Federalists (UEF) and President of CafeBabel

**Topics to be addressed in the introductions:**

- Is European integration hollowing national democracy and sovereignty?
- Can an ever closer European political unity coexist with national democracy?
- What can “European sovereignty” really mean? Can a genuine European democracy be built and how?
- Is federalism the enemy of national sovereignty and democracy? Or instead can federalism reconcile national and European democracy? Why is federalism so misunderstood?
- Can the European elections be a moment to enhance European democracy?

**16.30 – 17.00** Coffee Break

**17.00 – 18.30** Session III

**“THE FEDERALIST CAMPAIGN FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: JEF AND UEF POLITICAL DEMANDS AND JOINT CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES”**

- **PAULINE GESSANT**, President of the Young European Federalists (JEF)
- **PAOLO VACCA**, Member of the Board of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)

**19.00** Closing

**YOU CAN REGISTER [HERE](#).**

Deadline for registrations: **11 February 2014**. Registration Fees: **10 Euros** (covering coffee breaks and packed lunch) payable directly at the conference.