

Union of European Federalists Union Europäischer Föderalisten Union des Fédéralistes Européens

# **XXV EUROPEAN CONGRESS**

# 10-12 June 2016 | Strasbourg

## **INFORMATION PACK**

The Council of Europe Strasbourg, France

#### DRAFT AGENDA

#### FRIDAY 10 JUNE 2016, 12:00-19:00

Venue: Council of Europe, Strasbourg

12:00	Welcoming of participants - Registration of delegates	
13:30	UEF FEDERAL COMMITTEE	
	<ul> <li>Vote on 2015 financial report</li> <li>Discharge of outgoing Bureau</li> <li>Adoption of XXV European Congress agenda</li> <li>Election of Credentials Committee (Treasurer, Secretary-General and at least 3 members)</li> </ul>	
14:00	OPENING SESSION OF THE XXV CONGRESS	
	<ul> <li>Approval of the agenda</li> <li>Election Congress Praesidium (3 members on proposal of the EB)</li> <li>Welcome address by the President of UEF France</li> </ul>	
14:15	SPEECHES BY EUROPEAN / NATIONAL PERSONALITIES	
15:30	POLITICAL REPORT BY THE UEF PRESIDENT ELMAR BROK	
16:30	ROUNDTABLE WITH FEDERALIST MEPs	
18:00	UEF 70 <sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY: DEBATE WITH UEF HISTORICAL PERSONALITIES	
19:00	End of session	
19:30	<b>RECEPTION</b> Hosted by City of Strasbourg and Eurométropole	

### SATURDAY 11 JUNE 2016, 09:00-19:00

09:00	Welcoming of participants - Registration of delegates	
09:15	OPENING OF THE SESSION & FORMALITIES	
	<ul> <li>Election Returning Officer</li> <li>Election Tellers (min. 3 persons not candidate for positions)</li> <li>Election Chair and rapporteur for each Political Commission</li> <li>Election Resolutions Committee (3 members and rapporteurs)</li> </ul>	
09:30	30 ADDRESSES TO THE CONGRESS	
	<ul> <li>President of the Young European Federalists</li> <li>President of the European Movement International</li> <li>A representative of the World Federalist Movement</li> </ul>	
10:00	0 ACTIVITY & FINANCIAL REPORTS 2013-2016	
	<ul> <li>Report by UEF Secretary-General Paolo Vacca</li> <li>Financial report by UEF Treasurer Kolja Bienert</li> </ul>	
11:00	00 POLITICAL COMMISSIONS	
	Political Commission 1 TOWARDS A FEDERAL UNION: EXPLOITING THE TREATIES, PREPARING FUTURE TREATY CHANGES	
	Political Commission 2 COMPLETING THE MONETARY UNION WITH A FISCAL AND ECONOMIC UNION	

	Political Commission 3 EU SECURITY AND DEFENCE AND THE PROSPECT OF AN EU ARMY	
	Political Commission 4 EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS TO MIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT	
13:00	Deadline for candidatures of Direct Members of the Federal Committee and Arbitration Board	
13:00	Family Picture and Lunch	
14:00	<b>REPORTS OF POLITICAL COMMISSIONS &amp; PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS</b>	
15:30	GENERAL DEBATE	
17:30	PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE/S FOR UEF PRESIDENT	
18:00	Deadline for amendments to the proposed resolution and motions	
18:00	ELECTIONS	
	<ul> <li>Opening of ballot for election of the President, Federal Committee and Arbitration Board</li> </ul>	
19:00	Close of ballots	
19:00	MEETING OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE	
20:00	DINNER	

#### SUNDAY 12 JUNE 2016, 09:00-12:30

09:00	ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS	
	Delegation meetings and nomination of Federal Committee delegates representing the constituent	
	organisations	
09:30	DEBATES & VOTES ON RESOLUTIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS	

- 11:00 CLOSING SPEECH
- 11:30 *End of the Congress*
- 11:30 MEETING OF THE NEW FEDERAL COMMITTEE
  - Formalities
  - Election of the Bureau
  - Election of the Secretary-General
  - Election of the Treasurer
  - AOB
- 12:30 *End of the Federal Committee*

#### DELEGATES

As agreed by the Federal Committee Meeting on 29 November in Venice, 160 delegates representing UEF national sections will attend the Congress. An additional 10% (16 delegates) will represent JEF. The calculation of delegates is based on the average number of members declared by each section for the years 2014 and 2015 and is as follows:

CONSTITUENT ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF DELEGATES
Austria	20
Belgium	3
Bulgaria	3
Cyprus	3
Czech Republic	2
Finland	3
France	3
Germany	43
Greece	2
Hungary	2
Italy	30
Lithuania	2
Luxembourg	3
Montenegro	2
Portugal	2
Romania	2
Serbia	2
Slovakia	2
Slovenia	2
Spain	4
Switzerland	19
UK	3
Group Europe	3
JEF	16
TOTAL	176

Observers are also warmly welcome to attend the Congress.

All participants should register online via the Congress registration form.

#### **TRAVEL TO STRASBOURG**

#### Train

Strasbourg Station (SNCF) is easily accessible by train from across France, Germany,

Luxembourg and Switzerland. The fastest train connections from a selection of major cities are as follows:

- Stuttgart 1hr 20m
- Frankfurt 2hrs
- Zurich 2hrs 5m
- Luxembourg 2hrs 15 m
- Paris 2hrs 20m
- Munich 3hrs 40m
- London 4hrs 30min

#### Plane

<u>Strasbourg Airport</u> is a 10 minute train ride from the city centre and offers:

- 32 direct connections, including Porto, Madrid, Rome, Brussels, Amsterdam and Prague
- Brussels Airlines, Air France, Hop!, Iberia, Ryanair, Easyjet.

<u>Karlsruhe / Baden-Baden Airport</u> provides access to via the airport bus to Baden-Baden station and a train connection to Strasbourg with a total journey time of 1.5hrs to the city centre.

- Direct connections across Europe
- German Wings, Air Berlin, Ryanair.

<u>EuroAirport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg</u> provides access via a shuttle bus to Sint-Louis and a train connection to Strasbourg. Total journey time to the city centre: 1.5hrs.

- Direct flights across Europe, including: Barcelona, Berlin, Vienna, Rome and Naples
- Air Berlin, German Wings, Easyjet, Austrian, Ryanair and others

#### ACCOMMODATION IN STRASBOURG

A number of rooms in ACCOR group hotels have been reserved for UEF members and can be booked on their website via this special link to the UEF's group booking.



