

"World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it."

With the whole of Europe and our destiny at hand, no action is more destructive than inaction. The Schuman declaration of the past laid the foundations which we must now build into a home for all of us.

With this aim in view, the future of Europe propose that action be taken immediately on one limited but decisive and continuous matter; the establishment of the European Federation. A Federation with long term strategies that pre-emptively deal with rising issues and tackles diverse integration effectively. The Federation will stay true to its values and will not re-establish itself every four years thus destroying its cohesiveness. The Federation of Europe will be easy to understand, and the common High authority shall symbolise accessibility for all and will protect safety, liberty and Europe.

There is a need for unity and a stronger common identity which every European could be proud of and thus, we as citizens should know more about the Union, its values and actions so that we could be proud of the achievements and aware of our own opportunities. Every member country should have an integrated curriculum that teaches values like solidarity and the basics of European Federation from an early age. The aforementioned pride and legacy will start on the level of the individual Member States.

Protecting the safety of Europeans is a common concern and not only an issue for our border States. Therefore, there is only one way forward- a common approach to security, where everyone contributes and upholds the values of Europe. The Federation will lay the foundation for a European Security Force to protect itself and its people, here within the Federation and wherever its' people require. The sovereign national defence force will retain their proud traditions and history but will be led by the people of Europe embodied by the European Security Council working closely together with the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. The European Security Council will be the sole sovereign. Authority in managing and deploying these forces and organising effective intergovernmental cooperation with the Member States. This cross-border cooperation will be realised in part through a mandatory military service, whereby comradeship is built through an inclusive exchange program between all subdivisions of the European Security Force.

It is time Europe took charge and realised its significance in the lives of Europeans and in the world. Only with a connected and cross border police force can the Federation address criminals with cross border effect. Nevertheless, the security force will not be limited to only physical threats, instead it shall oversee all states of emergency and *force majeure*, whether affecting the

entire Federation or only a few States. Hence, the Federation shall consist of all and shall be for all, regardless of the size of the Member State.

The past solidarity of economy and production was suitable for a war-torn Europe, however the Europe of the future, a Europe of peace cannot be built on the fears of our past. The challenges we face today need a new and innovative approach to adapt and overcome issues that arise from modernization. We have to take a stand on environmental issues, migration patterns, new technologies, ignorance and be proactive and vigilant of the issues regardless of national borders. The pooling of resources shall provide an environment for the development of our material and social values as a part of the foundation for the Federation of Europe. Our destiny shall not manifest itself, it shall be moulded, nurtured and earned by us.

Preparation is the beginning of any good plan. That is why for the Federation to succeed it must acknowledge the opportunities for innovation now and support research into still developing areas. The digitalization of the modern world presents substantial risks and opportunities- it is the edge of a new frontier. This new Federation shall not act as a haven for multinational conglomerates but will instead provide equal treatment to all entrepreneurs with the key strategy of exports and production growth for Member State citizens. European Federation will be the symbol for fostering unicorns and possibilities to succeed for all. The Federation will establish its' internet domain, **.ef**, as the new go to location for all the digital needs of the modern world. Another important step forward will be the revitalisation of the space sector and initiation of a European Space race. A program whereby all Member States shall contribute proportionally, and which will symbolise the epitaph of all Europeans. Substantial funding of the regenerative energy sectors and nanotechnology will not only benefit the future, but it will create valuable jobs now. This increase in the Federation's employment will create a self-sufficient system of innovation and growth.

This Federation will welcome peaceful cooperation with any nation in accordance with its core values, but it shall not be dependent on the approval of any national nor international governmental or intergovernmental organisation.

For once more the way forward shall be through the ashes of our past, once again we shall look to the skies and know that we are part of something more than our own everyday lives, we are part of the future.

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