



Crossroads Europe

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#CrossroadsEU

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Introduction

The Union of European Federalists

The Union of European Federalists (UEF) is a pan-European, non-governmental political organisation dedicated to the promotion of European political unity. We were founded shortly after World War II, in the belief that only by uniting into a European Federation could the states of Europe overcome the divisions of the past and ensure a future of peace and economic prosperity. Throughout the past 70 years we have been a leading voice in the promotion of European unity and an early campaigner for key milestones in the development of the European Communities and then the European Union. We campaign to raise citizens' awareness of European issues, promote the European Federal Project among political parties and politicians and we promote the need for European political unity as the response to different political issues.

If you are interested in our initiative and want to be a part of UEF you can visit our [website](#).

Crossroads Europe Project

Crossroads Europe, co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union, aims at fostering cross-cutting dialogue about the EU, the challenges facing it and its future through a series of offline events dedicated to civil society and policy makers.

The project will be implemented through a series of 6 Labs hosted in different cities and organized by a consortium of local CSOs.

Each lab will define its own discussion agenda from among one of the following themes according to local preferences:

- Climate change
- Global Europe
- Security & Freedom
- Democracy

The Intensive Training of the Crossroads Europe Project, will help you master the issues, boost your skills and be Europe's change maker yourself. The event will combine presentations, interactive workshops, small group activities and individual feedback sessions.

Programme

Day 1 - Saturday 27 June 2020

09.30 – 10.00

OPENING

Introduction to the Crossroads Europe project and the program of the training.

10.00 – 11.15

Policy Session 1

ECONOMY: On the road to a fiscal Union

Introduced by **Christopher Glück**, Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists and Director of Hanbury Strategy, and **Rasmus Andresen**, Member of European Parliament, followed by discussion with participants

Moderated by **Paolo Vacca**, Secretary General of the Union of European Federalists.

Topics: *what is exactly the financial package that the EU is discussing to support the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis? How will the EU budget change? How will the EU change if it can issue its own debt and raise its own revenues? Will the EU introduce true European taxes to finance European projects? Is the EU on the roads to a fiscal Union?*

11.15 – 12.30

Policy Session 2

CLIMATE: getting the European Green New Deal done

Introduced by **Monica Frassoni**, Promoter of stopglobalwarming.eu and former Member of European Parliament, **Valentin Dupouey Sterdyniak**, Head of Communications at European Green Party, and **Roland Joebstl**, Policy Advisor to MEP Michael Bloss, followed by discussion with participants

Moderated by **Ophélie Omnes**, President of the Union of European Federalists France

Topics: *what is exactly the Green New Deal that the EU is discussing? Will the COVID-19 crisis create further support or rather distract resources from the Green New Deal? What are the sticky points for key member states? What are the real change-making decisions and how much will they cost? What are the next steps?*

12.30 – 14.00

BREAK: free-time (buy open Zoom-room/s for participants for networking and socializing).

14.00 – 15.30

Skills Workshop 1

GET EUROPE RIGHT: Combat fake News, Promote a positive narrative

Learn how to detect fake news against the European Union, combat them online and promote a positive narrative of what the EU is and can do.

Facilitated by **Andrew Scott**, University of Edinburgh and Law Society of Scotland, and **Jakub Zientala**, Young European Federalists

15.30 – 15.45

Virtual Coffee break - Open Zoom-room for participants for networking and socializing.

15.45 – 17.15

Skills Workshop 2

BRING EUROPE TO THE CITIZENS

Learn how to reach out to circles normally not involved in European politics or from socially disadvantaged backgrounds.

*Facilitated by **Sonja Afanasjeva**, Youth Outreach Unit at European Parliament and **Andrea Zorretto**, Director at Poliferie*

17.15 – 17.30

Closing remarks and closure of the first day

Day 2 - Sunday 28 June 2020

09.30 – 09.45

Virtual Welcome coffee- Open Zoom-room for participants for networking and socializing

09.45 – 10.00

Opening & Introduction of the second day

10.00 – 11.15

Policy Session 3

GLOBAL EUROPE: making Europe a global power

*Introduced by **Charles-Michel Geurts**, Professor at the College of Europe, and **Andrey Kovatchev**, Member of European Parliament, followed by discussion with participants*

*Moderated by **Jacopo Scipione**, Project Officer at the Union of European Federalists*

Topics: what are the latest developments in EU foreign and security policy? Is European security and defense making progress? How is the European Commission trying to a “geopolitical Commission”? How is the European Union reacting to the raising transatlantic tensions?

11.15 – 12.30

Policy Session 4

DEMOCRACY: Will the Conference on the Future of Europe deliver?

*Introduced by **Pauline Gessant**, Vice-President of the Union of European Federalists, and **Domènec Ruiz Devesa**, Member of European Parliament, followed by discussion with participants*

Topics: what is exactly the Conference on the Future of Europe? Who will be part of it and what will it discuss? What will be the key issues? What are the likely obstacles on the road? What will be its outcome and what will be its follow-up by EU institutions and member states? How should the EU institutions change to deliver an effective, democratic, and sovereign Europe?

12.30 – 13.30

BREAK: free-time (buy open Zoom-room/s for participants for networking and socializing).

13.30 – 15.00

Skills Workshop 3

BE A EUROPE SUPER-LOBBYIST

Learn how to advocate your idea of Europe with policy makers, wherever you are, at home, in your capital, in Brussels, or just virtual

*Facilitated by **Gianluca Sgueo**, Policy Analyst at the European Parliamentary Research Service*

15.00 – 15.15	Virtual Coffee break - Open Zoom-room for participants for networking and socializing.
15.15 – 16.45	<p>Skills Workshops 4 – Group 1 (The Thinkers)</p> <p>How to write a European Constitution?</p> <p><i>How to get the Next Treaty of the European Union right once and for all</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Alejandro Cordero, Policy and Advocacy Officer at Union of European Federalists</p> <p>Skills Workshops 4 – Group 2 (The Doers)</p> <p>Your actions for change</p> <p><i>Build your own ideas and projects to foster Europe's change</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Benjamin Charles Cassar, Programme Assistant at The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law</p>
16.45 – 17.00	Closing

Essential Reading List in Preparation of the Training

Policy Session 1 – ECONOMY: On the road to a fiscal Union

- Communication from the European Commission [“The EU budget powering the recovery plan for Europe”](#)
- European Commission’s factsheet [“The EU budget powering the Recovery Plan for Europe”](#)
- Union of European Federalists’ Press Release [“Recovery Fund should pave the way to a Fiscal Union, Fundamental Step towards a political Union”](#)
- [Union of European Federalists’ open letter to the European Parliament](#)

Policy Session 2 – CLIMATE: Getting the European Green New Deal done

- Communication from the European Commission [“The European Green New Deal”](#)
- Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament [“European Climate Law”](#)
- Union of European Federalists Federal Committee resolution [“A Sovereign Europe for a Sustainable Future by 2030 and against Climate Change”](#).

Policy Session 3 – GLOBAL EUROPE: Making Europe a global power

- European Council Conclusions on [Security and Defence](#)
- European Union Institute for Security Studies [“The CSDP in 2020”](#)
- Union of European Federalists Federal Committee Draft Resolution on a [European Foreign and Security Policy](#)

Policy Session 4 – DEMOCRACY: Will the Conference on the Future of Europe deliver?

- Resolution of the European Parliament on [the Conference on the Future of Europe](#)
- Communication from the European Commission [“Shaping the Conference on the Future of Europe”](#)
- European Council conclusions on [the general approach to the Conference on the Future of Europe](#)
- Union of European Federalists Federal Committee resolution [“A Declaration on the Conference on the Future of Europe”](#)

Skills Workshop 1 – GET EUROPE RIGHT: Combat fake News, Promote a positive narrative

- Joint Communication from the European institutions [“Action Plan against Disinformation”](#)
- [Code of Practice against Disinformation](#)
- UNESCO [“Journalism, ‘Fake News’ & Disinformation”](#)

Skills Workshop 3 – BE A EUROPE SUPER-LOBBYIST

- Gianluca Sgueo, [“Beyond Networks”](#)
- Gianluca Sgueo, [“Designed to Impact. A reflection on playfulness and advocacy”](#)
- Gianluca Sgueo, [“Transparency of Lobbying at EU level”](#)

Partners



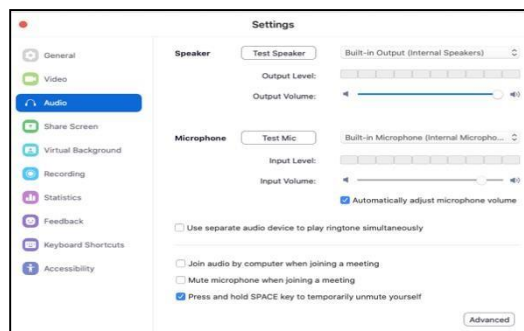
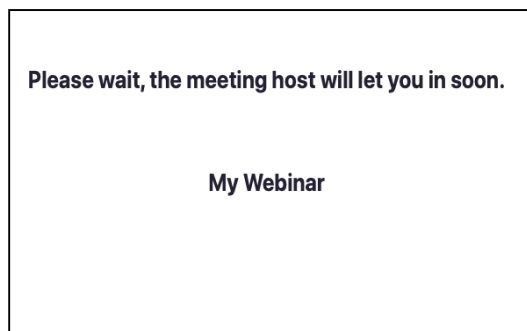
Technical Guidelines

Preliminary rules.

1. Download the [Zoom app](#) in advance to avoid technical problems.
2. Have a stable internet connection (ideally cabled one).
3. Connect your headset and camera to your device, if not incorporated.
4. One day before UEF secretariat will share with you the Meeting ID and the link. Type the Meeting ID on Zoom or enter the link in the browser (it will automatically redirect you to the Zoom app).

Entering the Zoom Room and joining the debate.

1. Click on the link you have received per E-mail. Please, join the event at least 5 minutes before the starting time.
2. Once you have clicked on the aforementioned link, you will enter a “waiting-room” until the beginning of the event. While on hold, you will be able to test their video and microphone connection (See example below).

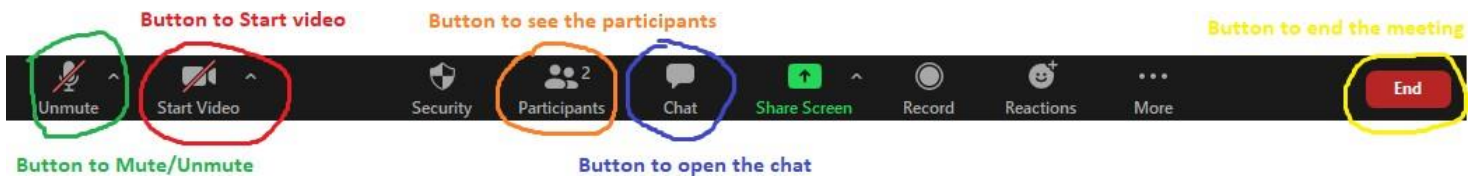


3. The moment the event begins, the host will give you access to the room. You will be able then to turn on your video whenever you are ready and eventually unmute yourself when you want to talk.
4. During the debate everyone will be muted. When you want to take the floor, you need to raise your hand, so to give possibility to the moderator to see who want to talk. To activate it, click on “More” on your name and click “Raise hand”, a blue hand will appear near your name (see example below). Please, follow the indications of the moderator, so to avoid confusion.



5. Only when the moderator gives the floor, you can unmute yourself and speak. Remember to unmute yourself every time you wish to take the floor. You will find the option “Mute/Unmute” at the bottom of your device (see example below).
6. You will be able to disconnect from the Event by clicking the red “End Meeting”-button on the bottom-right corner.
7. Zoom allows participants to write in a “chat”. You can use it to pose questions, comment or denounce technical problems. The chat is public: everybody can see what you are writing. However, if you want to communicate privately with another participants, you can use the private chat.

Below you will find an overview of the control center of Zoom.



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