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4, pl. Saint-Germain-des-Prés

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY

8.30 | Arrival and registration

9.30 | Session I – Opening, presentation of the program & keynote 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
- **JEAN-MARIE CAVADA**, Member of the European Parliament, President of the Mouvement Européen-France

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

10.30

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)
- **SYLVIE 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
- **EDOUARD TÉTREAU**, Columnist at Les Echos, Founder of website *Les Etats-Union 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

Lunch break

14.00

Session III – Panel discussion

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

- **BERNARD BARTHALAY**, President of Puissance Europe, Board Member of the Union of European Federalists – France
- **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.com, the European Magazine.

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

Coffee Break

17.00	<p>Session IV – Panel discussion</p> <p>“ THE FEDERALIST CAMPAIGN FOR THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS: JEF AND UEF POLITICAL DEMANDS AND JOINT CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES ”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PAULINE GESSANT, President of the Young European Federalists (JEF) ▪ FRANCESCO FERRERO, Vice President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)
19.00	Closing

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