



Europa-Union Deutschland & Movimento Federalista Europeo initiative for

## **A FEDERAL EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION NOW!**

The foundations of the unity and solidarity among the European people are in jeopardy. Europe's future hangs in the balance. Politics must find the right directions and instruments to act at once.

The current intergovernmental approach to tackle the crisis with short-term measures has failed. Without a major European impulse capable of bringing about continent-wide growth and development, the sacrifices at national level that are necessary in order to address the debt crisis will not be sufficient to win back the confidence neither of the European people, nor of the markets nor of the rest of the world. Neither is it possible to go on evading the crucial question of European democratic legitimacy and the challenges of globalization.

### ***For these reasons we ask for***

A new political initiative on the part of the Eurogroup countries in order to lay the foundations for the creation of a European federation, through a democratic constituent method: it is necessary to demonstrate that the European political project can continue to go forward and its democratic legitimacy be strengthened while at the same time overcoming the current debt and confidence crisis;

- a strengthening of political unity, starting with the Eurogroup and all the countries wanting greater unity, while finding better and more effective ways to ensure democratic, transparent and effective decision-making, on the political, economic and fiscal plane;
- keeping in mind that the current tendency to react to the crisis with intergovernmental methods has proved to be short sighted and was accompanied by a surge of renationalization; accordingly, we not only need a reinvigoration of the community method but have to go beyond by promoting a federal political union. The sum of national interests does not equal the best approach for the EU and is contrary to the very essence of the European integration as envisioned by the European founding fathers such as Alcide de Gasperi and Konrad Adenauer;
- an appeal of the European Parliament to the national governments and parliaments to convene a new constituent Convention;
- the convening of a constituent convention composed of representatives elected by the citizens both at national and at European level, as well as representatives of the governments and the European Commission, which, overcoming national vetoes, will have a mandate to develop a federal constitution;
- the inclusion in the new constitution of a provision for differentiated integration that will allow countries sufficient time to adapt to the different stages of a deepening European integration, allowing them to join together to move forward, or to stay behind to prepare better for more integration later on;

***The European federalists active in Germany and Italy appeal to the men and women of the national and European institutions, parties, political movements and civil society to support this initiative.***