

The Speakers (in alphabetical order)



Stefano Bartolini, Professor of Economics, University of Siena

Stefano Bartolini is a Professor of Political Economy and Social Economy at the faculty of Economics «Richard M. Goodwin» of the University of Siena. He has been researching in areas such as on social capital, well-being, growth, development, environmental resources, labor, law & economics.

Gauthier Bas, co-founder of Old Continent

Gauthier grew up in Lille (North of France), he studied political sciences in Brussels, Prague (Erasmus) and Strasbourg. After different internships, civic service and many trips across Europe, he joined the European Parliament DG Communication and then worked as Parliamentary Assistant for a MEP. From 2011 to 2013 he was a consultant in European affairs for a leading Consultancy in Brussels. In the meantime, he launched with Charl e Jourdan the P-Lux T-shirt project. They both created Old-Continent in April 2013, a European Communication agency specialized in visual productions.



Ivan Botoucharov, Head of Public Relations at One Europe

He is involved with a number of Civil Society organizations, which he advises on how to promote themselves and their activities, how to multiply the effect of their work, how to recruit and motivate volunteers, and how to generate momentum for rapid growth.

Ivan's professional expertise is in Media, Communications and Public Relations, and he is extremely passionate about Europe and its civil society.

Since 2011 he's been involved with OneEurope (www.one-europe.info) – a media organization which publishes daily new articles, statistics, infographics and videos from a European perspective, and promotes civil society initiatives, events and campaigns, in order to raise the debate on a more united and democratic Europe.

Paulo Casaca, Member of the European Parliament (1999-2009);

Founder and executive director of the “South Asia Democratic Forum”; founder of the international co-operation association registered in Brussels ARCHumankind, “Alliance to Renew Co-operation among Humankind”, of the consultancy company on sustainable development registered in Brussels, LessMeansMore, Land and Energy Sustainable Systems, Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the US in the first semester of 2010; Member of the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) in 1999-2009; team leader of a report commissioned by the US based NGO Committee to Study the Organization of Peace “A Green Ray over Iraq” presented to the UN.

Mr Casaca was a Member of the European Parliament for ten years where he chaired the delegation for relations with NATO Parliamentary Assembly and coordinated the socialist group in the Budgets Control Committee. He was also a member of the fisheries committee and the temporary committee on the financial perspectives 2007-2013. He was founder, president or member of several European parliamentary caucuses, namely the Friends of a Free Iran. Previously Mr Casaca was a Councillor in the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union from 1996 to 1999, chief of staff of the Minister for Territorial Planning and Public Works in 1995/1996, economics advisor for the socialist fraction in the national parliament and Founder and Director of Amnesty International Section in Ponta Delgada, Azores. During his academic career, Mr Casaca lectured at the Economics Departments of the Lisbon Accounting Institute and at the University of the Azores from 1980 and was then invited as a professor at the Lisbon Technical University. He is the author of several books and reports on the economic and social affairs, human right and the issue of religious fanaticism.



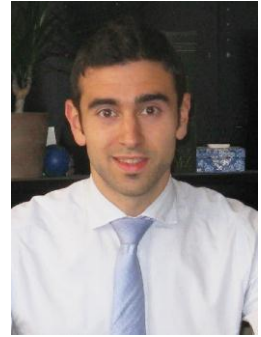
Maria Coelho, Board Member for Communication, European Federalist Party

Maria has been the national coordinator for Portugal and working with the EFP's communication strategy for two years. She holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Columbia University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at University of California, Berkeley.

Pietro De Matteis, PhD, co-President of the European Federalist Party

A convinced European federalist, Pietro De Matteis holds a PhD in international studies from the University of Cambridge. After some experience at the European Central Bank and at the EU Institute for Security Studies, he currently works for the European Commission. An economist by training, he graduated from the University of Milan-Bicocca (summa cum laude) and obtained a Masters-level degree from the European College of Parma. Thanks to some scholarships he had the opportunity to research in the US (Columbia University) and in China (Renmin University).

Pietro joined the federalist movements (e.g. JEF, GFE) after his Erasmus year at University of Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne in 2003. Following the rejection of the "European Constitution" in France and in the Netherlands he started to work for the creation of a truly pan-European and federalist political party, capable of giving Europeans a stronger and more direct voice in European politics. Since 2011 he serves as the Co-President of the European Federalist Party.



Nicolas de Potter, project director and expert in inter-generational cooperation

Nic grew up as of 1958 in Bruges, married in Brussels and got 6 children, all at home, aged 8 to 26. He holds a BA Marketing of the European University in Antwerp, an MBA Information Systems from the University of Dallas and a business degree from the Solvay ULB business school. Throughout his career he has worked for several organisations including as Interreg manager for the Euroregion Transmanche, at General Delegation of Québec, for the Wall Street Journal Europe, and at Vestas Wind Turbines. He currently advocates -together with prof. Patricia Leighon - for the creation of "twinning teams" to promote intergenerational cooperation.

David Earnshaw, CEO Burson-Marsteller

A policy, advocacy and communications professional based in Brussels, David Earnshaw has worked on European policy and political communications issues for over 20 years, including in the European Parliament, as head of the Brussels office of SmithKline Beecham for six years, and as head of the Brussels office of Oxfam International, the world's leading development and humanitarian relief organisation. David is now the Burson-Marsteller Brussels Chief Executive since January 2011. In the past he also worked in British government during the 1980s and fought the 1989 European elections as a Labour candidate in the UK. He was an expert health policy advisor to the European Parliament's Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, 2005-2007; and a sherpa to the European Commission's High Level Group on Competitiveness, Environment and Energy (created by Commission Vice President Verheugen in January 2006). David has an MBA from Solvay Business School, Brussels and currently teaches at the College of Europe, Bruges.



Hélène Féo, vice-President, European Federalist Party

Former student of Sciences-Po Bordeaux, she works today in the first French advertisement agency. Born in 1965, she has Spanish and Polish origins. She was a federalist activist since her early twenties. Indeed she used to work in the European Parliament. She is one of the founders of the French Federalist Party in 1995, she was 28 years old. Since then she took part in almost every local elections as a candidate. She took part in all the Federalist Party struggles, including the 2005 referendum campaign. She was the candidate of the European Federalist Party for the 2012 presidential elections.

In June 2012, she runs for parliamentary elections in the 9th electoral constituency of the Hauts-de-Seine.

Yves Gernigon, PhD, co-President of the European Federalist Party

He has been involved in the French Federalist Party for 10 years, and served as its President since 2009. He has a Masters in Economics, Law and Politics from Sciences-Po and has been working in Paris as an adviser in corporate and financial communication for more than 20 years.





Ignasi Guardans, Member of the European Parliament (2004-2009)

Ignasi (Barcelona,1964) graduated in law in 1987 and he obtained his Ph.D. in 1992. After a few years teaching Private International Law, he practiced for a few years at an international business law firm.

In 1995 he was elected to the Catalan Parliament. Shortly afterwards he was elected to the Spanish Parliament (1996-2004), and was later elected to the European Parliament (2004-2009). He assumed different responsibilities, and was mostly dedicated to these topics: International Politics and European Affairs; Culture and the Media, including the Digital environment; International Trade, and the promotion of Human Rights.

In 2009 he was appointed Director General of Spain's Film Agency ("ICAA"). In 2012, after a period in charge of Public Affairs at the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) in Geneva, he moved to Brussels, from where he currently works as independent consultant, mostly in the field of creative industries, media and communications. He channels most of his activity through "CUMEDIAE- Culture & Media Agency Europe", a non-profit consultancy he founded.

Mr. Guardans is a regular contributor to the media, and is considered an influential user of social networks.

Charl e Jourdan, Director of the Euro Bubble series

I studied Philosophy and Political Sciences, worked in the European Parliament and then traveled in Asia and North America for about 10 months. After observing how the "extra-european" world was working and going forward, I decided to come back in Brussels to create Old Continent with Gauthier, a Visual Communication Agency, that would help people in Europe communicate their content. We believe that if we do not start a massive collaborative trend from Brussels, there are very few chances that one day the rest of Europe continue to have trust in the importance of Brussels and its institutions. So we are here to make that move. I am the manager of Old Continent.



Georgios Kostakos, consultant, former UN Senior Adviser and Acting Deputy Executive Secretary

Georgios Kostakos holds a PhD in International Relations and a Mechanical Engineering degree. He served on the secretariat of the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (GSP) as Senior Adviser and Acting Deputy Executive Secretary, and on many other positions at UN Headquarters in New York, UN field missions, the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) and the University of Athens. He is currently an independent consultant based in Brussels, Belgium. In his over twenty years of experience he has been dealing with issues of global governance and sustainability, climate change, UN reform and policy planning, UN system coordination, political affairs, conflict resolution, peacekeeping and peacebuilding. He maintains a current affairs blog at www.kostakos.net

Hans Mund, founder Citizen- E, Rock the Union

Hans Mund, came to Brussels in 2011 where he did his internship worked for a well known German Think Tank on the European Budget and the question of the added value of the Multi Annual Financial Framework. In autumn 2011 he started Citizen-E a project to communicate Europe and European policies to a wider public outside of Brussels. Since January 2013 he runs his own communication consultancy in Bonn (Germany) with focus on Brussels. He is the founder of the Rock the Union Tour, a citizens driven awareness raising tour about the European Parliament elections in May 2014.



Vincent Mabillard, European Citizens' Initiative: Let Me Vote

Vincent Mabillard holds a B.A. in political science from the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) and a M.A. in international relations from the Catholic University of Louvain. He used to work for the Institute of Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin, where he set up a congress on immigration and integration in a time of austerity. He currently works as project coordinator for Let Me Vote, a European Citizens' Initiative which aims to strengthen European citizenship and democracy within the EU by granting all mobile citizens the right to vote in all elections in their new state of residence

Marco Marazzi, Secretary General, European Federalist Party

Marco, a convinced euro-federalist, is the Secretary General of the European Federalist Party and Vice-President of the EFP-Italy. He is also a director of the think tank "Rifare l'Europa" and in this capacity contributes regularly to various Italian newspapers and magazines on themes related to European foreign and defense policy as well as commercial policy.

In his professional life, Marco is an international commercial/corporate lawyer focusing on bilateral investments between Asia and Europe, with special focus on the financial services, manufacturing and retail industries and has been ranked by Chambers Asia as one of the 'leading lawyers' in this field. Until March 2012 he was Vice-Chairman, Shanghai chapter of the EU-China Chamber of Commerce (EUCCC), a 1700 member-strong organization. He is also an "expert" of the EU-China Research and Advisory Network, and in this capacity has advised the EU Commission on its policy towards China. He is a former Board member of the International Crisis Group and an active member of the International Bar Association (IBA) and cooperates especially with the IBA Human Rights Institute.



Mariarosaria Marziali, European Treasurer, European Federalist Party

Mariarosaria has a degree in Public Communication and an extensive experience as accountant in large businesses. Europe is her daily life: she now works as the European Treasurer for European Federalist Party and she is also a European Project Manager for Local Authorities.

Her dream is to make Europe a daily experience that enlightens the daily life of its citizens and supports them in building their own future.

Johanna Nyman, Board Member, European Youth Forum

Johanna Nyman, 24, is a Board member of the European Youth Forum. She was elected to this position in 2012 as a candidate of the Finnish Youth Council Allianssi. Johanna's areas of responsibility in the board include promoting youth rights and democratic participation of young people. Her grass-root civil society activity has been mainly with the scout movement, an organization she has also represented on the national and international level. Apart from being a youth NGO-activist, Johanna also studies Environmental Biology at the University of Helsinki.



Simona Pronckute, European Citizens' Initiative: Fraternité 2020

Simona Pronckutė is a Member of Citizens' Committee of the very first European Citizens Initiative (ECI) Fraternité 2020. Before joining Fraternité 2020, she worked in European NGOs and academia in Brussels, Luxembourg, Turin, Metz and Marseilles where she was in charge of issues related to European affairs, communication, researches and project management. Simona graduated with a Diploma in European Studies and holds a BA in Romanic Philology. She speaks Lithuanian, English, French, Italian, German and Dutch.



Harry Stamelos, Board Member responsible for the programme, European Federalist Party

Harry holds a Ph.D. in EU and US law and works as a practicing lawyer in Athens. He is the founder of the Greek section of the EFP and is responsible for coordinating the drafting of our federal programme for the upcoming European Parliament elections in 2014.



Johanna Suo, Cultural entrepreneur, manager and artistic director. Organizer of the Europe-wide exposition: "United States of Europe"

Johanna initially entered the culture arena through acting. She was key in creating the theatre Scenen Pipersgatan 4 in 2001, where she ran a long-term project about making marginalized voices heard through stage productions. In 2005 she moved to Paris to work at the Swedish Institute with a cultural exchange project; France Vs Suède. Founder of Innovation Culture Europe (ICE). Johanna is the initiator of United States of Europe – a travelling exhibition about European Identity and Europe today that she coordinated at the Goethe-Institut Paris. Founding Member and Coordinator of the European Cultural Parliament Youth Network (ECP YN). Member of the ECP.

Mauro Galluccio, moderator for the event

Mauro Galluccio received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the Free University of Brussels, Belgium, and his M.A. in "Psychology Applied to Institutional Contexts" from the Second University of Naples, Italy. He is both political scientist and psychologist. He is visiting scholar and MC senior research fellow at the "Conflict Management Centre" at Johns Hopkins University, SAIS in Washington D.C., USA; Scientific Adviser at the ULB, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, in Brussels, Belgium; adjunct professor at the Pontifical University, S. Bonaventura in Rome, Italy. His main research projects are on preventive diplomacy and resilience strategies, conflict resolution, interpersonal negotiation and mediation styles.

Dr. Galluccio is also the President of the European Association for Negotiation and Mediation (EANAM), based in Brussels. He has given many speeches, presented numerous papers and symposia at international conferences and congresses on the subject of International Relations and preventive diplomacy, psychology and adaptive decision-making processes especially in time of crisis. Dr. Galluccio has worked within the European institutional framework as political analyst and adviser. Previously he was Spokesman to the President of COPA and coordinator of the Crisis Management Unit at the COPA-COGECA. He is coauthor of Psychological processes in international negotiations: theoretical and practical perspectives (with F. Aquilar, Springer, New York, 2008) and co-editor of Psychological and Political Strategies for Peace Negotiation. A Cognitive Approach (with F. Aquilar, Springer, New York, 2011).

