

# **Manifesto**

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Altiero Spinelli

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Montesquieu

More than ever, the challenges we face today are worldwide: climate change, resource exhaustion and environmental destruction, economic and financial regulation, nuclear threat and collective security, fairer trade, peace-building...

In this new world, every European country is a small country. But we have one advantage: we have built together a European Union. It is a remarkable construction in which European nation-states, some even long divided by protracted conflicts, decided to be "united in diversity" and form a Commonwealth, a Community in the true sense of the word.

Striving for shared peace and prosperity, we managed to work together and combine forces, thus fostering unprecedented prosperity, democracy and reconciliation on the continent. National states gave away sovereign powers to European institutions in order to reach common goals and an "ever closer" Union.

Unfortunately, whereas the formidable challenges of a manifold crisis demand common responses, drawn at least at European level, too many politicians fall tempted to believing in national salvation only. In a time of interdependence and a globalised world, clinging to national sovereignties and intergovernmentalism is not only warfare against the European spirit; it is but an addiction to political impotence.

Today things are moving in the opposite direction, towards a looser instead of a closer Union, towards a more national instead of post-national Europe. Throwing the Community spirit behind, Member states let short-term national interests cloud the common vision. They favour

intergovernmental solutions above European solutions. Almost to the point of breaking up the Euro, the most concrete symbol of European integration.

We oppose this backward and reactionary direction. Europe has been yet again abducted – by a coalition of national politicians. It is time to bring her back. We believe that this is not the moment for Europe to slow down further integration, but on the contrary to accelerate it. The history of the European Union has proven that more Europe, not less, is the answer to the problems we face. Only with European solutions and a renewed European spirit will we be able to tackle the worldwide challenges.

Nationalism is an ideology of the past. Our goal is a federal and post-national Europe, a Europe of the citizens. This was the dream the founding fathers worked so hard to achieve. This was the project of Altiero Spinelli. This is the Europe we will go for. Because this is the Europe of the future.



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Plus que jamais, les défis du XXIe siècles sont de nature planétaire : changement climatique, épuisement des ressources, destruction de l'environnement, régulation financière et économique, menace nucléaire et sécurité collective, maintien de la paix,...

Dans ce nouveau monde, chaque pays européen est un petit pays. Mais nous avons un atout : nous avons bâti ensemble une Union européenne. C'est une construction remarquable et inédite, dans laquelle les Etats-nations d'Europe, pour certains longtemps divisés par des conflits incessants, ont décidé d'être « unis dans la diversité » et de former ensemble une Communauté au sens le plus fort du terme.

Tendus vers notre but commun de paix et prospérités partagées, nous avons réussi à coopérer et additionner nos forces, apportant une richesse sans précédent, la démocratie et la réconciliation à l'échelle du continent. Les Etats nations mirent en commun une partie de leur souveraineté nationale au sein d'institutions européennes afin de parvenir ensemble à leurs objectifs communs et une « union toujours plus étroite ».

Malheureusement, alors que les défis gigantesques d'une crise multiple exigeraient des réponses communes, au moins conçues à l'échelle européenne, trop d'hommes et de femmes politiques cèdent à la tentation de croire en un salut seulement national. En ces temps d'interdépendance et de mondialisation, s'accrocher ainsi aux ombres de la souveraineté nationale n'est pas seulement renier l'esprit communautaire; c'est surtout se condamner à l'impuissance politique.

A présent, les choses semblent régresser, vers une union plus lâche qu'étroite, vers une Europe plus nationale que supranationale. Oubliant tout esprit communautaire, les Etats membres laissent la myopie des intérêts nationaux limités venir brouiller la vision commune. Ils privilégient les solutions intergouvernementales aux solutions européennes. Jusqu'au point de menacer la viabilité de l'euro, le symbole le plus concret de l'intégration européenne.

Nous nous opposons à cette tendance régressive et réactionnaire. Europe a été enlevée à nouveau – et cette fois par une coalition de politiciens nationaux. Il est temps de la ramener. Nous croyons que ce n'est justement pas le moment de ralentir le rythme de l'intégration, mais au contraire de l'accélérer. L'histoire européenne nous l'a déjà montré, ce n'est pas avec *moins* mais avec *plus* d'Europe que se trouvent les réponses aux problèmes qui se posent à nous. Seules des solutions européennes et un esprit communautaire ressuscité nous permettront d'affronter les défis planétaires.

Le nationalisme est une idéologie du passé. Notre objectif est celui d'une Europe fédérale et post-nationale, une Europe des citoyens. C'était le rêve que les pères fondateurs s'attachèrent à réaliser. C'était le projet d'Altiero Spinelli. C'est l'Europe que nous choisissons. Parce que c'est l'Europe de demain.

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# Who we are

Members of the SPINELLI GROUP (10-09-2010)

# **Jacques Delors**

Jacques Delors (born 20 July 1925) held a series of posts in French banking and state planning at the Banque de France in the 1940s–1960s. He was also active in the Christian Trade Union Confederation (renamed the Democratic Trade Union Confederation in 1964). In 1962 he left the Banque de France, where he had quickly risen to an executive position, to head the social affairs division of the state's General Planning Commission. From 1969 to 1972 he served as chief adviser on social affairs to the Gaullist Prime Minister Jacques Chaban-Delmas. In 1974, Delors joined the French Socialist Party, and became the party's national delegate for international economic relations in 1976. In 1979 he was elected to the European Parliament, where he served as chairman of the economic and monetary committee. Under President Mitterrand, Delors served as Economics and Finance Minister from 1981–1983, and Economics, Finance, and Budget Minister

from 1983–1984. He then became President of the European Commission in January 1985. During his presidency, he oversaw important budgetary reforms and laid the groundwork for the introduction of a Single market within the European Community. In 1996 Delors founded the Paris think tank Notre Europe and remains one of its presidents today.

#### Mario Monti

Mario Monti (born 19 March 1943) received a degree in economics at Bocconi University and pursued his studies at Yale University. From 1978 to 1994, he contributed regularly to the Italian "Corriere della Sera". Monti served as Rector of Milan's Bocconi University from 1989 to 1994. In 1994, he was appointed President. After serving as professor of Economics and Director of the Institute of Economics in Bocconi, he lectured at the Universities of Trento and Turin before returning to his alma mater. As a Member of the European Commission from 1999-2004, Monti was in charge of the Single Market, Financial Services and Tax Policy from 1995 until 1999. During the following legislature, he was the European Commissioner in charge of Competition. With his recent report for the Commission on the Single Market, Monti continues to contribute to the European project, and the cornerstone of the European integration, the Single Market.

## Joschka Fischer

Joschka Fischer (born 12 April 1948) is a German politician of the Alliance '90/The Greens. In 1985, he became Minister for the Environment in the Landtag of Hesse. Fischer was again Environment Minister in Hesse from 1991 to 1994, and, later on, became co-chairman of the Greens parliamentary party in the Bundestag. In September 1998, Fischer became Minister of Foreign Affairs. In May 2000, he re-started the discussion about the EU Constitution and defended the federalist approach. From September 2006 until 2007, Joschka Fischer was a senior fellow at the Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination and a visiting professor at Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, both at Princeton University. Since 2008, Fischer has been employed with the Albright Group, an international strategy consulting firm led by Madeleine Albright.

#### Pat Cox

Pat Cox (born 28 November 1952) is an Irish politician. He is a former economics lecturer, journalist and television presenter. He served as Member of the European Parliament from 1989 until 2004. In 1998, he was elected President of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Group, ELDR. He was unanimously re-elected in June 1999 following the elections to the European Parliament. From 2002 until 2004, he was President of the European Parliament. On 20 May 2004, he was awarded the Karlsprize for his achievements with regard to the enlargement of the European Union and for his work in promoting greater EU democratisation. In 2005, Cox was elected as the new president of the European Movement, an international pro-European association. In June 2009, he actively campaigned during the campaign for the pro Lisbon treaty initiative Ireland for Europe.

#### Roza Thun

Róża Thun is a Polish politician (born 13 April 1954). She graduated from the Jagiellonian University in Kraków with a master's degree in English philology in 1979. During her studies, she was member, and later spokesperson, of the Student Committee of Solidarity. Between 1977 and 1980, she was also associated with the Workers' Defence Committee, an organization helping political prisoners and their families. Between 1992 and 2005, Thun was the general director and chairwoman of the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, a non-governmental organization promoting European integration. Between 2005 and 2009, Thun was the Head of Representation of the European Commission to Poland. She became Member of the European Parliament, after the elections of 2009. As a MEP, Thun is a member of the committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, the delegation for relations with Israel and the delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.

## Kalypso Nicolaidis

Kalypso Nicolaïdis (born in 1962) holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University, a Master in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government, a Master in International Economics and a Diplome Service Public from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris. Before moving back to Europe, she taught European affairs and international relations at Harvard University where she was associate professor at the Kennedy School of Government. Nicolaïdis is currently a Professor in International Relations and Director of the European Studies Centre at Oxford University. Professor Nicolaïdis has been much involved in

European politics. She was an advisor to the Greek Foreign Minister, George Papandreou on European affairs in 1996 and advisor to the Dutch presidency of the EU on the theme of 'Europe: a Beautiful Idea' in 2004. Nicolaïdis also worked with the European Commission on the White Paper on Governance as well as a trade and regulation expert for UNCTAD and the OECD. Most recently, she produced a report on the European Neighbourhood Policy for the European Parliament.

#### Danuta Hübner

Danuta Hubner (born 8 April 1948) is a Polish economist, academic, and policy maker. In 1971, Hübner obtained her degree in economics from the Warsaw School of Economics, after which she promoted in economics (1974). Hubner has been professor in economics since 1992. She regularly taught abroad. Since 1994, Hubner has been politically active. From 1994-1996, she was the Secretary of State for Industry. In 1997 she became the head of the office of the Polish President. In 1998-2001, she was a member of UN Commission for Europe. From 2001-2003, she was the Secretary for Foreign Affairs and from 2003 to April Minister. Since the accession of Poland to the European Union in May 2004 she has been Member of the European Commission, initially without portfolio. From November 2004 until her resignation in July 2009, she was in charge of regional policy. Since July 2009, she is a Member of the European Parliament where she chairs the Regional Affairs Committee.

## Gesine Schwan

Gesine Schwan (born 22 May 1943) is a German political science professor and member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany. In 1962, she began her studies in history, philosophy, romance languages, and political science at the Free University of Berlin and later at University of Freiburg. After research conducted in Warsaw and Kraków, she obtained her Ph.D. in 1970 from FU Berlin for a dissertation on the Polish philosopher Leszek Kołakowski. In Krakow University, she became assistant professor and continued her work on the critique of Marx for which she received a habilitation in 1975. Schwan was appointed full professor at the Department of Political Science at FU Berlin in 1977. The SDP has nominated her twice as a candidate for the federal presidential elections.

## Tomaso Padoa Schioppa

Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa (born July 23, 1940) is an Italian banker and economist. He graduated from Bocconi University, Milan in 1966 and received a Master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1970. After a first job in Germany, he joined the Bank of Italy in 1968, eventually becoming Vice-Director General from 1984 to 1997. In 1980, he became a member of the influential Washington-based financial advisory body, 'the Group of Thirty'. From 1993 to 1997, he was president of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. The following year, he was the Head of Consob, Italy's stock market supervision agency. Padoa-Schioppa became a member of the European Central Bank's six-member executive board from its foundation in 1998 until the end of May 2005. In 2006, he was appointed Economy and Finance Minister in the government of Romano Prodi, serving until May 2008. In October 2005, he became president of Paris-based think tank Notre Europe, which he still is today.

#### Elie Barnavi

Eli Barnavi is Professor of European Early Modern History at Tel Aviv University (emeritus), the Scientific Advisor to the Museum of Europe in Brussels and the Scientific Director to the Forum de Paris.

From 2000 to 2002 he served as the Ambassador of Israel to France.

Eli Barnavi wrote some fifteen books on France and Europe in the turmoil of the Religious Wars and on the contemporary history of Israel and of the Jewish people. He published numerous studies in professional journals in Europe, the US ands Canada, as well as political articles in the Israeli and European press.

Currently, he is a columnist with the French weekly Marianne.

#### Among his latest books:

- Les religions meurtrières, Flammarion
- La Révolution européenne, 1945-2007, Perrin, (with Kzrysztof Pomian)
- L'Europe frigide. Réflexions sur un projet inachevé, André Versaille éditeur
- Aujourd'hui, ou peut-être jamais. Pour une paix américaine au Proche-Orient, André Versaille éditeur

#### JM Ferry

Jean-Marc Ferry is a French philosopher and Professor in political science and moral philosophy at the ULB in Brussels. He is also a researcher at the CNRS in Paris and teaches at the Institute of European Studies in Brussels and the College of Europe in Bruges. Ferry is a former fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (Bonn). He was awarded with the 'Prix Louis Marino' of the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences of the Institute of France, for the "Question de l'Etat Européen" (2000) and in 1995, he won the price 'La Bruyere' of the French Academy in Philosophy, Ethics and Sociology, for the entity of his work. Ferry is known for his dissertations on the post national identity in Europe. His work has been described by Paul Ricoeur as "one of the most important works recently published in the field of social and political philosophy".

## **Ulrich Beck**

Ulrich Beck is German and (born May 15, 1944) has studied sociology, philosophy, psychology, and political science at Munich University. In 1972, he obtained his title of Doctor of Philosophy and worked as a sociologist at Munich University. Beck was professor at the universities of Münster (1979-1981) and Bamberg (1981-1992) and founded the research centre at the University of Munich, Sonderforschungsbereich in 1999. Currently he is Professor for Sociology at the University of Munich, and has been the British Journal of Sociology LSE Centennial Professor in the Department of Sociology. Beck has received Honorary Doctorates from several European universities. In his work, Beck focuses on modernization, ecological problems, individualization, and globalization. He has also contributed a number of new words in German sociology, including "risk society", "second modernity" and reflexive modernization.

# Amartya Sen

Amartya Kumar Sen (born 3 November 1933) is an eminent Indian economist and philosopher. He is currently the Thomas W. Lamont University Professor and Professor of Economics and Philosophy at Harvard University. He is also a senior fellow at the Harvard Society of Fellows and a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, where he previously served as Master from the years 1998 to 2004. Amartya Sen is best known for his work on famine, social choice theory, welfare economics, and the underlying causes of poverty and hunger. He received the Nobel Prize for his work in mathematical economics in 1998. The government of India awarded him with the highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna in 1999. Among academics Sen's reputation is almost unrivalled. He has served as a full-time or visiting professor at a dozen of the world's most

#### **Andrew Duff**

Andrew Duff is a British politician. He is currently spokesman for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) on Constitutional Affairs. He was a member of the Convention on the Charter of Fundamental Rights and the Convention on the Future of Europe. He represented the Parliament in the Intergovernmental Conference on the Treaty of Lisbon. He is currently the Parliament's rapporteur on electoral reform. Duff has been the Liberal Democrat Member of the European Parliament for the East of England since 1999. Elected President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF) in 2008, Duff also chairs the Federalist Intergroup in the European Parliament. Duff was Director of the Federal Trust for Education and Research, 1993-99. He is a founder member of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). He was Vice-President of the Liberal Democrats, 1994-97, and a City Councillor in Cambridge, 1982-90.

## Elmar Brok

Elmar Brok is a German politician (born 14 May 1946). He studied law and politics in Germany and at the Centre for European Governmental Studies at the University of Edinburgh. He worked as a radio journalist and newspaper correspondent, before he became Senior Vice President for Media Development at Bertelsmann AG. Within the Christian Democratic Party in Germany, Brok has held numerous leadership positions, before entering the European Parliament in 1980. As a member of the Convention on the Constitution for Europe and in the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, Mr Brok contributed crucially to the Constitution of the European Union. Brok was also the European Parliament Representative on the Council's Reflection Group for Maastricht II, the European Parliament Representative at the Intergovernmental Conference on the Treaty of Amsterdam, the European Parliament Representative at the 2000 Intergovernmental Conference and lately rapporteur on the European Externa Action Service (EEAS). He received many honours, including the First Class Federal Cross of Merit.

## **Tibor Dessewfy**

Tibor Dessewffy (born December 28 1962) is a Hungarian sociologist. He obtained a degree in Law in 1989 and in Sociology at the Eötvös University. He obtained a PhD in Sociology at the University of Amsterdam in 1996. He was a visiting fellow at the New School for Social Research in 1998 and Mellon Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities,

University of Edinburgh in 2001. He won the Pro Scientia and Erdei Ferenc Prize for his academic achievement. He is the scientific leader of the Hungarian researches of the World Internet Project and member of the National Council for Communication and Information Technology. Fields of interest: theories of information society, social effects of the technological development and the sociology of everyday life. Dessewffy is currently chairman of the DEMOS think tank Hungary Foundation and associate professor at the Faculty of Social Siences, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest.

#### Sandro Gozi

Sandro Gozi (born 25 March 1968) is an Italian Member of Parliament. He obtained his Law degree from the University of Bologna in 1992. The following years, he studied in London and Paris. In 1996, he received his PhD in Public Law from the University of Bologna. From 1996 until 1998, Gozi pursued a Master in International Politics at ULB in Brussels.

He served as a diplomat at the Italian Foreign Office. Then, in 1998, he became an EU civil servant and later a member of the Cabinet of European Commission of President Prodi and policy advisor to President Barroso.

Between 2006 and 2008, he has been the Chairman of the Parliamentary Oversight Bicameral Committee on the Implementation of the Schengen agreement, Europol and Immigration Affairs and he is now spokesperson of the Democratic Party for EU Policies.

He has been nominated in 2010 as Vice President of the European Federalist Movement. As a professor, he has given lectures at numerous universities, including the European College of Parma, University of Bologna, College of Europe in Bruges, University of Calabria and Institut de Sciences Politiques (Sciences Po) in Paris.

Sandro Gozi is also author of various publications on European and comparative politics as well as of editorials on European and national policies.

#### Pawel Swieboda

Pawel Świeboda (born in 1972) is a graduate of the London School of Economics and the University of London. He served as the EU Advisor to the President of Poland from 1996-2000. He then headed the Office for European Integration in the Chancellery of the President. From 2001-2006 he served as Director of the Department of the European Union in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where he was responsible for EU accession negotiations and subsequently institutional reform in the Union and negotiations on the Financial Perspective. In July 2006 he became President of demos EUROPA – Centre for European Strategy. In addition to his role at the BDF, he is also a Member of the Lisbon Council, Member of the Advisory Board of the European Policy Centre, Co-President of BELA (Broader European Leadership Agenda) Foundation, Member of the Council of the Amicus Europae Foundation. He is the author of numerous articles on issues of European integration and international relations. He is columnist on foreign policy in "Gazeta Wyborcza", Poland's largest daily newspaper.

## Kurt Vandenberghe

Kurt Vandenberghe obtained a licenciate in Romance literatures and linguistics in 1988 at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. In 1999, he graduated in Public and International Affairs at Université Catholique de Louvain. After that, he obtained a Master in International Relations at the John Hopkins University of Washington DC and Bologna, Italy. He started his career in 1993 as manager of Ernst & Young Association management in Brussels. In 1996, Kurt Vandenberghe started working for the European Commission in the DG Transport Research and Development. In 1999 he became member of Cabinet of Philippe Busquin, Commission Member for Research. Particular areas covered research policy, life sciences and biotechnology and Space technology. In 2004 he became Head of Cabinet.

#### Gaëtane Ricard-Nihoul

Gaetane Ricard-Nihoul (born 29 May 1972) graduated at the University of Liege in political science and public administration. She then obtained a Master and a PhD in European politics at the University of Oxford. Her research focused primarily on the formation of public policy within the European Union and in particular on education policy. From 1999-2002, Ricard-Nihoul was responsible for European and International Affairs in the Cabinet of Isabelle Durant, who was then Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Mobility and Transport within the Belgian government. She was very active during the Belgian Presidency of the European Union and represented the Deputy Prime Minister at the Ministerial Conference of WTO in Seattle and at the Intergovernmental Conference. She followed the European Council in Biarritz, Nice and Laeken and the Working Group of the Belgian government for the Laeken Declaration closely. Gaetane Ricard-Nihoul then joined the European Commission, to work in the DG Education and Culture, Audiovisual Policy Unit. As Member of the Sector for External Relations, she took part inat the accession negotiations with 13 candidate countries. In April 2004, she joined the staff of Notre Europe, as adviser to the President and then as Secretary General of this think thank.

# Anna Triandafyllidou

Anna Triandafyllidou received her BA in sociology from Panteion University in Athens, Greece (1990) and her PhD in the Social and Political Sciences from the European University Institute of Florence (1995). She has held teaching and research positions at the University of Surrey (1994-95), London School of Economics (1995-97), Consiglio Nazionale per le Ricerche in Rome (1997-99), New York University (2001), Bristol University (2001-02) and the European University Institute of Florence (1992-1994 and 1999-2007). She has been Visiting Professor at the College of Europe in Bruges since 2002. She has been awarded a part time Professorship at the European University Institute, in Florence, Italy as of December 2009. She is

also Assistant Professor at the Democritus University of Thrace, Greece and Senior Research Fellow at the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in Athens. Her main areas of research are migration, nationalism, European integration, media and discourse studies and her expertise covers Southern, Western and Central Eastern Europe including comparative highlights with the US.

## Diogo Pinto

Diogo Pinto was born in Mozambique. From 1996 until 2002, he studied Sociology at the Instituto Superior de Ciencias do Trabalho e da Empresa. From 1995-1198, he was President of the Portuguese National Youth Council – CNJ. He became national director of Intercultura – AFS Portugal in 2001. In May 2005, he became Secretary General of the European Youth Forum, an organization aiming at empowering young people to participate actively in society and improving their living conditions by representing their interests towards the European Institutions, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and others. He remained in office until May 2009, when he became Secretary General of the European Movement. Pinto is the current Secretary General of the European Movement International, an organization aimed at improving European Integration. He is co-author of two books: "20 Ideias para 2020 – Inovar Portugal" (2005) and "Ideias Perigosas para Portugal" (2010).

In the latter is stated why European Federalism is the best option for Portugal.

## Heather Grabbe

Heather Grabbe holds a PhD from Birmingham University and a BA and MA from Oxford University. Before joining the European Commission, Grabbe was deputy director of the Centre for European Reform, a London-based think-tank, where she published widely on EU enlargement and other European issues. From 2004–2009 she was senior advisor to European Commissioner for Enlargement Olli Rehn, responsible in his cabinet for the Balkans and Turkey. Her academic career includes teaching at the London School of Economics, and research at Oxford and Birmingham universities, the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House, London) and the European University Institute (Florence). Grabbe is currently director of the Open Society Institute–Brussels and director of EU affairs for the Soros network.

#### Imola Streho

Imola Streho obtained a degree from the College of Europe. From 2000 to 2002, she was a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School and NYU School of Law where she was the Executive Director of its Jean Monnet Center. From 2002 until 2008, she was a référendaire at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. She is a Doctor of Law by the Law Faculty of the University of Paris 2 (Pantheon-Assas) where she teaches on the European Judicial System and the Law of the International Market (*Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales*). She has also taught EC law at the College of Europe (Natolin campus), the Central European University in Budapest, the National University of Singapore and the University of Melbourne. She writes in the field of EU law. Currently she is Senior Lecturer at Sciences Po, Paris, where she is Program Director of the Master of European Affairs.

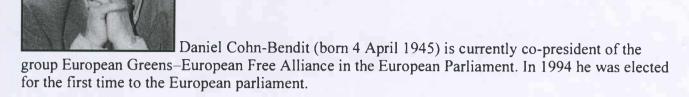
## Alina-Roxana Girbea

Alina Roxana Girbea (born 4 March 1985) has a Master degree in European Affairs from Sciences Po and is a graduate of Bucarest University. She started her Europea, carreer as an assistant to a Romanian Member of the European Parliament. She also worked as a teacher assistant in Sciences Po, Paris. Girbea pursued internships at the French Ministry of Foreign Affaires and at Notre Europe in Paris. She currently works for Europuls, a website dedicated to opinion and analysis of EU affairs.

# Guy Verhofstadt

Guy Verhofstadt, former Prime Minister of Belgium, is currently President of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in the European Parliament. As rapporteur, he contributed largely to the new European External Action service.

#### Daniel Cohn Bendit



## Sylvie Goulard

Sylvie Goulard (born 6 December 1964) is a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. As rapporteur, she contributed largely to the new Europen Financial Supervision.

## Isabelle Durant

Isabelle Durant (born 4 September 1954) is currently Vice President of the European Parliament. She is member of The Greens and holds membership in the Budget Committee and the Committee of Transport and Tourism.

## **Koert Debeuf**

Verhofstadt, President of the ALDE group in the European Parliament. Debeuf studied Ancient History at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. He was president of Klio, the circle of students of Ancient History and Classical Philology; he was president of the students of the Faculty of Arts; he won the Interfaculty Eloquence tournament and he was conference chairman of the Social Council and student representative on the Academic Council of the KU Leuven. In 1995-1996, Debeuf studied in Italy, at the University of Bologna, where he graduated with distinction. In 1998-1999 he started his career as political assistant of Carl Devlies, who was deputy mayor at that time. In 2000

Debeuf became President of the youth division of the Christian's People Party. Few years later, he left the Christian People Party to join the Liberal Open VLD, where he became the spokesman of Prime Minister Verhofstadt.

#### **Edouard Gaudot**

Edouard Gaudot (born 1975), is an historian and political scientist. A former history teacher, Edouard worked between 2004 and 2008 for Professor Bronislaw Geremek, first at the Natolin College of Europe, in Warsaw, as Coordinator for the Chair of European Civilisation, and later in Brussels at the European Parliament. He notably ensured the scientific coordination of B. Geremek's last opus (co-directed with Prof. R. Picht): Visions d'Europe, Odile Jacob, 2007. After a brief passage at the European Commission's Representation in France, he joined Daniel Cohn-Bendit and worked for the Europe-Ecologie movement as a campaign advisor. Since April, Edouard works as a Political adviser for the Green Group at the European Parliament. He has lived and worked in Australia, Poland, Austria, Belgium and France.

## Guillaume McLaughlin

Guillaume McLaughlin is currently a policy advisor in the ALDE Group in the European Parliament. Prior to this, he was political advisor to Andrew Duff MEP and as such worked in the Convention on the Future of Europe as well as the Convention on the Charter of Fundamental Rights. Before working in the European Parliament, he spent three years at the European Policy Centre in Brussels, dealing with institutional issues and before that, 4 years at the Federal Trust in London, also focusing on European and institutional questions. Guillaume McLaughlin studied at Queen Mary College and SOAS in London. He was born in London, of Franco-British parentage and grew up in Brussels.

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As indicated in the manifesto, at a time of interdependence and a globalised world, clinging to national sovereignties and intergovernmentalism is not only warfare against the European spirit, it is but an addiction to political impotence. Today we are moving in the opposite direction, towards a looser instead of a closer Union, towards a more national instead of a post-national Europe.

The aim of the Spinelli Group is to oppose this backward and reactionary direction. We believe that this is not the moment for Europe to slow down, but on the contrary to accelerate. Our goal is a federal and post-national Europe, a Europe of the citizens.

We want to make a network of those who choose the European interest above their national interest, those who want to push the federal project in their respective environment. Just like Altiero Spinelli did, we want to operate from the European Parliament, but not only from the European Parliament. The aim of the Spinelli Group is to become a network of citizens, politicians, academics and writers who are convinced it is time for Europe to move forward.

# 2. How are we going to work?

First of all there is the Steering Group, which is the founding group of the Spinelli Group. It consists of 33 convinced and proven pro-Europeans (cf list of the members) of different backgrounds, age and profession. Two of the founding members are sons in law of Altiero Spinelli: Amartya Sen and

Tommaso Padoa Schioppa.

Secondly there will be the MEP Spinelli Group. Every MEP who is prepared to withstand the pressure of their national government and support the European interest is welcome to join this group. The MEP Spinelli Group will look for strategies and majorities in the European Parliament to push the pro-European, federal and post-national agenda.

Thirdly there is the Spinelli Network Group. Every citizen who agrees with the manifesto of the Spinelli Group is invited to sign it. Signing is possible on www.spinelligroup.eu. Whoever signs the manifesto becomes a member of the Spinelli Network Group. He or she will be kept informed of future initiatives and will be invited to the annual meeting on May 9th. In the near future members will also be able to participate in debates and fora.

#### 3. Actions

The Spinelli Group will come forward with suggestions it considers as necessary Big Steps Forward. There are a lot of themes and subjects on which the European Union should move forward but someone must put them on the agenda. Federal and post-national steps forward will be proposed about for example European defence, culture and education, European citizenship or energy.

One tool the MEP Spinelli Group will use is the Written Declaration in the European Parliament. The goal is to find a federal majority on important subjects. The Written Declaration will also be used to make clear what our red lines are on important negotiations. An obvious example in the near future is going to be the negotiations on the Budget 2011, the revision of the current financial perspectives 2007-2013 and the next multi annual financial framework 2013-2020, where the Spinelli Group is not going to accept a shrinking budget.

Once or twice a year all the members of the Spinelli Network Group will be invited to a Spinelli Meeting.

The Spinelli Group will also organise The Shadow Council. Today the European Council is opting for the intergovernmental method. This is of course a consequence of the situation that every Head of State or Prime Minister is defending their own national interest. The Shadow Council will do the opposite and look for solutions based on the interest of the entire European Union and its citizens. It will be a federalist and post-national Council working on European answers to European problems.

# 4. Agenda

- 15 September: Foundation of the Spinelli Group
- October/November: First meeting of the MEP Spinelli Group
- 9 May: First meeting of the Spinelli Network Group
- March: First meeting of The Shadow Council

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- 10 11 2010
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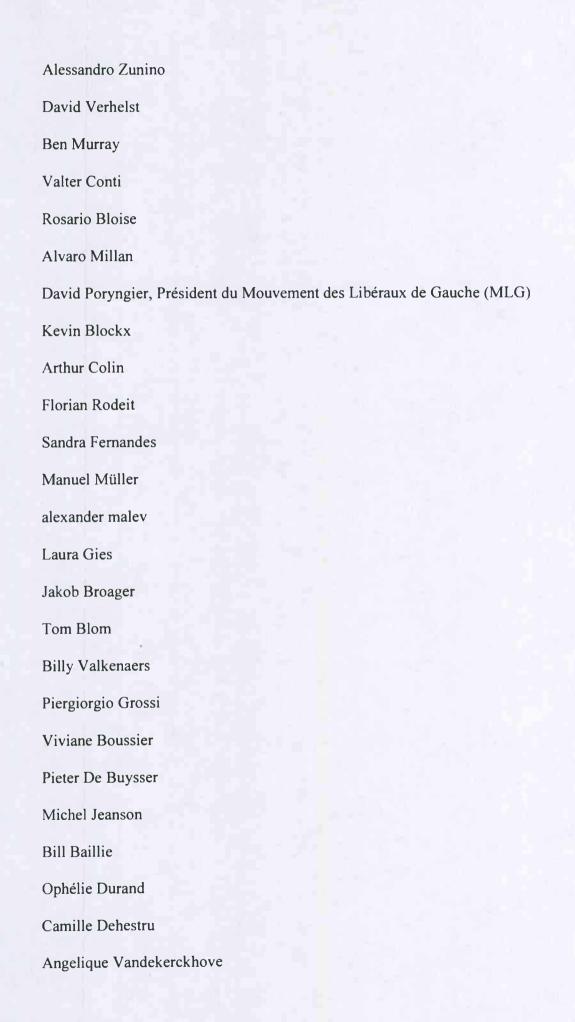
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