

Present Future of Europe

The European Political Foundations

European political foundations are organisations affiliated with European political parties.

Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES)

The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES) is the official think tank of the European People's Party. Since 2007, the WMCES inspires ideas for action, and shapes responses to European challenges. The WMCES's mission is to offer decision-makers and opinion leaders assistance in formulating new and effective policy options, to make the EU a strong global player, a sound transatlantic ally, and a great champion of democracy.

Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

The Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) is the European political foundation affiliated to the Party of European Socialists (PES) at the European Parliament. Established in 2008, it develops innovative research, policy advice, training and debates to inspire and inform socialist and social-democratic politics across Europe. It contributes to the development of progressive thinking and strengthen the ideas of Socialists, Social Democrats, Labour and Progressive Democrats, both within the EU and Europe as a whole.

European Liberal Forum (ELF)

The European Liberal Forum (ELF) is the official think tank and political foundation of the European Liberal Party, the ALDE Party, now merged into the Renew Europe group at the European Parliament. Founded in 2007, the ELF observes, analyses, and contributes to the debate on European public policy issues and the process of European integration, through research, training, and the promotion of active citizenship within Europe. The ELF works to bring new ideas into the political debate, supporting the ideals of personal freedom and responsibility.

Green European Foundation (GEF)

The Green European Foundation (GEF) is a European political foundation funded by the European Parliament. It is linked to, but independent of, other European Green actors, such as the European Green Party and the Green Group. Since 2008, the GEF's mission is to contribute to the development of a European public sphere, and to involve citizens in European politics, ultimately forging a stronger, more participative democracy. The GEF seeks to encourage cross-border cooperation with the aim of creating a common Green vision for Europe.

On the occasion of the 'Conference on the Future of Europe', the political foundations weighed the concerns of citizens and stakeholders to articulate their vision of the future of Europe.

WMCES

"We are convinced that the EU should move forward towards a real, functional, determined, authentic federation of European nations."

FEPS

"Rethink our socioeconomic model, redefine Europe's role in the world, strengthen investment in public goods, re-invent our democratic contract."

ELF

"The time for a new social contract has arrived, and we are now drafting the agenda for meaningful change. Let's work hard to make everyone feel included, our only chance to strengthen liberal democracy."

GEF

"A true European response is fundamental in tackling: climate change, efficient use and sustainable production of energy, reorientation of our economy, peace, development, consolidation of democracy and fundamental rights."