



HOW TO...

Write an article on

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WHAT IS THE TNF?

- The Newfederalist (TNF) is a blog of reference about federalism and European news
- It was created in 2005 during the debate on the European constitution
- Currently, there are versions in 4 languages (with a fifth upcoming!), 150 000 readers per month, more than 7000 articles made by around 2000 authors and an application on Android

WHAT IS PUBLISHED ON THE TNF?

- What you want to write in it! Anything <u>about</u> <u>Europe</u> or <u>federalism</u> can be interesting.
- Because the TNF is a blog and not a newspaper you are warmly encouraged to give <u>your personal</u> <u>opinions</u> or analyses on any subject that you find relevant.
- There is of course a great interest for <u>current</u> <u>news</u> but any theme that is developed in a pro-European/federalist way can be interesting.

WHAT RULES MUST MY ARTICLE FOLLOW?

- First of all, there are no general rules, only guiding principles.
- Length: between 600 and 1000 words, people get easily distracted on the net...
- Structure: your article must express your point of view or your analysis on the subject you choose. Therefore, you need first to introduce this point of view and then answer it in two or more parts before concluding.

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- **References:** if you use internal or external sources, you must quote it by hyperlink or footnotes.
- **Image:** if you want to use a specific image in order to illustrate the article, make sure that it's under a common licence and quote the author of it. You can find common licenced photos on Wikimedia for instance.
- **Title:** the title is really important because it can affect the position of the article in google search results. Make sure it's clear and with keywords.

THE STRUCTURE OF AN ARTICLE

- **Title:** clear and efficient: *The Greek crisis a chance for the European federalism*
- Introduction: expose in a few sentences:
 - The context: once again Athens must negotiate
 - Your opinion: The problem is in the structure of Euro
- The development
 - Subtitle 1: A proposal that will not end the crisis
 - Subtitle 2: The necessity of deeper integration in the eurozone
- The conclusion: we need federalism to resolve the Greek crisis

AND WHEN MY ARTICLE IS READY?

You just have to write to the editor in chief here or to tnf@jef.eu

It's not difficult, so I hope we will read an article from you next month!