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**Final presentation and
steps forward**

Brussels, 2 and 3 March 2026



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CONTEXT

The "**Federalist Peace Forum**" was born from a meeting of young European federalists with Israeli and Palestinian peace activists. Launched after the tragic events of October 7, 2023, the initiative already lived through a seven-month journey, leading to the establishment of two partner groups: '**Federalist Future Israel**' and '**Democracy & Federalism Hub Palestine**'. The pilot project has been financed by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe and also received support from the Union of European Federalists.

Our goal is to **create a space for dialogue, learning, and collaboration among young Israelis and Palestinians, encouraging them to design bold and shared ideas for peace**, beyond the limits of the traditional two-state solution. Inspired by **federalist principles that reject nationalism and promote lasting cooperation**, the initiative aims to reignite hope in one of the world's most painful conflicts and explore new, inclusive solutions. One major outcome so far has been the formulation of a common declaration. We have presented this document and our continued engagement already to lawmakers in the Italian Senate and the German Bundestag.

The four phases of the project are the following:

1. August 2025: Online meetings for sharing ideas and mutual understanding
2. September 2025: Federalist Peace Forum on the island of Ventotene
3. October 2025 to January 2026: Local actions in the participants' home communities
4. March 2026: Event in the European Parliament (March 2nd and 3rd)

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Monday, 2 March

First Session: Academic seminar and think tank roundtable

10.00 - 14.00 (*Free University Brussels, VUB*)

This session explores how federalist theory can represent a shift in perspective and a driver of innovative proposals to give new momentum to the peace process. The event will be co-organized with the project partner "Challenge - An Organization for Conflict Transformation", and it will conclude with a discussion among think tank experts to explore possible future collaborations.

Press Conference

14.00 - 14.30 (*European Parliament*)

Lunch Break

14.00 - 15.00 (*TBD*)

Second Session: Presentation & debate with policy-makers and political stakeholders

16.00 - 17.30 (*European Parliament*)

Hosted by the European Parliament Vice-President Pina Picierno (S&D) and members of the Spinelli Group, this session will involve Members of the European Parliament for a moment of presentation and discussion. Building on the results presented by the activists, several points for reflection will be put forward to guide a political debate among MEPs, with the aim of reflecting on the role that the EU and the European Parliament can play in a renewed effort for peace.

Common celebration of Iftar

18.30 (*TBD*)

Apéro with representatives of the European Youth Parties

20.00 (*TBD*)

Tuesday, 3 March

Third Session: Civil society networking – building bridges among platforms

9.00–11.00 (*European Parliament*)

In this session, JEF Europe will invite to Brussels representatives of European civil society partners who are part of JEF's collaboration network. The aim is to share experiences of cooperation between European partners and Israeli and Palestinian partners, in order to create a local network that supports innovative solutions and a renewed impetus to the peace process.

Coffee Break 11.00–11.30

Fourth Session: Internal debate and update of the political line

11.30 – 14.00 (*European Parliament*)

Activists will be invited to debate recent developments on the ground and to update the political line starting from the draft developed and voted on during the Ventotene Forum ([LINK](#)).

Departure