

Bonjour

Welcome to edition number 43 of the newsletter of Stand Up for Europe.

The support committee broadens again !

Gérard Lieberherr is the new member of our support committee this month. A graduate in Science as well as Law and Economics from Paris, he started his career in the Lazard Brothers and co. Bank. He then joined "L'Oréal" group to take charge of the pharmaceutical division as Vice-President. In the mid-90s, he created Lieberherr Associates, a company specialising in mergers and takeovers in the fields of health, at the origin of the international Euro-Biotech forum.

Since then, Mr. Lieberherr has become a mediator at the Centre de Médiation et d'Arbitrage de Paris. He is a member of several cultural associations, and has also served as Secretary General of the Association Française du Lipizzan (horse raising).

He is the author of several publications in The European Union Review, The Euro-Atlantic Union Review and for the Centro Studi sul Federalismo.

His link with European federalism is seen through his membership of the European Movement. He is in fact member of the Jean Monnet Foundation Council.



Stand Up in Bologna !

On 20/01/2017 our brand new city team in Bologna was launched. Our dedicated members and activists, with the leadership of Luca Polidori hosted their first event in Italy: 'Rilanciamo l'Europa partendo dalla cultura'. More than 80 people came to find out more about Stand Up for Europe and its vision. A wide range of organizations were represented. We welcomed Marco Lombardo on behalf of the municipality of Bologna who transmitted the best wishes of the mayor. Our distinguished speakers were Stefania Fenati (Europe Direct), Giulia Maltoni (ESN), Chiara Grigolo (ISSUE-Iniziativa Studentesca per gli Stati Uniti d'Europa), Federico Casolari (University of Bologna), and Michele Ballerin (MFE). Pietro de Matteis (vice-president of Stand Up for Europe) explained our vision and the idea behind creating city sections, highlighting the urgent need to bring the EU closer to its citizens. Following the event nine people decided to become members of our association.





Stand Up for Europe Liège invites you !

Date: Thursday the 16th of February 2017 at 8pm (reception at 7:30pm)

Place : Salle académique, Place du 20 Août, 4000 Liège

Introduction : Jean-Pascal LABILLE, President of the Fondation Ceci n'est pas une crise, and Luc MISSION, member of the Stand Up for Europe Support Committee.

Speakers: G. DASSIS, President of the European Social and Economic Committee; M. FRASSONI, Co-President of the European Green Party; S. HEINE, researcher associated with ULB and with the University of Oxford; Q. MICHEL, European politics professor at ULG.

Animator: Eric WINNEN

Free entry

The British « No » hasn't left anyone indifferent. England slammed the door on Europe, leaving us, European citizens, with questions of our own.

The right to information and the responsibility to be informed are the pillars of democracy - and so it was shocking to see the degree to which, at least partially, the British decision was the consequence of a deep lack of knowledge about Europe and the spread of confusing and false information.

This is why the Fondation Ceci n'est pas une crise has chosen to publish a collection of essays from people selected based on their ability to offer a real reflection on the subject.

This book doesn't pretend to cover all the facets of the topic - after all, you could write several volumes on each of the dimensions by themselves.

He proposes several roads of reflection, so that the reader can boost their own knowledge and their action in several very diverse fields. So that, in accordance with the foundation's goals, each of us - author as well as reader - can "do their part" in building tomorrow.

Stand Up for Europe is associating itself with the Fondation Ceci n'est pas une crise and with the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme to offer you a night of discussion on the causes and consequences of the British referendum decision.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Answering the rise of populism and racism : "What other form of national, European and international form of governance is necessary?"

On Sunday the 29th of January 2017 at 3:15pm at the Théâtre le Public in Brussels, our President **Richard Laub** was speaking on behalf of Stand Up for Europe to advance our federalist point of view and to present Stand Up for Europe's objectives.



Stand Up has already accomplished a lot!

- Constitution of a Support Committee composed of over 80 people from a number of different areas (including art, culture, entrepreneurs, politics, science, etc.) who will promote Stand Up's project.
- Growing the number of members (already over 900!)
- Developing our movement on social media (already more than 65 000 followers on Facebook!)
- Crafting several themes on the key issues of our movement
- A strategic partnership with the European Society for Defence to promote a

- common European defence policy
- Sending out monthly newsletters
- Creating an Editorial Committee to write Op'eds and tickets in the press
- Creating partnerships with trans-European groups, web sites and debates on European affairs (Vox Europ and Euractiv)
- Creation of the Students for Europe university groups/societies
- Launching local Stand Up chapters
- Organising conferences and debates
- Creating the Nouvel Européen (www.lenouveleuropeen.be), an e-magazine aiming to promote the advantages of a European federation for citizens through fictional articles inspired by current affairs
- Preparing a citizen's initiative on the refugee crisis, with the goal of getting over a million signatures so that the proposal can be debated by the European Parliament
- Working with BOZAR to create a work of art uniting 27 European artists (one per country) which will symbolise European unity and solidarity, rich in its diversity
- Launching a federalist public awareness campaign - federalist parties and movements, currently quite divided, should be uniting their forces to step up their presence in debates over the future of Europe

Le Nouvel Européen : the media to follow ! This week, a Call to the Youth of the 28 Member States



"STAND UP FOR EUROPE!" - A CALL TO THE YOUTH OF THE 28 EU MEMBER STATES - published the 26th of December 2016 in Le Nouvel Européen.

"Once again the President of the European Federation, John Forsythe, decided to relay the words of an early fighter of the European construction, Paul Goldschmidt, visionary of his time, who contributed to the revival of Europe by mobilizing young people to become full actors in the choice of guidelines and implementation of our young european federation.

In a time of Christmas 2016, Paul Goldschmidt launched a vibrant appeal to young people, « European Youth, Stand up! » which had received unprecedented echo and is reproduced below."

To read the article, [click here](#) !

Stand Up trending in the Press !

"WHAT ANSWER TO TRUMP'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS?"

Reactions of Paul Goldschmidt, Member of the Advisory Board of Stand Up for Europe:

"The American President's speech, following his taking the oath of office, will have shocked and frightened a large swathe of American public opinion and to a far greater extent Europe's! It calls for an immediate answer without any complaisance because, in the face of the slogan "America first", the only possible answer is the assertion of a European Union fully prepared to defend its own interests.

Undoubtedly we will need to apply to ourselves some of the shock recipes enumerated by Trump: protect citizens interests rather than those of the political, media and financial oligarchies, reinforce our military capabilities, deal from a position of equality (if not strength) and devoid of any complex with our partners etc."

To read the article, [click here!](#)



Follow the evolution of our movement!

Each month, you can find the big trends and stats of our movement by [clicking here !](#)

Reminder to pay your membership fee!

Dear member,

In order to carry on with our activities and reach the goals of our grassroots movement, Stand Up for Europe, which we keep you updated on through our monthly newsletter, we need your help. The membership fees we get from you are our only source of finance.

That's why we are asking you, if you have not done so already, to please send in your membership as soon as you read this message.

That fee has been fixed at 28 € per member (5 € for students). You can pay through our website ([click here](#)) or by directly sending a transfer to the 001 7047618 62 (IBAN BE51 0017 0476 1862 and BIC GEBABEBB) account.

We are confident that you understand the importance of the regular membership fees to continue the growth of our association.

We are extremely thankful for your support and your engagement. We couldn't do it without you.

If you've already paid your membership fees, feel free to ignore this reminder.

As well, if you want to further your involvement in our movement, we are happy to say that we are actively seeking people to take charge of local chapters in your community.

We await your return on this point.

Sincerely,

Bàlint Gyévai
Matteis
Secretary General
President

Richard Laub
President

Pietro de
Vice-



Discover our new website!

Dear Friend,

This new year has brought a dose of innovation with it. In fact, Stand Up for Europe adopted a brand new website to take up the new challenges Europe and our movement face.

To find out our new website [click here](#) !

Discover it !

The Stand Up team.



We want your opinion !

If you have questions, ideas, complaints or compliments to send us, just reply to one of our articles.

We would be more than happy to answer you.

Don't hesitate to react, because... we want to hear from you!

We reserve the right not to publish any comments that are offensive or that don't respect the principles of democratic pluralism. Comment is free within the limits of respect for the integrity of others and ideas.

Thank you for your support for Stand Up - you make this project live and grow !

The Stand Up for Europe team: <http://standupforuseurope.eu/>

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