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Bonjour

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1) Our Events in May:

A) **6th of May in Brussels:** Richard Laub our President will be speaking on behalf of Stand Up for Europe at the Committee of the Regions. More information available by [clicking here !](#)

B) **9th of May in Brussels:** Join us in the heart of Brussels to celebrate the Day of Europe. More information available by [clicking here !](#)

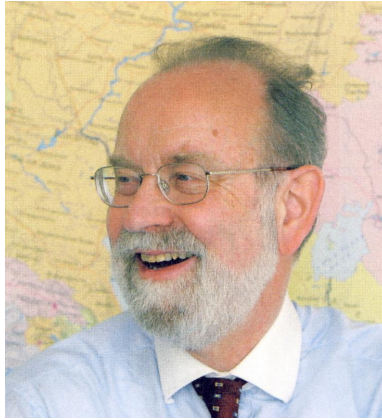
C) **23th of May in Tournai:** Citizen Dialogue with P. Moscovici and R. Demote: "Citizen Dialogue: The Europe I dream of for 2030"
More information available by [clicking here !](#)

2) New member in our Support Committee !

Bernard Snoy is a visiting professor at the Institute for European Studies of the Catholic University of Louvain. His interest in the European project dates back to his childhood and to the admiration he has always had towards his father Jean-Charles Snoy et d'Oppuers, who was negotiator and then signatory, in the name of Belgium, of the Treaties of Rome in 1957. He has always conceived European integration as something more than a mere economic project: a fully-fledged political project, based on common heritage and common values, a "project of civilisation".

His commitment to Europe is notably shown by his involvement in the activities of the European League for Economic Cooperation, which is part of the European

Movement. After being president of the League's Monetary Commission, Bernard Snoy took on its presidency in 2010 at the international level. Beforehand, Bernard Snoy was Chief of Staff to the Minister of Finance, Chief Executive Officer of the World Bank, Chief Executive Officer of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Managing Director of the Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe and Coordinator of the economic and environmental activities for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).



3) Stand Up was marching for Europe all over the EU !

The **25th of March 2017** marked the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community. While in the last six decades European integration has made incredible steps forward, today the European Union remains an incomplete construction at risk of unravelling under the pressure of multiple crisis and the rise of populism and nationalism in many countries.

That's why we were present in the streets in many cities all over the EU to speak up for our project. We were there in Rome, Brussels, London, Berlin, ... This month find back the speech of our **Secretary General, Bálint Gyévai** in Rome during the mobilisation on March 25.

[Click here](#) to watch the speech at minute 13 of the video !



4) Stand Up and SFE in the European Parliament !

The 60 years of the Treaty of Rome was the momentum used by the European Parliament to open itself to a citizen debate on today's important topics. With the participation of several MEP's and the President of the EP himself, our Stand Up -Students for Europe delegation made their voice heard through various interventions in the hemicycle.

The minutes of this debate are now [available here !](#)

Find again some pictures of this event here:



5) Commissioner Moscovici at Saint-Louis !

Conference with Pierre Moscovici, EU Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs
"What prospects for the European economy?"

Here are some pictures of the conference:



6) 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 1000!)
- Developing our movement on social media (already more than 105 000 followers on Facebook!)
- Drafting several thematic text 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 other pro-European groups, and media focused 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
- Creating Europe Today (<http://www.europetoday.ml>), an online magazine with various articles on key European topics
- Launching the European Youth Meetings (EYM)
- 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
- Approaching other federalist movements, currently quite fragmented, inciting them to unite their forces to step up their presence in debates over the future of Europe

7) *Le Nouvel Européen* : the media to follow ! This month: A EUROPE AT THE HEIGHT OF ODE TO JOY



"A EUROPE AT THE HEIGHT OF ODE TO JOY"- published on the 20th of April 2017 in *Le Nouvel Européen*.

"During this year of celebration of the anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, the president of our European Federation, John Forsythe, who always consults with his little book of quotes, fell in love with a flaming and moving pioneer of a United Europe - Pierre Defraigne, who had made an appointment with Beethoven and Béjart. The text that follows celebrated the Ode to Joy and loudly proclaims the need for a re-enchantment for European citizens."

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

8) Stand Up trending in the media !

Intervention by our **President, Richard Laub** on the website of DW about our movement on the first of April 2017.

"The pro-Europe grassroots movements aimed at saving the EU"

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



On March 29, Paul Goldschmidt, member of our Support Committee intervened in the "In favour or against" TV broadcast of the Belgian media RTL-TVI about Brexit.

Please find his intervention [by clicking here](#) !



9) Follow the evolution of our movement!

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

10) 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, needs your help. The membership fees are one of our key sources of funding.

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 succeed without you.

If you are interested in getting actively involved in our association (e.g.: opening a local chapter, joining our social media team,...), please contact us at info@standupforeurope.eu

Sincerely,

Bàlint Gyévai
Secretary General

Richard Laub
President

Pietro de Matteis
Vice-President



11) Join your city-team!

Dear Member,

Our movement is growing fast thanks to the involvement of many people like you. We have set up city teams in many cities across Europe and initiatives are popping up everywhere.

Are you ready to contribute to set up or reinforce the Stand Up for Europe team in your city ? If so join our slack channel [by clicking here !](#)

We are looking forward to seeing you active in your city team !

Should you have further questions, don't hesitate to contact us directly at: info@standupforeurope.eu



I think of a hero as someone who understands the degree of responsibility that comes with his freedom.

(Bob Dylan)

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://standupforeurope.eu/>

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