



Call for European Revival

*an open letter addressed to European Commission President
Ursula Von der Leyen*

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The Inaugural FEPS Annual Autumn Academy Call for European Revival

Preamble

- i. We, the undersigned, representatives of the progressive forces of Europe, in Brussels on the 7th-10th of October for the inaugural FEPS Autumn Academy,
- ii. *Guided by* a belief that human rights; participatory approaches; transparency; gender equality; fairness; diversity; economic social and environmental justice must sit at the heart of a people's Europe,
- iii. *Concerned that* a Europe undermined by catastrophic inequality; disaffection and scepticism; gender-based violence; rising nationalism and isolationism cannot survive;
- iv. *Determined to confront* the existential threat of climate breakdown; biodiversity collapse and the degradation of our soils and seas;
- v. *Seeking* effective and meaningful, cross European cooperation between all Progressive actors;
- vi. *Determined to assert* an action-oriented vision for European revival that creates a people-centred, equal, compassionate, empathetic and international Europe,
- vii. *Call on* our newly elected representatives in the European Parliament and European Commission, who wish to realise this vision with us, to deliver the below priorities as defined by our collective efforts at the FEPS Autumn Academy,

Priorities

- a) **Urgently declare** an inequality emergency within the European Union and mobilise all institutions of the Union to eradicate poverty and realise a decent standard of living for all;
- b) **Reject unconditionally** the reinstatement of any hard border on the island of Ireland or British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar and put people's interests first in seeking a resolution to the Brexit crisis, in particular those EU citizens living in the United Kingdom;
- c) **Build capacity** and make available the necessary supports to member states to eliminate gender-based violence within the European Union by 2025;
- d) **Create** an unemployment insurance benefit scheme financed by new taxation on accumulated fortunes above EUR 10 million on EU level in order to offset the problems of job automation and problems related to the "race to the bottom" between member states;
- e) **Finance** a Green New Deal for member states based on the Climate Pact for the European Union¹;
- f) **Create** the enabling environment to a Just Transition to a zero-carbon future by building local wealth through procurement practices that give social and environmental externalities an equal weight to economic value;
- g) **Foster** fair management of migration in order to protect rights, dignity and fair living conditions for refugees;
- h) **Vigorously support** community led local development in young democracies across Europe to nurture a sense of European citizenship, international solidarity and greater cohesion within the Union;

¹ More information available at : <https://www.pacte-climat.eu/en/the-call/>

Shaping Progressive Political Priorities for the 2019-2024 EU mandate

About FEPS AAA (first edition, Monday, 7th October – Thursday 10th October 2019, *Brussels, Belgium*)

The **FEPS Annual Autumn Academy (AAA)** has been established by **FEPS – Foundation for European Progressive Studies** in order to connect in an instructive, inspiring debate, politicians and stakeholders of the local, regional, national and the European levels.

The focus of the initiative is to provide participants with crucial insights, knowledge and learning opportunities that derive from being submerged into an intense, multilateral European policy experience powered by FEPS and its network of experts. To that end, in electoral years such as 2019, the FEPS AAA will be an occasion for the participants to interact with the newly elected Members of the European Parliament and political representatives of the European Progressive family from other European Institutions.

Although the 2019 edition is the first one ever, it has become **the largest closed event in the history of FEPS with the proportionally most robust and diverse list of honourable speakers** intervening in a frame of three days. To that end, it is a great kick off of an initiative, which FEPS aspires to pursue, consolidate and extend in the years to come.

The objective of FEPS AAA is threefold:

- To **connect politicians and stakeholders from across the governance levels**, helping to forge mutual understanding, coherence and greater cooperation within the Progressive family across the European Union;
- To **offer an educational opportunity and a training** regarding selected issues, equipping participants with new knowledge about diverse subjects (as also different perspectives); relevant insights from the Brussels-based stakeholders and a European narrative they could use about the subject returning to their respective contexts and countries;
- To **create a greater link among the European Progressives**, enlarging herewith also the network and hereafter potential to (inter)act.

The three building blocks of the first edition of the FEPS AAA are:

- **EU after the elections** and the political panorama of today;
- **Priorities** of the Progressive Family for the 2019-2024 EU mandate;
- Specific **country-case studies**, **EU policy fields** and the **EU institutions**.

LIST OF SIGNATORIES

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