

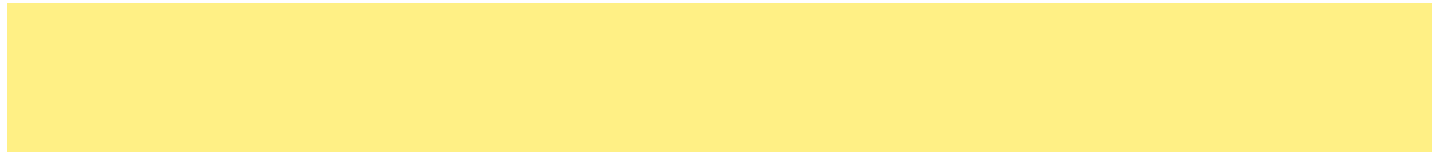


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**Take part in the project „a citizens
Europe“**



Europa Union Deutschland (EUD)

We in North Rhine Westphalia are:

- The biggest non-party and independent citizens initiative for Europe
- We campaign for European integration on a local, regional, national and European level
- In North Rhine-Westphalia we have been active since 1947
- Member of  since 1948



Europeans of all countries unite You!

(Deutscher Europa-Kongress der EU in Eutin 1947)

Origins:

- 1934: First „Europa-Union“ in Switzerland
- 1941: „Manifesto of Ventotene“ (Altiero Spinelli and Ernesto Rossi)
- 1944: Conference of French members of the Résistance
- 1946: Hertensteiner Programm
 - ➔ The fundament of European work in the years after World War II + Memorandum of the Association of the Europa-Union Deutschland



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Our postulation: „Act for Europe!“

(XIV. congress of the europa-union in Frankfurt/Main 1964)

Our vision:

- Create the United States of Europe with federal and democratically chosen constitutional principles
 - *„Un jour viendra où les boulets et les bombes seront remplacés par les votes, par le suffrage universel des peuples, ... Un jour viendra où l'on verra ces deux groupes immenses, les Etats-Unis d'Amérique, les Etats-Unis d'Europe, placés en face l'un de l'autre, se tendant la main par-dessus les mers“*

- Victor Hugo (1802-1885) -



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Milestones

Many of our demands are reality today or on a good way to being realised:

- Travelling without border controls in the EU
- Freedom of movement for EU-citizens as well as labour mobility
- Direct election of the European Parliament
- Single European market
- Common currency
- Abolition of roaming fees

Our objectives

- Federal constitution!
- Democracy and transparency in Europe!
- Europe of the citizens!
- Strong European Parliament!
- Keep regional traditions but break down the barriers!

Projects and activities



- Conferences
- Workshops
- Symposiums
- Brain Trusts
- Lecturing



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Projects and activities

- Street activities
- Exhibitions
- Study trips
- Information stands
- Europe festivals



Protest of members of the EU against the implementation of border controls at the Danish-German border, Halle 2011



Current projects in Germany

- Support European citizens 'initiatives
- Conversational dialogue „**European borders – we have to talk!**“
- Urban networking

Projects at the local level in North Rhine-Westphalia

- **European School contest** (with support of the Ministry of Education for the accomplishment and award ceremonies)
- **„The reinvention of Europe“** (Theatre project at schools, 20 projects in North Rhine-Westphalia)
- **European Weeks and much more...**

School projects and local projects

- Project series „**European Café**“ or „**European regular table**“
- Street action „**Train of thought**“
- Cooperation European days and activities
- Network Euro-twinning project

Structure of the EUD

- Umbrella organisation UEF: over 40,000 members
- Federal association: over 17,000 members
- 16 regional associations + Association in Brussels
 - Federal association in North-Rhine Westphalia: over 2.000 members
- 300 county, local and city chapters
 - Thereof 30 county, local and city chapters in North Rhine-Westphalia

Executive committee

- Voted at the Federal congress
- Responsibility for the achievement and the implementation of the decisions of the Federal congress and the federal committee
- Sets the budget
- Represents the EUD externally



EUD-President:
Rainer Wieland, MEP



Political communication

Group of parliamentarians:

- Cross-party work
- Promote the dialogue between citizens and parliamentarians
- Support the exchange of parliamentarians on regional, federal and European level
- The EUD is represented in the European Parliament, the German Parliament (Bundestag) and in many regional parliaments (in NRW 17 members of all parties in parliament)



Group of parliamentarians

European Parliament till 2019

66 of total 96 German Members
of the European Parliament

18th. Deutscher Bundestag

155 Members of parliament



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Youth organization: Junge Europäische Föderalisten



- For young people, in the age between 15 and 35 years



- Since 50 years part of the supranational non-partisan Youth organisation JEF Europe
- <http://www.jef.eu/home/>



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Thank you for your attention!



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**I'm a Member!
And YOU?**



Thank you for your attention!