

EUROPE!

▶▶ *A Generation Ahead*

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THE PROJECT

The **European Convention on the Future of Europe**, the mandate of which is to prepare our future European Constitution, is still in the working phase. As it now begins to produce some first results, it is for JEF the best time to promote federalist positions. Besides the lobby work done at European and national level, it becomes extremely important to involve the **citizens of Europe** in this debate. That's why JEF-Europe proposes today a common action framework to its sections all over Europe.

This common action framework is based on several activities, linked with each other:

- the organisation of **local, regional and national debates** and activities on the Future of Europe
- 2 **large scale events**, the first one took place in Brussels from 29 Nov - 1 Dec 2002, gathering 150 international participants and 80 locals, the 2nd event to take place in Athens from 11 - 13 April 2003
- networking activities, composed of: an **exhibition**, to be presented all over Europe; newsletters; and an extensive website
- which should present the results of the above mentioned activities.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

The first **International youth meeting** already took place on the last weekend of November in Brussels, where two hundred young people from all over Europe worked on their proposals for the Constitution. The second large scale event will take place in April in **Athens from 11- 13 2003**.

The framework for the online exhibition has been set and will be available online very soon.

On the national and local level the first "**Europe! A Generation Ahead**" events have taken place in Germany and France and other **sections have already expressed their interest**.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Now we **encourage you** to organise your own event in your home town and contribute to this project.

Your activity can be related to a **wide range of themes**, as long as they are linked to the work of the Constitutional Convention and the Future of Europe Debate:

- the European Convention
- the themes elaborated in the Nice and Laeken declarations
- more general issues concerning the European Union's objectives and basic values
- the future of EU's policies
- the consequences of enlargement
- European governance
- ect.

Next to the traditional conferences and debates, we want to encourage you to organise events in which the participants will be actively involved: **interactive activities** like workshops, simulation games, themed public actions, to attract public attention and motivate participants.

CONDITIONS

We will support your activities **organisationally and financially** (up to 50% of the costs), but of course there are a few things to keep in mind:

- Your activity has to take place **between now and November 2003** (though preferably before June 2003)
- It is necessary that the subject of your debate is clearly linked to the issues currently **discussed in the Convention**
- You should involve **different people and organisations** apart from JEFers
- Your activity has to provide a contribution to our **online exhibition** (texts, photos, drawings, pieces of art.....be creative!!!)