



What is The European Dream?

FEPS Future of Europe debate series

26th March 2020

16:00 – 18:30

Brussels, location tbc shortly

Programme

The Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Policy Solutions joined forces with the objective of answering the following question: is there a European Dream? And if so, what sort of hopes and expectations do European citizens have for the future? Art. 2 of the Lisbon Treaty outlines the dream that the founding fathers had for the European Union (EU) as a political project – that one of a united and progressive Europe that promotes peace and the well-being of its peoples. FEPS and Policy Solutions will present on this occasion “The EU Dream report” that offers insights to answer this question and that aims to contribute with progressive thinking and ideas to the Future of Europe debate and conference. The results of this extraordinary research are based on a comprehensive survey conducted in 14 EU member states with over 14,000 survey respondents offering thus a representative view as to how European citizens perceive and value the EU. This is the FEPS way of shaking up the debate on what Europeans are dreaming of and how they see Europe addressing the most pressing contemporary challenges and where the Union is expected to strive for more!

Setting the scene of the European Dream

Maria FREITAS, Senior Policy Advisor, FEPS (*confirmed*)

16:00 – 16:20

The Europe that Citizens Dream of

Tamás BOROS, Co-Director, Policy Solutions (*confirmed*)

Dániel Bartha, Executive Director, CEID (*confirmed*)

16:20 – 16:30

A Progressive Frame for the Future of Europe debate

Maria João RODRIGUES, President, FEPS (*confirmed*)

16:30 – 17:00

Keynote speech

Maros ŠEFČOVIČ, Vice President for Interinstitutional Relations, European Commission (*confirmed*)

17:00 – 18:30

A Progressive Fishbowl Discussion on the Future of Europe

Gabriele BISCHOFF, MEP, S&D Group, European Parliament (*confirmed*)

Marije LAFFEBER, Deputy Secretary General, PES (*invited*)

Domènec RUIZ DEVESA, MEP, S&D Group, European Parliament (*invited*)

Elisa LIRONI, Senior Manager European Democracy, ECAS (*confirmed*)

Sophia RUSSACK, Researcher Institutions unit, CEPS (*invited*)

18:30 – 18:40

FEPS European Dream Wrap-Up

László ANDOR, Secretary General, FEPS (*confirmed*)

Followed by a reception