

## **Draft Resolution of the EMI on growing populist attacks on EU Institutions and Staff**

*The European Movement, meeting at its Federal Assembly on 24-25 May 2013 in Dublin, observes with great concern the growing anti-European populist trends that undermine the European project and affect the staff of the institutions and agencies.*

### **The meeting recalls:**

- That the staff of the Institutions and agencies of the European Union, both highly qualified and of international composition, plays an important role in controlling the crisis, through their professional dedication, which hurts the citizens of the Union by ensuring the competence, consistency and independence of the European public service.
- That various measures of the past have already impacted the staff of the Institutions and agencies with the same austerity efforts required of the national public services (leading to increased job insecurity, declining purchasing power and wages, increased working time and retirement, declining enrolment.)

### **The Assembly notes:**

- That while it is well established that each Euro from the EU budget is necessary for the proper operation of the Union and saves national budgets from increased spending, the governments of the 27 EU Member States meeting within the Council of 8 February 2013 adopted a multiannual budget from 2014 to 2020 which decreased by 7% compared to the proposal of the European Commission.
- The Permanent Representatives of the Governments consider draconic measures to reduce employment conditions that would prevent the European Public Service maintaining and recruiting international and highly qualified personnel;

The assembly sent an urgent appeal to the Representations of the EU Member States to:

- Preserve the essential working conditions of officials and other servants of the institutions and agencies of the Union,



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- Seek and find within the internal dialogue, while respecting the spirit and the letter of internal rules and instruments such as the Social Charter, solutions that allow the restoration of social peace and ensure the sustainability of institutions and agencies the Union needs to serve its citizens.

**The Federal Assembly in Dublin is concerned about populist attacks on the EU Institutions and its staff and authorizes the Board to review this resolution and adopt it at its next meeting in September 2013.**