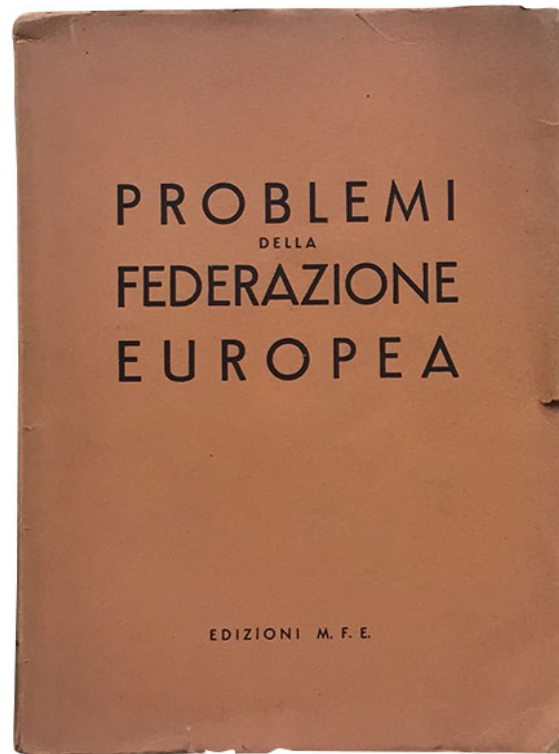


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The first edition of the “Manifesto for a free and united Europe” (The Ventotene Manifesto)

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE WANT

The Ventotene Lighthouse is the brainchild of a group of federalists and individuals from other democratic political traditions, convinced that the time has come to overcome national divisions and embark on a political path that will guarantee peaceful progress, sustainable development and a prosperous future for humanity.

The future of humanity is threatened by growing international disorder. Large

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and small powers are using the revival of nationalism to justify their fight for international supremacy.

The Ventotene Manifesto indicates the dividing line between reaction and progress: it lies between those who want to maintain absolute national sovereignty and those who want to build a 'solid international state'.

To face the existential challenges of climate change, the destruction of biodiversity, recurrent pandemics and the senseless arms race, we need a group of countries, a global governance, willing to reform the multilateral world institutions that are currently in crisis.

The European Union - which represents the world's first example of supranational unification - can play an important role in this direction, together with other states whose governments agree to cooperate to build a global governance.

And on this basis, working towards the creation of genuine cosmopolitan citizenship, the cause of human rights will be advanced.

The Ventotene Lighthouse aims to develop a movement of ideas and political initiatives with a view to ending the *ancien régime* based on the absolute sovereignty of nation states. The reform of the UN, aiming to create the world's first supranational institutions, will enable the peoples of our Earth-Homeland to live together peacefully, united in their cultural and national diversity.

This is our undertaking and the challenge of our time: to think and act like a citizen of the world. *The Ventotene Lighthouse* wishes to engage with the younger generations and all progressive forces, with the idea of creating a new global network.