Merkel and other federalists want EU school lessons to counter Euroscepticism

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During the Dublin summit of the biggest Federalist party, the EPP voted to include in their manifesto a call "To introduce EU education in schools across Europe in order to prepare the next generation for future challenges and to nurture a European approach... United, we can make sure that young people look at the future with optimism, hope and confidence."

Responding, UKIP leader Nigel Farage said: "Not content with the Euro producing poverty and unemployment on a continental scale, these desperate fanatics now wish to propagandise vulnerable school children. Education should be about learning facts and be encouraged to think.

"These dangerous EU centralists now wish to squeeze children into a one-size-fits-all scheme of thought. This is very disturbing indeed.

"After destroying national economies and losing the political argument the EU Thought Police now want to brainwash your children. All responsible parents and nurturing teachers should protest against this EU intrusion into the sphere of education. Propaganda should have no place in the classroom."

The EPP conference attended by 200 MEPs, 26 interpreters and 100 group staff said it will campaign around a five-year programme that will aim to transform the EU into a genuine political union.

Last year the British Government cut references to the EU from the National Curriculum because the lessons were seen as politically biased.

After catching EU officials giving out EU propaganda in school in 2012 Ukip deputy leader and education spokesman Paul Nuttall MEP said: "The EU is effectively using our cash to brainwash our children. And it has to stop."

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