



"In 2021, we want to commemorate the Bicentenary of his death as it is a privileged moment to underline his work and his importance as a historical figure. We welcome into our ranks cities where he is seen as a great reformer who carried the ideals of the Revolution, as a victorious or defeated general, as a relentless despot, as the founder of new nations. It is the crossing of these glances, avoiding as far as possible value judgements and gathering around the recognition of the complexity and importance of his work, that creates the common memory that Europe needs."

Charles Bonaparte,
President of the European Federation
of Napoleonic Cities



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The European Federation of Napoleonic Cities

The Federation founded by Charles Bonaparte in 2004 originates from the cities intention to place their Napoleonic heritage in its European dimension. By cross-reading the particularly important and contrasted pages of the history the Federation proposes a major contribution to the shared culture of the European peoples. It is essential that this heritage be granted its rightful place as part of a historical reading, but also by its influence on the contemporary geopolitical context and notably in the development of the “European idea”.

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