



ELDR Party Council meeting 12-13 March 2010

Hotel Nazionale
Piazza Montecitorio 131, I-00186
Roma, Italy

Draft Programme

(Time changes may occur)

Friday 12 March 2010

09:30 -12:30	ELDR Party Bureau meeting (<u>only for Bureau members</u>) (<i>Cristallo room, ground floor</i>)
13:00 -14:30	Registration Council delegates (<i>Capranica room</i>)
14:00 -17:30	Council meeting (<i>Capranica room</i>) Chair: Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck MEP , ELDR Party President <i>Interpretation foreseen in English and French</i>
14:00 -15:30	Council meeting: Administrative session
15:30 -17:30	Council meeting: Political debate <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Migration – the human rights treatment of migrants and member states' ability to cope with continued migration;2. Urgency resolution on the EU External Action Service; and3. Exchange of views on the EU's response to the financial situation in Greece and other member states and the wider ramifications for the Union.
20:30	Dinner (<i>Hotel Nazionale restaurant</i>)

Saturday 13 March 2010

Italia dei Valori Headquarters¹
Via Santa Maria in Via, 12
IT-00187 Rome, Italy

09:15 – 10:00	Presentation of the law on fiscal amnesty in Italy ²
10:00	Seminar - Freedom of press in Europe: Differing perspectives <i>(see programme over page)</i>

¹ Italia dei Valori (IdV) and ELDR staff will be on hand to walk delegates from the Hotel Nazionale (the Council meeting hotel) to the IdV headquarters at **9:00**.

² This recently adopted law allows Italians to repatriate money invested abroad with a tax of 5%. Similar schemes have been implemented in other EU member states, but with much higher tax penalties being applied. This presentation will look at the Italian perspective in comparison to other countries.

Freedom of press in Europe: Differing perspectives

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- 10:00 -10:10 Welcome and introduction by the Moderator, **Niccolo Rinaldi MEP**
- 10:10 -10:45 Freedom of press in the European Union – a journalist’s perspective
Jonathan Fryer, freelance journalist and broadcaster, UK
- The importance of safeguarding free media – is journalists’ self-regulation enough?
- Sonia Alfano MEP**, Italia dei Valori

- 10:45 -11:30 Participants discussion and comments from the panel
- Panellists: **Emma Bonino**, Senator, candidate for president of the Lazio region, Radicali Italiani
Antonio Di Pietro MP, Political Leader, Italia dei Valori
Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck MEP, ELDR Party President
Leoluca Orlando MP, ELDR Vice President

The seminar and presentation are open to Council delegates and guests and the press.

- 12:00 **ELDR / IdV campaign stand for local elections**, Piazza Montecitorio, in front of the Italian Parliament (tbc)