



Dear Liberal Democrats,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the capital of Finland, Helsinki, for the 2010 ELDR Congress.

Europe's modern society is changing rapidly. While population growth in most EU member states is falling, the percentage of our population over the age of 65 is expected to reach 22.4% by 2025. Also migration affects the composition of our societies. This raises questions about the sustainability of our health, education and social care systems. What impact will an ageing population have on our standard of living? How to ease undue migratory pressure felt in recipient countries? Demographic change requires us to look at how Europe can maintain a workforce that can innovate, create and ensure long-term economic growth and competitiveness on the global stage. Therefore, this year's Congress theme, «**Liberal Responses to the Challenges of Demographic Change**» is very topical, particularly now that many EU member states are urged to return to a balanced and sustainable budget which requires governments to make difficult choices about where to cut expenditures sensibly. As usual, Liberals will have to lead the way.

For that reason I am honoured that our two host parties have invited the ELDR Party to come to Finland. Previously led by former Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen, and since June 2010 by Prime Minister Mari Kiviniemi, the Centre Party of Finland, Suomen Keskusta, is the strongest political party of the country, leading the Finnish coalition government since 2003. Our other host is one of Finland's oldest political parties, the Swedish People's Party or Svenska Folkpartiet, which also forms part of the government, and is led by Minister for Culture and Sports, Stefan Wallin.

Under their leadership, Finland, a member of the European Union since 1995, has remained in the vanguard of most developed countries of the world. The country is a leader in education, a healthy population, and technological achievements to name a few examples. Nevertheless, like any other European country Finland too is struggling with an ageing society.

That's why Finland is an excellent venue for this year's Congress. I am confident that our two host parties will inspire the more than 500 delegates from across Europe in finding liberal responses to the challenges of demographic change.

**I look forward to meeting you in Helsinki!**

**Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck**

*MEP, President of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party*

### **Who is Annemie Neyts?**

Minister of State Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck is member of the European Parliament for Belgium for the Vlaamse Liberalen en Democraten (Open Vld). She belongs to the ALDE Parliamentary Group, for which she coordinates the field of foreign affairs.

She is a former president of the Liberal International (1999 to 2005). Since September 2005 Annemie Neyts is the president of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party (ELDR). She was re-elected twice, for two additional two-year mandates in October 2007 (Berlin Congress) and in November 2009 (Barcelona Congress).

# Is this your first ELDR Congress?



The Congress is the biggest annual event of the ELDR Party, bringing together once a year hundreds of European Liberal Democrats, from party leaders to policy advisors, from MEPs to Liberal EU Commissioners and Liberal Ministers to Prime Ministers.

## Registration

Upon arrival, all participants need to register at the ELDR Congress Registration Desk, which can be found in the foyer of the Marina Congress Centre, the venue of the Congress (Please check the programme for the opening hours of the registration desk).

## Participants at the Congress

The following categories of participants will be present at the ELDR Congress (between brackets: the badge colour given to each category)

1. Delegates:
  - a. Full member party delegates (blue)
  - b. Affiliate member party delegates (yellow)
  - c. Observer member party delegates (yellow)
2. MPs/MEPs (orange)
3. Guest (green)

4. Press (red)
5. Staff (white)

## What can a delegate / MP & MEP or a guest do? Which sessions can you participate in?

Each ELDR member party (full member, affiliate and observer parties) sends a delegation to the Congress.

→ **Delegates** can take part in all the sessions of the Congress (opening session, plenary sessions, working groups, seminars and social events), except closed-doors meetings such as the ELDR Bureau meeting. It will be clear from the Congress programme which sessions are closed. Only delegates of full member parties can vote on resolutions and in the elections of the Bureau. Delegates of affiliate and observer parties voice their opinion on resolutions in the working groups, but can't vote.

→ **MPs and MEPs** can take part in all the sessions of the Congress except closed-doors meetings, such as the ELDR Bureau meeting. They are encouraged to participate in the special reception for MPs and MEPs, hosted by the ALDE Parliamentary Group. MPs and MEPs do not automatically have voting rights. Only if they are nominated by a full member party to be part of that party's delegation, will they have voting rights for Bureau elections and resolutions.

→ **Guests** can take part in all the sessions of the Congress except closed-doors meetings such as the ELDR Bureau meeting and the Council meeting. Guests can participate in the ELDR Council meeting only if specifically invited by the ELDR Bureau.

→ **The press** is invited to a press conference on Thursday 14 October at 12.00 before the official start of the Congress (in the Marina Conference Centre Press room) and can attend the opening ceremony of the Congress on Thursday 14 October 2010 and the closing ceremony on Friday 15 October 2010. Press cannot participate in closed-door meetings such as the Council meeting, nor in the working groups on resolutions/theme resolution. Bilateral interviews can also be arranged.

## Who can vote?

Only delegates of full member parties can vote on resolutions and in the elections for the ELDR Party Bureau. Every ELDR full member party has a certain number of delegates at the ELDR Congress. If a delegate is unable to attend, he/she can give another delegate of the same delegation permission to vote for him/her but any one delegate can only cast two votes maximum. This means that a full member party, say with ten delegates, that wants to benefit from using all its votes, should bring a delegation of at least five people. The number of votes of each member party delegation was communicated to the parties prior to the Congress.

Votes cannot be passed between parties i.e. if party x cannot be present to cast its votes it cannot pass them to party y to vote on its behalf.

MEPs that are members of an ELDR full member party are not automatically delegates with voting rights: they need to be nominated as “delegate” by their party, and only in this way will they have voting rights.

Delegates of full member parties will only receive their voting cards if their party has paid the ELDR annual membership contribution before the start of the Congress.

Delegates of affiliate parties and observer parties as well as VIP guest speakers and other guests do not have voting rights.

The voting system for the Bureau elections is explained on page 10.

### *Can I go to the welcome reception and the walking dinner?*

All delegates and other registered guests are welcome to come to the welcome reception on Wednesday 13 October at 19.30 in the City hall of Helsinki as well as to the walking dinner on Thursday 14 October at 19.30 in the Marina Congress Centre, Fennia rooms 1 and 2.

### *What is the Council meeting? Who can go there?*

Every member party is represented in the ELDR Party Council, the body that is responsible for a range of issues, including membership applications, financial matters and amending internal regulations.

Members of the Council are appointed or elected by their member party to represent their party in the ELDR Party Council. The number of members in the Council is smaller than the number of delegates at the Congress. The Council meeting is for Council members only.

### *Working groups on resolutions*

Delegates are encouraged to participate in the debates in the working groups on the resolutions. The working groups will discuss in detail the amendments to these re-

solutions that have been submitted by the member parties. The working groups will give recommendations on the resolutions to the plenary of the Congress.

The final vote on the resolutions will take place in the plenary session of the Congress on Friday 15 October 10.00 – 11.00 and on the theme resolution on Friday 15 October at 15.00.

### *Fringe meetings*

The ELDR Congress will have a number of meetings at the side of the main programme. These are open to all participants in the Congress.

On Wednesday 13 October a seminar dealing with the future of the European labour market and a European Liberal Forum seminar on «Active Citizenship and Democratic Accountability in the EU» will take place. On Thursday 14 and Friday 15 October fringe meetings will include:

- A seminar organized by the European Liberal Forum on «Can immigration defuse Europe’s demographic timebomb?».
- Two Business talk lunch debates. One debate is on “The transformational power of digital technologies – a digital vision for Europe” sponsored by Digital Europe and another is on “The art of governance” sponsored by Deloitte. Both lunches will be held in the Nautica Room.

See p 18 for all other Congress debates.

### *Social events*

Our host parties, Suomen Keskusta and Svenska Folkpartiet, invite Congress delegates to a welcome reception to be held on the evening of Wednesday 13th October at Helsinki City Hall and a dinner on the evening of Thursday 14th October at the Scandic Marina Congress Centre. Delegates will be required to wear their Congress badge in order to gain entrance to Helsinki City Hall.

### *MPs and MEPs programme*

This year, there will once again be a special reception for Members of Parliament and Members of the European Parliament.

The reception is hosted by the ALDE Group in the European Parliament on Thursday 14 October from 18.45 in the Marina Conference centre, Marine room, and is upon invitation only.

### *Are you a journalist? What is foreseen for the press?*

Journalists and TV crews are welcome to attend the opening session of the Congress and the press conference on Thursday 14 October, at lunch time in the Press room of the Marina Conference Centre. Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck MEP (President of the ELDR), Prime Minister Mari Kiviniemi (Leader of Suomen Keskusta), Minister Stefan Wallin (Leader of Svenska Folkpartiet) and a number of other leading European liberal personalities will be happy to answer your questions.

Interviews or bilateral informal meetings can be arranged.

For press enquiries: please contact Chiara Puletti at [cpuletti@eldr.eu](mailto:cpuletti@eldr.eu) or +32 488 475 966

The Marina Conference Centre provides easy access to the Internet through their wireless network and access is free of charge.



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# Hotel floor plan

## GROUND FLOOR

The official Congress opening and closing, theme resolution workshops and voting, panel debates and the Council meeting will all take place in the **EUROPAEA**

Fringe meetings will take place in the **NAUTICA** room



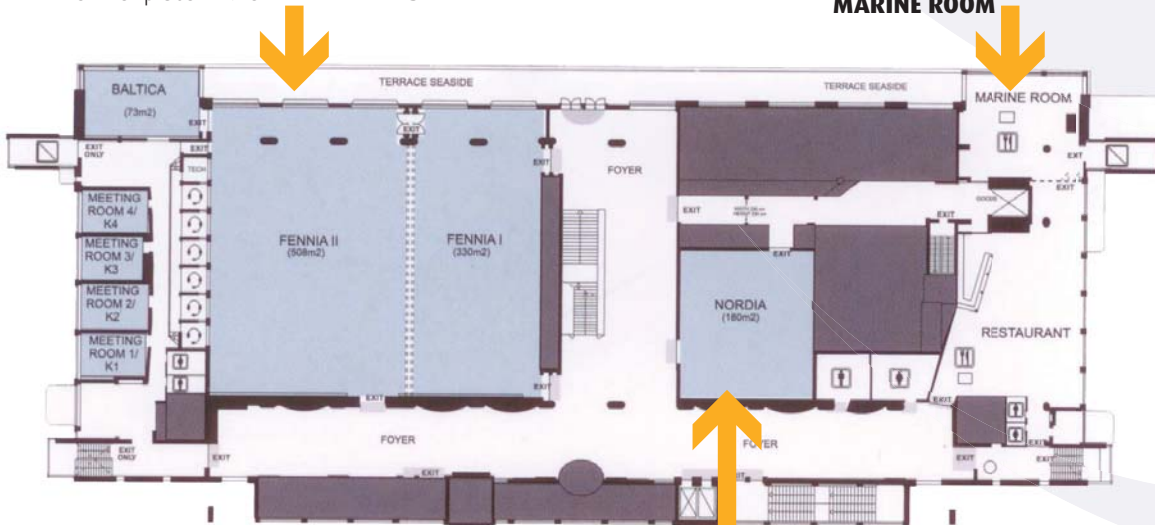
ELDR press conference will take place in the **PRESSROOM**

Congress registration and Exhibition area are located in **THE FOYER**

## FIRST FLOOR

Fringe meeting and walking dinner place in the **FENNIA 1 AND 2**

Prime ministers and MP's & MEP's reception will take place in the **MARINE ROOM**



Congress resolutions working groups will take place in the **NORDIA**

### Helsinki city map



#### 1. Scandic Grand Marina

Katajanokanlaituri 7  
00160 Helsinki



#### 2. Marina Congress Center

Katajanokanlaituri 6  
00160 Helsinki



#### 3. City hall

Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13  
P.O.B 1,00099 Helsinki

## Discover the new ELDR scarves and ties!

*At the 2010 Congress, the ELDR Party is presenting to you its new ELDR scarves and ties.*

*Both are made of 100% silk. They have been exclusively designed for the European liberals and are handcraft produced in Italy.*



Exceptionally for the launch of these new and exclusive products, you benefit from a 5€ discount.

You can purchase our ELDR scarves for 30 € (instead of 35€) and ties for 20€ (instead of 25€).

These exclusive and fashionable items are available at the ELDR registration desk in the lobby of the Marina Congress Center from Wednesday 13 October 2010 until the end of the Congress.

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## Deadlines

### Thursday 12/8/2010

- Final date for member parties to submit a list of nominated delegates / substitutes to ELDR secretariat.
- Final date for submitting draft resolutions or amendments to the Statutes to the ELDR secretariat

### Thursday 2/9/2010

- Final date for the ELDR Secretariat to send a mailing to delegates containing:
  - the final Congress agenda,
  - the draft theme resolution
  - proposed resolutions,
  - proposed changes to the Statutes.

This mailing will also give the deadline for amendments to these resolutions, statutes and the draft theme resolution.

### Thursday 16/9/2009

- Final date for submitting amendments to resolutions, statutes and to the theme resolution to the ELDR Secretariat. This must be strictly respected.
- Final date for Bureau nominations to be published into Congress Book.
- Final date for the Secretariat to send out the Council meeting agenda.

### Thursday 23/9/2009

- Final date for delegates of all member parties to receive a mailing containing:
  - Amendments to the proposed resolutions
  - Amendments to the draft theme resolution

### Wednesday 13/10/2009

Final date for submitting urgency resolutions to the ELDR secretariat: 10h00 CET

### Thursday 14/10/2009

Final date for Bureau nominations.

# Voting in Bureau elections



**At the 2010 ELDR Congress, elections will be held for the positions of three Vice Presidents and Treasurer. The ELDR Party statutes stipulate that Vice President Sharon Bowles (Liberal Democrats, UK) may not stand for re-election having served three mandates as of the start of the Congress in Helsinki. Lena Ek (Centerpartiet, Sweden) and Vesna Pusic (HNS, Croatia) are eligible to stand for re-election. In addition, David Griffiths has decided to stand down as Treasurer at the Congress in Helsinki.**

**N**ominations for the positions of Vice-Presidents and Treasurer can only be submitted by full member parties. The deadline for the nomination of candidates is Thursday 14 October, before the official opening of the Congress. Candidatures submitted before Thursday 16th September 2010 are featured in the Congress book on page 11.

## *Who can vote? What are Proxy votes?*

Only delegates of full member parties can vote in the elections for the ELDR Party Bureau.

Every ELDR full member party has a certain number of delegates at the ELDR Congress. If a delegate is unable to attend, he/she can give another delegate of his/her own delegation permission to vote on behalf of him/her but any one delegate can only cast two votes maximum.

This means that a full member party entitled for example to ten delegates, that wants to benefit from using all its votes, should bring a delegation of at least five people. Every delegate from that delegation will get 1 personal vote plus 1 "proxy vote", i.e. a vote cast by a member on behalf of another. The total number of votes for each member party was communicated to the parties prior to the Congress.

"Proxy votes" can be picked up by each head of a national delegation at the registration desk on Friday morning 15 October from 08.30-09.30.

Members of the European Parliament that are members of an ELDR full member party are not automatically delegates with voting rights: they need to be nominated as "delegate" by their party, and only in this way will they have voting rights. Delegates of affiliate parties and observer parties as well as VIP guest speakers and other guests do not have voting rights.

## *Presentation of candidates*

The candidates will present themselves to the Congress on Thursday 14 October at 15h45 and the vote will take place on Friday 15 October between 12.30 and 14.00 in the Nordia room in the Marina Congress Centre.

## *Election of Treasurer*

In the elections for the post of Treasurer the candidate that obtains a majority of more than 50% of the votes cast is elected. If there are more than two candidates, and no one obtains more than 50% of the votes cast, a second round takes place between the two candidates who obtained the most votes.

Delegates get one ballot paper per vote; a "proxy vote" gives a delegate a second ballot paper. Abstentions, blank ballot papers and invalid ballot papers will not be counted among the votes cast.

## *Election of Vice-Presidents*

In the elections for the post of ELDR Vice President those candidates who obtain the highest number of votes are elected, until all vacant mandates are filled.

Delegates get one ballot paper per vote; a "proxy vote" gives a delegate a second ballot paper. The names of the vice presidential candidates are marked on one single ballot paper. Delegates must mark as many choices as there are mandates to be filled (three in the 2010 Bureau election): failure to do so invalidates the ballot paper.

Ballots will be secret. Abstentions, blank ballot papers and invalid ballot papers will not be counted among the votes cast. If two candidates obtain the same number of votes for the last vacant mandate, an extra round will be arranged between those two candidates to determine who will fill in the mandate.

# Bureau nominations

At the 2010 ELDR Congress elections will be held for the positions of Treasurer of the ELDR Party and three Vice Presidents. The nominations and CVs of those candidates that were sent to the secretariat by 16 September 2010 have been included in this Congress book.

## TREASURER

Roman Jakic (Zares, Slovenia)

## VICE-PRESIDENTS (in alphabetical order)

Gjergj Dedaj (PLK, Kosovo)

Lena EK (Centerpartiet, Sweden)

Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert (VVD, The Netherlands)

Norica Nicolai (PNL, Romania)

Vesna Pusic (HNS, Croatia)

Dick Roche (Fianna Fail, Ireland)

Graham Watson (Liberal Democrats, UK)

## TREASURER

### Roman Jakic , Zares, Slovenia

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Roman Jakic is the International Secretary of the political party Zares, Director of a public Sports Centre and Member of the City Council of Ljubljana Municipality.

He is a graduated teacher and professor of sociology of the University of Ljubljana.

During 1990-92 and 1996-2004 Jakic was an elected Member of the Slovenian Parliament. Between 2002 and -04 he was observer of Slovenia at the European Parliament and chaired the Committee on Foreign Policy.

Furthermore, he served from 1998 to 2000 as Member and from 2000 to 2004 as Head of the Slovenian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and chaired its Political Committee. He was also 2000-04 Head of the Slovenian delegation to NATO.

Since 2007 Mr Jakic has been a member of the ELDR Steering Committee.

From 1991 to 1998 he was Vice-president of International federation of Liberal youth IFLRY.

## VICE-PRESIDENTS

**Gjergj Dedaj***PLK, Kosovo*

Gjergj Dedaj, born 1954 in Gjakova, Kosovo, founded in 1991 the Liberal Party of Kosovo. He was educated in Sociology and Philosophy at the University of Prishtina.

Since 2000, Mr Dedaj has served as the Political Leader for the Liberal Party of Kosovo.

He is the former Vice Speaker of the Kosovo Parliament (1998-1999), Vice President of Liberal International, Member of the Kosovo Delegation in Paris 1999 and Member of the Kosovo Transitional Council 2000.

During 2004-2007, Mr Dedaj was Member of Kosovo Assembly, Head of the Parliamentary Group for Integration and Member of the Parliamentary Group for European Integration.

Mr Dedaj served as Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Welfare of the Government of the Republic of Kosovo 2008-2010.

**Lena Ek***Centerpartiet, Sweden*

Mrs Lena Ek is currently vice-president of ELDR and Member of the European Parliament representing the Swedish Centre Party in the ALDE group. She is the ALDE Coordinator on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, and also the group's spokesperson on the Europe 2020 strategy.

Apart from her work on the new economic strategy, Mrs Ek has previously negotiated the REACH directive on chemicals, the Climate Package and the EU's Gender Equality Road Map.

Mrs Ek is a former Member of the Swedish Parliament. Before entering politics she was a lecturer and a research fellow at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund University. Mrs Ek holds a Jur. Kand. (Master of Law, LL.M.) from Lund University.

## Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert

VVD, *The Netherlands*



Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert, born 7 April 1973 in Heerlen, The Netherlands, is since 2010 Member of the Dutch Parliament. She is a member of the Committee on Home Affairs, Committee on Justice and Civil Liberties and Committee on European Affairs

She was a Member of the European Parliament from 2004 to 2010 and its Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs; Committee on Transport and Tourism, Temporary Committee on the alleged use of European countries by the CIA for the transport and illegal detention of prisoners and Temporary Committee on Climate Change.

Before her political career, she worked from 2002-04 for the City of Amsterdam; 2000-02 for KPMG Advisory Services in the Netherlands; 1998-2000 for the Delegation of the European Commission in Latvia; and 1995-98 for the European Commission, DG Enlargement (Poland and the Baltic States) in Brussels.

## Norica Nicolai

PNL, *Romania*



Since 2009, Norica Nicolai has been a member of the European Parliament. There she serves as Vice-Chairwoman on the Subcommittee on Security and Defence and is a Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and of the Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee.

From 2000 to 2008 she was a member of the Senate of Romania and President of the Juridical Committee; Vice-president of the Senate and Vice-chairwoman of the Defence Committee.

From 1998 to 2000 she was President of the Economic and Social Council of Romania.

Furthermore, Norica Nicolai has earlier worked as Associate Professor and Lawyer.

**Vesna Pusic**

*HNS, Croatia*



Vesna Pusic has been a Member of the Croatian Parliament since 2000 and is the Parliamentary floor leader of HNS, as well as Professor of Sociology at the University of Zagreb and President of the National Committee for Monitoring the EU Accession Negotiations. She holds a PhD degree in Sociology

During 2000-08 she was President of HNS. In 2008, she was elected Chairwoman of LIBSEEN, the Network of South East European Liberals and in 2006 Vice President of the ELDR Party as well as Chairwoman of ELWN, the European Liberal Women Network.

After being a member for two years, in 2008 she became President of the Croatian National Committee for Monitoring the EU Accession Negotiations. She has a vast international cooperation experience from being a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Member of the Committee for Inter-parliamentary cooperation, Member of the European Integration Committee, Member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee Croatia in the Croatian Parliament and Member of the European Council for Foreign Relations.

**Dick Roche**

*Fianna Fail, Ireland*



Dick Roche, TD: Irish Minister for European Affairs since 2007, as well as from 2002 to 2004. Between 2004 and 2007, he served as Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

As Minister for European Affairs, 2002 – 2004, Dick was responsible for the Nice II Referendum Campaign, for the preparation of Ireland’s much acclaimed European Union Presidency and led Ireland’s delegation at the Convention on the Future of Europe.

Dick was a leading member of the Irish Government’s highly successful 2009 Lisbon Treaty Referendum campaign.

Dick’s work in Europe has been widely recognised in Ireland and internationally: He was decorated by the French and the Estonian Governments for his work on European Integration. He was also honoured by the Assembly of the Western European Union.

Before entering politics, Dick lectured in Public Administration & Public Finance at University College Dublin: a position he held until 2002.

Dick was first elected to Dáil Eireann in 1987 and re-elected in 1989, 1997, 2002 and 2007. He was elected to Seanad Eireann in 1992. He has as well served as a public representative for Wicklow continuously since 1984.

## Graham Watson

*Liberal Democrats, United Kingdom*



Graham Watson has been a Member of the European Parliament since 1994, where he has served as Leader of the UK Liberal Democrat delegation, as Chairman of the Committee on Justice and Home Affairs (1999-2001) and as Leader of the ALDE Group (2002-09). He was re-elected for a fourth mandate in 2009 and sits on the foreign affairs committee.

He became active in Liberal politics in the 1970s and has consistently demonstrated an interest in international matters: he was active as a Vice President (1977-79) and Secretary General (1979-81) of the International Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth and as a founder member of LYMEC and served on the ELDR Council during the 1980s and early 1990s. He has also been centrally involved in the UK Liberal Democrats and served as head of the private office of the party leader from 1983-87.

Graham would like to see the ELDR Party expand to take in new member parties and open its doors to individuals in member states where there is no effective Liberal force. He is convinced that a unique opportunity exists to strengthen the Liberal family through the building of Europe's first truly supranational political party.

# ELDR Focus Year Themes

## In 2010

### «The Challenges of Demographic Change»

In April 2010, ELDR launched a new initiative called the ELDR Focus Year with the intention of gathering valuable input and contributing to an interesting liberal discussion on this year's Congress theme – The Challenges of Demographic Change.

By surfing on [www.eldrfocus.eu](http://www.eldrfocus.eu) or the European Liberal Democrats Facebook page, there is still time to see what has been discussed so far and to submit personal contributions to create liberal responses to the challenges ahead. This year's Focus Year – the Challenges of Demographic Change will continue to the end of the year, thereby also making use of the conclusions from this Congress.

In your congress bags, you will find a survey related to the ELDR Focus Year 2010. In order to improve this concept in 2011, it would be most helpful if you could fill in this survey and post it in the box at the Congress registration desk.

Thank you!

## In 2011

### «Reforming Europe – Refining the EU budget!»

*The haggling has only just begun!*

Give us your views on how the EU should spend its money! Join the debate on [www.eldrfocus.eu](http://www.eldrfocus.eu) for the ELDR Focus Year 2011 “Reforming Europe – Refining the EU Budget!”

The present EU budget, valid until 2013, totals almost € 900 Billion. The European Commission puts forward its formal proposal for the next period 2014 - 2020 in April 2011 and negotiations are expected to last until late 2013.

What are the liberal priorities?

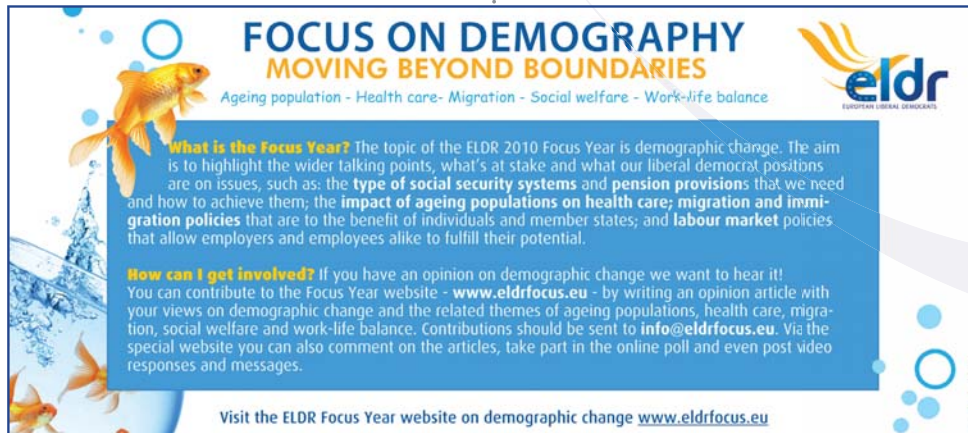
Where should the money come from?

- What should be the member states' contributions?
  - Do liberals want a direct EU tax?
  - Can the EU continue to give discounts to some member states' contributions?
  - Do we need a bigger EU budget to counter the crisis?
- How do we want to spend the money?
- Does the EU need to cut on expenses, as member states do?
  - What are the spending priorities: Agriculture subsidies? The creation of an EU army? Education? Research and innovation? To balance unequal economic developments between EU member states?

From January 2011, join us on [www.eldrfocus.eu](http://www.eldrfocus.eu):

Reforming Europe – Refining the EU Budget!

**Follow the debate on ELDR's facebook fanpage “European Liberal Democrats”**



**FOCUS ON DEMOGRAPHY**  
**MOVING BEYOND BOUNDARIES**  
 Ageing population - Health care - Migration - Social welfare - Work-life balance

**What is the Focus Year?** The topic of the ELDR 2010 Focus Year is demographic change. The aim is to highlight the wider talking points, what's at stake and what our liberal democrat positions are on issues, such as: the **type of social security systems and pension provisions** that we need and how to achieve them; the **impact of ageing populations on health care; migration and immigration policies** that are to the benefit of individuals and member states; and **labour market** policies that allow employers and employees alike to fulfill their potential.

**How can I get involved?** If you have an opinion on demographic change we want to hear it! You can contribute to the Focus Year website - [www.eldrfocus.eu](http://www.eldrfocus.eu) - by writing an opinion article with your views on demographic change and the related themes of ageing populations, health care, migration, social welfare and work-life balance. Contributions should be sent to [info@eldrfocus.eu](mailto:info@eldrfocus.eu). Via the special website you can also comment on the articles, take part in the online poll and even post video responses and messages.

Visit the ELDR Focus Year website on demographic change [www.eldrfocus.eu](http://www.eldrfocus.eu)

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# ELDR Training Workshops in 2011

## How to succeed as liberal political party?

### *What is this about?*

Drawing on the experience of many successful liberal parties in Europe, ELDR offers your party the possibility to get the best ideas and practices from sister parties on a range of practical issues. How? By helping your party organize thematic workshops to be held in your country.

Themes that you might find useful include:

- how to build your political party organization
- how to campaign on internet/ how to campaign at local level
- how to write effective policies/your political manifesto
- how to be in a coalition government
- how to do fundraising
- how to communicate effectively

and many other issues...at your request! If you think your party can improve its performance in these fields, ELDR will help you design a tailor-made programme.

### *How does it work and who pays?*

#### **ELDR helps you:**

- define a programme for the seminar;
- identifying and contacting suitable trainers

#### **You and your party are responsible for**

- the organization of the workshop in your country (inviting participants; logistics such as venue, food, accommodation for participants if needed).
- covering the travel expenses of your party members (if needed)

#### **ELDR will pay for:**

- the expenses of the trainers (fee, travel and accommodation costs);
- expenses such as accommodation and lodging for participants up to an agreed amount and based on actual expenditure

### *Who can apply?*

All ELDR member parties can apply.

All proposals will be reviewed but approval can only be granted in view of the overall number of applications.

### *When to apply?*

Please submit your expression of interest by 10 January 2011 to Philipp Hansen, ELDR political advisor, by email [phansen@eldr.eu](mailto:phansen@eldr.eu), tel: +32 2 5510160.

## ELDR political and information activities

The objective of the ELDR political and information activities is to promote liberal ideas within a European perspective. Through this scheme member parties can apply for funding to organise a project that promotes the EU, a party's work or message on European issues or its membership of the European liberal family.

Among the ways through which parties can do this is to organise a conference or film festival, design a special webpage, or conduct and present research on a particular issue. We welcome your suggestions and proposals that offer a unique and innovative way to communicate your European message.

Member parties can submit their application as of 1st June each year for projects taking place the following year. The deadline for submitting project proposals is early September.

For more information about the political activities scheme, contact Robert Plummer, ELDR Political Advisor at [rplummer@eldr.eu](mailto:rplummer@eldr.eu)

## Notes on the programme

Wednesday 13 October 2010, 15.00 - 17.00

*Marina Congress Center, Fennia 1 room*

### 1 "The Future of the European Labour Market"

This seminar will explore current and upcoming economic issues, employment policies and how to develop working life; what European universities can do to provide educated labour for Europe and what the EU can do to enhance European competitiveness in the future. The seminar will also provide a view of the European labour market from the private sector perspective.

#### SPEAKERS:

**Mari Kiviniemi**, Prime Minister of Finland; Leader, Keskusta, Finland

**Stefan Wallin**, Minister of Culture; Leader, Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland

**Lena Ek** MEP, ELDR Party Vice President, Sweden

**Sixten Korkman**, Managing Director, Research institute for Finnish Economy, Finland

**Henrik Wolff**, President, Arcada University of Applied Sciences, Finland



Wednesday 13 October 2010, 15.15 - 18.30

*Marina Congress Center, Nautica room*

### 2 "Active Citizenship and Democratic Accountability in the EU"

In this debate organized by the European Liberal Forum the discussion will focus on the democratic accountability in and of the European Union.

#### SPEAKERS:

**Thierry Coosemans**, member of the ELF Board of Directors, Belgium

**Christoffer Grönholm**, Chairman Lokus, Finland

**Patrick van Schie**, Director Prof.mr. B.M. Teldersstichting, the Netherlands

**Astrid Thors**, Minister of Migration and European Affairs, Finland

**Robert Nef**, Director Liberales Institut, Switzerland

Thursday 14 October 2010, 08.00 - 09.00

*Marina Congress Center, Nautica room*

### 3 "Can immigration defuse Europe's demographic timebomb?"

Seminar organised by the European Liberal Forum. Europe's ageing society will severely test the continent's economy and its welfare systems. Immigration might be one answer. They are a pool of labour for jobs many Europeans are unwilling to take. Yet anxiety about immigration is on the rise. Fearful of 'welfare tourism', entrenched poverty and radical Islam, governments are restricting migration flows and strengthening integration policies.

#### SPEAKERS:

**Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MEP**, ELF President

**Philippe Legrain**, author of "Immigrants: your country needs them"

**Graham Watson MEP**, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, ALDE Group in the European Parliament

**Han Entzinger**, Professor of Migration and Integration Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam



Founded in the fall of 2007, the European Liberal Forum, asbl (ELF) is the non-profit European political foundation of the ELDR Party. ELF brings together liberal think tanks, political foundations and institutes from around Europe to observe, analyse and contribute to the debate on European public policy issues and the process of European integration.

Thursday 14 November 2009, 9.30 - 11.00

*Marina Congress Center, Europaea room*

#### 4 "Demographic change: European problem or global phenomenon?"

In this debate, Professor Jack Goldstone will focus on his opinions on demographic change, as recently outlined in his paper "The New Population Bomb" and provide a comparison between the state of play in Europe, the US, China and developing world countries.

CDC Party leader Artur Mas will focus on his party's policies on pension reform, social welfare and migration and in this regard compare developments with the wider picture for Europe at large in view of increasing life expectancy and falling mortality rates.

The debate will be moderated by Barbro Westerholm MP, Folkpartiet Sweden

##### SPEAKERS:

**Jack Goldstone**, Eminent Scholar, George Mason School of Public Policy, USA

**Artur Mas i Gavarró** MP, Political Leader, Convergència Democràtica, Catalonia



Thursday 14 November 2009, 12.30 - 14.00

*Marina Congress Center, Nautica room*

#### 5 "The transformational power of digital technologies – a digital vision for Europe"

Due to the ageing population of Europe, labour productivity will become a main determinant of Europe's future economic growth.

The application of digital technologies has already become a primary transformational power driving both productivity growth, innovation and job creation in every market and social service sector of the European (and global) economy.

This is just the beginning, as the transformational power of digital technologies is itself expanding rapidly.

The delivery of transformational and productivity-enhancing digital technologies must be an essential component of the Europe 2020 strategy.

This lunch debate, co-hosted with Digital Europe, will outline the prospects for and challenges of this transformation process and will discuss liberal approaches for increasingly digitalised societies.

##### SPEAKERS:

**Erkki Ormala**, President, Digitaleurope

**Jimmy Schulz** MP, FDP, Germany, Chairman for FDP in German Parliament's "Enquiry Committee on Internet and the digital society"

**Michael Aastrup Jensen** MP, Venstre, Denmark, Spokesperson for information technologies

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<http://www.digitaleurope.org>

## Notes on the programme

Thursday 14 October 2010, 16.45 - 18.30

*Marina Congress Center, Nautica room*

**6 Screening of the documentary “Red Light” - An insight into prostitution in Cambodia”**

Narrated by Lucy Liu, «REDLIGHT» is a powerful feature documentary about child sexploitation, an epidemic happening in every country around the world.

Filmed over a four year period, «REDLIGHT» focuses on the personal stories of young Cambodian victims and two remarkable advocates for change: grass-roots activist Somaly Mam and politician Mu Sochua. Both have since been nominated for the Noble Peace Prize. The filmmakers Guy Jacobson and Adi Ezroni won the prestigious Global Hero Award for their work in Cambodia.

Using gritty footage smuggled out of brothels and harrowing testimonials, «REDLIGHT» follows the plight of several current and former child sex slaves. Some are trying to regain entry into Cambodian society to find some semblance of normality after their horrific experiences. Other stories highlight the plight of victims who are attempting to bring the perpetrators to justice. Their torturous yet ultimately heroic battles to find witnesses and take brothel owners to court are dramatically brought to life in this topical and moving feature documentary.

**INTRODUCTION AND COMMENTS:**

**Sam Rainsy**, Leader of the Sam Rainsy Party, Cambodia



Thursday 14 October 2010 18.45

*Marina Congress Center, Marine room*

**7 MPs and MEPs reception**

One of the key elements of the ELDR Party Congress is the networking opportunities that it offers.

A special reception for ELDR’s European and national parliamentarians, hosted by the ALDE Group in the European Parliament will take place on Thursday 14 October between 18:45 – 19:30, in the Marine Room of the Marina Congress Centre.

**This event is for MPs and MEPs only and is upon invitation from the ALDE Group.**



The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) is the third largest political group in the European Parliament, comprising 85 Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from European political parties right across the continent. ALDE is a strong centre force with a pro-European political agenda.

The group is led by Guy Verhofstadt, a Belgian liberal.

Friday 15 October 2010, 8.00 - 9.00

*Marina Congress Center, Nautica room*

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### ELWN breakfast meeting “Family matters – a liberal view on the reform of the parental leave system in the EU”

One of the priorities laid down in the EU’s social agenda is the need to promote policies to facilitate a work-life balance, aimed at women and men alike.

The EU is at present facing a demographic challenge arising from low birth rates and the growing proportion of older people. Better provisions to promote a work-life balance are also a way of coping with a dwindling population.

This debate will review, from a liberal perspective, current European legislative initiatives on the parental leave system aimed at promoting gender equality in the labour market and thus reducing inequalities between men and women in the workplace and actively promoting a work-life balance.

#### SPEAKERS:

**Co-chair: Vesna Pusic MP**, President ELWN, Vice-President ELDR Party

**Co-chair: Margareta Pietikäinen**, Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland, Co-founder ELWN

**Anneli Jäätteenmäki** MEP, Keskusta, Finland

**Carl Haglund MEP**, Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland

**Lousewies van der Laan**, D66, The Netherlands, Vice-President ELDR Party



The European Liberal Women’s Network (ELWN) brings together women politicians and activists from liberal, democrat and reform parties in Europe, within the ELDR Party. The President of the ELWN network is Mrs. Vesna Pusic (MP, HNS, Croatia). ELWN

Vice-Chairs are Norica Nicolai (MEP, PNL, Romania) and Trine Skei Grande (MP, Chair of Venstre, Norway).

Friday 15 October 2010 11.10 - 12.30

*Marina Congress Center, Europaea room*

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### “Making European elections European”

In this debate European Liberals will reflect on potential ways to reform the nature of European elections, including the possibility of electing MEPs from transnational lists and the potential role for the ELDR as a European party organisation.

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange views on the following questions, among others:

Who will choose and on what basis will candidates be selected for a transnational list of the ELDR Party?

Will there be a geographical and political balance in the transnational list and how can that be put into practice?

Will member parties be able and willing to support transnational list candidates from other member states? What would such a campaign concretely look like in view of language barriers?

Will candidates campaign on the basis of an ELDR or a member party manifesto?

#### SPEAKERS:

**Chair: Markus Löning**, ELDR Vice-President, FDP, Germany

**Andrew Duff MEP**, ALDE Group, Liberal Democrats, UK, Coordinator for Constitutional Affairs

**Ellen Trane Nørby MP**, Venstre, Denmark, Spokesperson on social affairs, media and gender equality.



## Notes on the programme

Friday 15 October 2010, 13.30 - 15.00

*Marina Congress Center, Nautica room*

### 10 Business lunch debate: "The art of governance"

The need for public sector reforms often features prominently in debates and on political agendas.

Liberals often define this as a "state reduced to the minimum": it is a question of what tasks should be taken over by what level of government, and which standards of quality should be offered.

At the same time, citizens demand better public goods and services, and more of them, while they do not want to pay higher taxes.

How can an "entrepreneurial government" be organised efficiently? How lean or how rich does a public administration need to be in order to fulfill its duties? What are the public sector's constraints during times of austerity?

This lunch debate, co-hosted by Deloitte, will centre on these and similar questions identifying a liberal approach towards this topic.

#### SPEAKERS:

**Chair: Kristiina Ojuland** MEP, ALDE Group, Reformierakond, Estonia, Member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs

**Keith Leslie**, Partner at Deloitte LLP, UK

**Dick Roche**, Minister for European Affairs, Fianna Fail, Ireland



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Friday 15 October 2010 16.10 - 17.10

*Marina Congress Center, Europa room*

### 11 Questions and answers session with Commissioner Olli Rehn

In this session, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, Olli Rehn will answer delegates' questions on Europe's latest economic developments. The discussion may touch upon issues related to demographic change, such as how to lower government debt in order to maintain current levels of social welfare provision, as well as the latest state of play regarding Europe's economic recovery and the future of the eurozone given the present importance of these issues.

#### SPEAKERS:

**Olli Rehn**, European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs since 2009, previously European Commissioner for Enlargement 2004-2009.

## Speakers

**SHARON BOWLES MEP**

Sharon Bowles is member of the European Parliament for the UK Liberal Democrats and has been ELDR Vice President since 2004. She is the Chairwoman of the Committee on economic and monetary affairs in the European Parliament.

**GRAHAM WATSON MEP**

Graham Watson has been member of the European Parliament for the British Liberal Democrats since 1994. He is member in the Committee of Foreign Affairs. He also is a former leader of the liberal group in the European Parliament from 2002-2009.

**ANDREW DUFF MEP**

Andrew Duff has been member of the European Parliament for the UK Liberal Democrats since 1999. He is the liberal group's coordinator on constitutional affairs.

**LENA EK MEP**

Lena Ek has been member of the European Parliament for the Swedish Centre Party since 2004. She has been ELDR Party Vice President since 2008. She is the liberal group's coordinator in the field of industry, research and energy.

**JACK GOLDSTONE**

Jack Goldstone is Professor at George Mason School of Public Policy, USA. He is a leading authority on social movement, regional conflicts and international politics and is a consultant to the U.S.

**CARL HAGLUND MEP**

Carl Haglund has been member of the European Parliament for Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland since 2009. He is the Vice-Chair in the Committee on Fisheries and is also member for the liberal group in the Budget Committee.

**WERNER HOYER MP**

Werner Hoyer is member of the German Parliament for FDP. He currently serves as Minister of State in the German Foreign Office. He is a former ELDR Party President.

**ANNELI JÄÄTTEENMÄKI MEP**

Anneli Jäätteenmäki has been member of the European Parliament for the Finnish Party Keskusta since 2004 and is member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She is also a former Prime Minister of Finland.

**MARI KIVINIEMI MP**

Mari Kiviniemi has been Prime Minister of Finland and Party Leader of Keskusta since June 2010. She served previously as a minister with varying portfolios in the Finnish government.

## Speakers



### **SIXTEN KORKMAN**

Sixten Korkman is Managing Director of the Economic Research Institute of the Finnish Economy, and the Finnish Business and Policy Forum.



### **GORDON LISHMAN**

Gordon Lishman is member of the federal executive of the UK Liberal Democrats. He is a former Chief Executive of the Age Concern England Group, Britain's largest Charity.



### **KEITH LESLIE**

Keith Leslie is Partner at Deloitte LLP in the UK. He served as a partner at McKinsey. He also acts as Chairman of BuildAfrica and is a fellow of the Windsor Leadership Trust.



### **MARKUS LÖNING**

Markus Löning is an ELDR Vice President and member of the federal board of FDP. He has been serving as special representative for Human Rights of the German government since 2010.



### **ALEXANDER GRAF LAMBSDORFF MEP**

Alexander Graf Lambsdorff has been member of the European Parliament for the German FDP since 2004. He is President of the European Liberal Forum and is also Vice-President of the liberal group in the European Parliament.



### **ANNEMIE NEYTS-UYTTEBROECK MEP**

Minister of State Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck has been ELDR Party President since 2005. She is member of the European Parliament for Belgium for Open VLD and is the liberal group's coordinator in the field of Foreign Affairs.



### **KRISTIINA OJULAND MEP**

Kristiina Ojuland is Member of the European Parliament since 2009. She is former Minister of Foreign Affairs in Estonia and the chair of the liberal group in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.



### **ERKKI ORMALA**

Erkki Ormala is the President of the Executive Board of DIGITAL EUROPE. He also is Vice President, Technology and Trade Policy for the Nokia Corporation in charge of the development of business environment for Nokia globally.



### **MARGARETA PIETIKÄINEN**

Margareta Pietikäinen is a former member of the Finnish Parliament for Svenska Folkpartiet. She is one of the co-founders of the ELDR Party's women's network ELWN.

## Speakers

**VESNA PUSIC MP**

Vesna Pusic is member of the Croatian Parliament for HNS Party. She has been ELDR Vice President since 2006 and also serves as chairperson of the ELDR women's network ELWN.

**SAM RAINSY MP**

Sam Rainsy is a member of parliament of Cambodia and the leader of the Sam Rainsy Party, the second largest political party in Cambodia.

**OLLI REHN**

Olli Rehn has been European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs since 2009. He previously served as Commissioner for enlargement. He is a former member of the European Parliament for the Finnish Party Keskusta.

**DICK ROCHE MP**

Dick Roche is member of Irish Parliament for Fianna Fail and currently serves as Minister for European Affairs in the Irish government. He previously held the portfolio of environment and local government minister.

**ASTRID THORS MP**

Astrid Thors is Minister of European Affairs and Immigration in Finland and belongs to Svenska Folkpartiet. She is a former member of the European Parliament.

**ELLEN TRANE NØRBY MP**

Ellen Trane Nørby is a member of Danish Parliament for Venstre. She is spokesperson for on family and social affairs, equality and media. She was president of LYMEC from 2002-2004.

**HANS VAN BAALEN MEP**

Hans van Baalen is member of the European Parliament for the Dutch VVD. He is the liberal group's coordinator in the field of security and defense. He has been President of Liberal International since 2009.

**LOUSEWIES VAN DER LAAN**

Lousewies van der Laan has been elected as ELDR Vice President in 2009. She is a former member of the European Parliament for the Dutch D66 and has served as Chief of Staff to the President of the international criminal court in The Hague since 2009.

**GUY VERHOFSTADT MEP**

Guy Verhofstadt is member of the European Parliament for Belgium for Open VLD and leader of the ALDE Group. He is also a former Prime Minister of Belgium.

## Speakers



### **STEFAN WALLIN**

Stefan Wallin has been Minister of Culture in the Finnish government since 2007. He has been party leader of Svenska Folkpartiet since 2006.



### **BARBRO WESTERHOLM MP**

Barbro Westerholm was first elected to the Swedish parliament for Folkpartiet in 1988 and previously worked for six years as Director General of the Swedish National Board of Health and was Vice President of the World Health Organisation Executive Board.



### **HENRIK WOLFF MP**

Henrik Wolff is President of Arcada University of applied sciences, Finland.



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**Liberal Democrat Local and Regional Politicians Awards**

First annual awards ceremony to be held on **15 November 2010** at the Jacques Delors Building of the Committee of the Regions in Brussels. An event organised and hosted by the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe in the Committee of the Regions.

**Categories of awards:**

- Local Leader of the Year
- Regional Leader of the Year

**Awards in each category:**

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- Most effective party engagement with citizens
- Most effective EU ambassador

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## Demographic Change Moving beyond boundaries

Please find more information about the programme and the speakers from [p. 23 to p.26](#).



Lunch debate & Fringe meetings  
Déjeuners-débats et réunions connexes



Working group or vote on resolutions  
Groupes de travail ou vote sur les résolutions



Speeches & Panel Debates  
Discours et débats

Vous trouverez plus d'informations sur le programme et les orateurs de la [p. 20 à 27](#).

### Wednesday 13 October 2010

Deadline submitting urgencies	<b>10.00</b>	Délai de dépôt des résolutions d'urgence
Registration Congress delegates	<b>12:00-19:00</b> MCC <sup>1</sup> : Foyer	Inscription des délégués du Congrès
Keskusta and Svenska Folkpartiet seminar <b>"The Future of the European Labour Market"</b> <b>1</b> Mari Kiviniemi, Prime Minister of Finland Leader Keskusta Stefan Wallin, Minister of Culture, Leader Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland Lena Ek MEP, ELDR Party Vice President, Sweden Sixten Korkman, Managing Director, Research institute for Finnish Economy Henrik Wolff, President, Arcada university of applied sciences, Finland	<b>15:00-17:00</b> MCC: Fennia 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	Séminaire du Keskusta et du Svenska Folkpartiet <b>"L'avenir du marché du travail européen"</b> Mari Kiviniemi, Premier Ministre de Finlande, Présidente de Keskusta Stefan Wallin, Ministre de la Culture, Président du Svenska Folkpartiet, Finlande Lena Ek MPE, Vice-présidente ELDR, Suède Sixten Korkman, Directeur général de l'Institut finlandais de de recherche sur l'économie Henrik Wolff, Président de l'Université Arcada des sciences appliquées, Finlande
European Liberal Forum seminar <b>"Active Citizenship and Democratic Accountability in the EU"</b> <b>2</b> Bureau meeting (upon invitation only)	<b>15:15-18:30</b> MCC: Nautica room	Séminaire Forum Libéral Européen <b>"Citoyenneté active et responsabilité démocratique dans l'UE"</b> Réunion du Bureau (sur invitation uniquement)
Welcome Reception <sup>2</sup> <b>Welcoming words</b> Jussi Pajunen, Mayor of Helsinki Annemie Neyts Uyttebroeck MEP, ELDR Party President	<b>19:30</b> Helsinki City Hall	Réception de bienvenue <sup>2</sup> <b>Discours de bienvenue</b> Jussi Pajunen, Maire d'Helsinki Annemie Neyts Uyttebroeck MPE, Présidente du Parti ELDR

### Thursday 14 October 2010

European Liberal Forum seminar <sup>3</sup> : <b>"Can immigration defuse Europe's demographic timebomb?"</b> <b>3</b>	<b>08:00 -09:00</b> MCC: Nautica room	Séminaire du Forum Libéral Européen <sup>3</sup> <b>"L'immigration peut-elle retarder la bombe à retardement démographique en Europe ?"</b>
EU Strategy for the Danube Region - Networking Event Michael Theurer MEP, FDP, Germany	<b>08:00 -09:15</b> MCC: Room 4 (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	La stratégie de l'UE pour la région du Danube – création d'un réseau Michael Theurer, MPE, FDP, Allemagne

1. MCC = Marina Congress Center

2. All delegates must wear their congress badge to access the City Hall. Veuillez vous munir de votre badge pour y accéder

3. Breakfast included. Petit déjeuner inclus.

Registration Congress delegates	<b>08:30-18:00</b> MCC: Foyer	Inscription des délégués du Congrès
<p><b>Congress matters of procedure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement and distribution of urgency resolutions</li> <li>- Call for scrutineers, Returning Officer and counting assistants; and announcement of urgencies</li> </ul>	<b>09:15 – 09:30</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<p><b>Points de procédure du Congrès</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annonce et distribution des résolutions d'urgence</li> <li>- Appel aux candidats scrutateurs, Président du bureau de vote et assistants au dépouillement et annonce des résolutions d'urgence</li> </ul>
<p><b>Demographic change: 4</b></p> <p><b>European problem or global phenomenon?</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Barbro Westerholm MR</b>, former Vice President WHO Executive Board, Folkpartiet, Sweden</p> <p>Jack Goldstone, Eminent Scholar, George Mason School of Public Policy, USA</p>	<b>09:30-11:00</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Le changement démographique:</b></p> <p><b>Problème européen ou phénomène mondial?</b></p> <p><b>Présidence: Barbro Westerholm MR</b> députée, ancienne vice-présidente du Comité directeur de l'OMS, Folkpartiet, Suède</p> <p>Jack Goldstone, Professeur émérite, Ecole George Mason de politique publique, USA</p>
<p>Working group: Theme resolution</p> <p><b>Chair: Sharon Bowles MEP</b>, ELDR Vice President, UK</p> <p><b>Rapporteur: Gordon Lishman</b>, Liberal Democrats, UK</p>	<b>11:00-12:30</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<p>Groupe de travail sur la résolution thématique</p> <p><b>Présidence: Sharon Bowles MPE</b>, Vice-présidente ELDR, Royaume-Uni</p> <p><b>Rapporteur: Gordon Lishman</b>, Liberal Democrats, Royaume-Uni</p>
<p>Working group: Congress resolutions</p> <p><b>Chair: Lousewies van der Laan</b>, ELDR Vice President, The Netherlands</p>	<b>11:00-12:30</b> MCC: Nordia Room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	<p>Groupe de travail sur les résolutions du Congrès</p> <p><b>Présidence: Lousewies van der Laan</b>, Vice-présidente ELDR, Pays-Bas</p>
Press conference	<b>12:00 – 12:30</b> MCC: Press Room	Conférence de presse
<p>Prime Ministers Lunch</p> <p>(Upon invitation only)</p>	<b>12:30 – 14:00</b> MCC: Marine Room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	Déjeuner des Premiers Ministres (sur invitation uniquement)
<p>Business lunch debate with Digital Europe:</p> <p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>“The transformational power of digital technologies – a digital vision for Europe”</b></p> <p>Erkki Ormala, President of the Executive Board of Digital Europe</p> <p>Jimmy Schulz MP, FDP, Germany, Chairman for FDP in German Parliament’s “Enquiry Committee Internet and digital society”</p> <p>Michael Aastrup Jensen MP, Venstre, Denmark, Spokesperson for information technologies</p>	<b>12:30 – 14:00</b> MCC: Nautica Room	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Déjeuner-débat avec Digital Europe:</p> <p><b>“Le pouvoir de transformation des technologies digitales – une vision digitale de l’Europe”</b></p> <p>Erkki Ormala, Président du Comité directeur de Digital Europe</p> <p>Jimmy Schulz Député, FDP, Allemagne, Président FDP de la Commission d’enquête du Parlement allemand sur “internet et la société digitale”</p> <p>Michael Aastrup Jensen, Député, Venstre, Danemark, Porte-parole pour les technologies de l’information</p>
<p><b>Official Congress opening</b></p> <p><b>Chair: Lousewies van der Laan</b>, ELDR Vice President, The Netherlands</p> <p>Annemie Neyts Uyttebroeck MEP, ELDR Party President</p> <p>Mari Kiviniemi, Prime Minister of Finland Leader Keskusta</p> <p>Stefan Wallin, Minister of Culture Leader Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland</p> <p>Weimer Hoyer, State Secretary for European Affairs, Germany</p>	<b>14:15 –15:45</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<p><b>Ouverture officielle du Congrès</b></p> <p><b>Présidence: Lousewies van der Laan</b>, Vice-présidente ELDR, Pays-Bas</p> <p>Annemie Neyts Uyttebroeck MPE, Présidente du Parti ELDR</p> <p>Mari Kiviniemi, Premier Ministre de Finlande, Présidente de Keskusta</p> <p>Stefan Wallin, Ministre de la Culture, Président du Svenska Folkpartiet, Finlande</p> <p>Werner Hoyer, Ministre d’Etat aux Affaires européennes, Allemagne</p>
<p>Presentation candidates for ELDR Bureau elections</p> <p><b>Chair: Lousewies van der Laan</b>, ELDR Vice President, The Netherlands</p>	<b>15:45-16:20</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<p>Présentation des candidats à l’élection des membres du Bureau de l’ELDR</p> <p><b>Présidence: Lousewies van der Laan</b>, Vice-présidente ELDR, Pays-Bas</p>

Announcement of scrutineers, Returning Officer and counting assistants	<b>16:25</b> MCC: Europæa Room	Annonce des scrutateurs, Président du bureau de vote et assistants au dépouillement
Working group: Theme resolution <b>Chair: Sharon Bowles MEP</b> , ELDR Vice President, UK <b>Rapporteur: Gordon Lishman</b> , Liberal Democrats, UK  Working group: Congress resolutions <b>Chair: Louisewies van der Laan</b> , ELDR Vice President	<b>16:45-18:15</b> MCC: Europæa Room  <b>16:45-18:15</b> MCC: Nordia room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	Groupe de travail sur la résolution thématique <b>Présidence: Sharon Bowles MPE</b> , Vice-présidente ELDR, Royaume-Uni <b>Rapporteur Gordon Lishman</b> , Liberal Democrats, Royaume-Uni  Groupe de travail sur les résolutions du Congrès <b>Présidence: Louisewies van der Laan</b> , Vice-présidente ELDR, Pays-Bas
Screening of the documentary "RedLight" - An insight into prostitution in Cambodia. <b>Introduction and comments: Sam Rainsy, MP</b> , Leader of the Sam Rainsy Party, Cambodia	<b>16:45 - 18:30</b> MCC: Nautica Room	<b>6</b> Projection du documentaire "Redlight" – un aperçu de la situation de la prostitution au Cambodge. <b>Introduction et commentaires: Sam Rainsy</b> , Députée, Leader du parti Sam Rainsy, Cambodge
<b>MPs and MEPs reception</b> <sup>4</sup> (For MPs and MEPs only) Hosted by the ALDE Group	<b>18:45</b> MCC: Marine Room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	<b>7 Réception pour les Députés nationaux et européens</b> <sup>4</sup> (Députés nationaux et européens uniquement) A l'invitation du Groupe ADLE
<b>Walking dinner</b> <sup>5</sup> <b>Welcoming words</b> Mari Kiviniemi, Prime Minister of Finland Leader Keskusta Stefan Wallin, Minister of Culture Leader Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland Annemie Neyts Uyttendaele MEP, ELDR Party President	<b>19:30</b> MCC: Fennia 1 and 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	<b>Dîner-buffet</b> <sup>5</sup> <b>Discours de bienvenue</b> Mari Kiviniemi, Premier Ministre de Finlande, Présidente de Keskusta Stefan Wallin, Ministre de la Culture, Président du Svenska Folkpartiet, Finlande Annemie Neyts Uyttendaele MPE, Présidente du Parti ELDR

## Friday 15 October 2010

European Liberal Women's Network (ELWN) breakfast meeting<sup>6</sup>  
**"Family matters – a liberal view on the reform of the parental leave system in the EU"**  
  
**Co-chair: Vesna Pusic MP**, ELDR Vice President  
**Co-chair: Margareta Pietikäinen**, co-founder of the ELWN  
Anneli Jäättteenmäki MEP, Keskusta, Finland  
Carl Haglund MEP, Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland  
Louisewies van der Laan, ELDR Vice President, The Netherlands

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## Vendredi 15 octobre 2010

8 **"Affaires familiales – le point de vue des libéraux sur la réforme du système de congé parental dans l'UE"**  
  
**Coprésidence: Vesna Pusic, MP**, vice-présidente de l'ELDR  
**Coprésidence: Margareta Pietikäinen**, cofondatrice de l'ELWN  
Anneli Jäättteenmäki MPE, Keskusta, Finlande  
Carl Haglund MPE, Svenska Folkpartiet, Finlande  
Louisewies van der Laan, Vice-présidente ELDR, Pays-Bas

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5. All delegates must wear their Congress badge to access the reception. Veuillez vous munir de votre badge pour y accéder  
6. Breakfast included. Petit déjeuner inclus.

Collection of proxy cards by Heads of Delegation	<b>08:30-09:30</b> MCC: Foyer	Les chefs de délégation sont invités à retirer les cartes de vote transférables
<b>ELDR Council</b>	<b>08:45 – 10:00</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<b>Conseil ELDR</b>
Vote: Congress resolutions <b>Chair: Louisewies van der Laan</b> , ELDR Vice President, The Netherlands	<b>10:00-11:00</b> MCC: Europæa Room	Vote sur les résolutions du Congrès <b>Présidence: Louisewies van der Laan</b> , Vice-présidente ELDR, Pays-Bas
<b>“Making European elections European”</b> <b>Chair, Markus Löning</b> , ELDR Vice President, Germany Andrew Duff MEP, ALDE Group, Liberal Democrats, UK Ellen Trane Nørby MP, Venstre, Denmark	<b>11:10 – 12:30</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<b>9</b> <b>“Des élections européennes vraiment européennes”</b> <b>Présidence: Markus Löning</b> , Vice-président ELDR, Allemagne Andrew Duff MEP, Groupe ADLE, Liberal Democrats, Royaume-Uni Ellen Trane Nørby Députée, Venstre, Danemark
Bureau Elections	<b>12:30-14:00</b> MCC: Nordia Room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	Elections du Bureau
Lunch discussion: <b>“Cultural minorities in Finland and Europe”</b> hosted by Swedish Cultural Foundation in Finland (Upon invitation only for MPs and MEPs) <b>Chair: Björn Teir</b> , The Swedish Cultural Foundation Stefan Wallin, Minister of Culture, Leader Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland Carl Haglund MEP, Svenska Folkpartiet, Finland	<b>12:00 – 13:30</b> MCC: Marine Room Restaurant (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	Déjeuner-débat: <b>“Les minorités en Europe”</b> à l’invitation de la fondation culturelle suédoise de Finlande (Députés nationaux et européens uniquement) <b>Présidence: Björn Teir</b> , Fondation Culturelle Suédoise Stefan Wallin, Ministre de la Culture, Président du Svenska Folkpartiet, Finlande Carl Haglund MPE, Svenska Folkpartiet, Finlande
Business lunch debate with Deloitte <b>“The art of governance”</b> <b>Chair: Kristina Ojulang MEP</b> , Reformierakond, Estonia, Keith Leslie, Partner at Deloitte LLP, UK Dick Roche T.D, Minister for European Affairs, Ireland	<b>13:30-15:00</b> MCC: Nautica Room (1 <sup>st</sup> floor)	<b>10</b> Déjeuner-débat avec Deloitte <b>“l’art de la gouvernance”</b> <b>Présidence: Kristina Ojulang MPE</b> , Reformierakond, Estonie, Keith Leslie, Partenaire chez Deloitte LLP, Royaume-Uni Dick Roche, Député, Ministre des affaires européennes, Irlande
Keynote speech Hans van Baalen MEP, President of Liberal International	<b>14:45 -14:55</b> MCC: Europæa Room	Orateur principal Hans van Baalen, MPE, Président de l’Internationale Libérale
Vote: Theme resolution <b>Chair: Sharon Bowles MEP</b> , ELDR Vice President, UK	<b>15:00-16:00</b> MCC: Europæa Room	Vote sur la résolution thématique <b>Présidence: Sharon Bowles MPE</b> , Vice-présidente ELDR, Royaume-Uni
Keynote speech Guy Verhofstadt MEP, Leader of the ALDE Group, European Parliament	<b>16:00 -16:10</b> MCC: Europæa Room	Orateur principal Guy Verhofstadt, MPE, Président du Groupe ADLE, Parlement européen
<b>Question Time with Olli Rehn</b> , European Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs <b>Chair: Olle Schmidt MEP</b> , Folkpartiet, Sweden	<b>16:10 – 17:10</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<b>11</b> <b>Questions au Commissaire européen Olli Rehn</b> , en charge des affaires économiques et monétaires <b>Président: Olle Schmidt MPE</b> , Folkpartiet, Suède
Announcement of the results of the Bureau elections	<b>17:10 – 17:15</b> MCC: Europæa Room	Annonce des résultats de l’élection du Bureau
<b>Closing remarks</b> Astrid Thors, Minister of European Affairs and Immigration, Finland Annemie Neyts Uyttebroeck MEP, ELDR Party President	<b>17:15-17:30</b> MCC: Europæa Room	<b>Mots de clôture</b> Astrid Thors, Ministre des affaires européennes et de l’immigration, Finlande Annemie Neyts Uyttebroeck MPE, Présidente du Parti ELDR

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