



## **RULES OF PROCEDURE as adopted in Bucharest in October 2006**

The European Liberal Women's Network has been set up to substantively contribute to party policy and procedure. The Network offers a platform for discussion of topical issues in addition to acting as a mentoring and support network. It builds upon and strengthens critical policy-making and advocacy skills for women.

More specifically, the ELWN aims:

1. To expand the participation of liberal and democrat women in politics at local, national and European level and within Liberal parties.
2. To strengthen relationships and exchange information between liberal and democrat women Europe-wide.
3. To ensure that liberal and democrat policies in Europe include and express women's views on all issues.

### **ACTIVITIES**

The European Liberal Women Network:

- prepares resolutions to ELDR Congresses
- runs an annual meeting at ELDR Party Congresses and other meetings as appropriate
- set up campaigns to promote gender equality
- cooperates with ELDR member parties women's networks
- facilitate a regular exchange of information between liberal women and the actions and programmes of ELDR member parties on gender equality
- seeks to ensure a close working relationship with the European Women Lobby
- produces a newsletter
- discusses issues in an online forum
- canvasses and publicises members' views and support their campaigns.
- draws attention to women fighting for freedom and equality and to the achievements of liberal and democrat women
- sends delegations to EU events on gender equality as well as World Conferences on Women
- promotes equal opportunities and fights discrimination

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Member parties, Lymec, Liberal International and the International Liberal Women Network, are requested to appoint an official representative to the European Liberal Women Network. European Commissioners, ALDE group members in the European Parliament and Committee of the regions are ELWN members ex officio.

Men and women of liberal parties, organisations and groups and individual women who support ELWN aims can be informed and participate in ELWN activities and events.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The ELWN executive committee is composed of a chair and two vice-chairs. The executive committee oversees implementation of ELWN activities, receives and proposes resolutions for the forthcoming annual meetings and develops proposals for future activities.

The chair is responsible for setting the network direction and speaking on behalf of the network. The chair is elected for two years by the ELDR Party Congress.

The two vice-chairs are elected by simple majority among ELWN members every two years by those who are present at the annual Meeting.

The executive committee is assisted in its work by the ELWN coordinator based in the ELDR Party Secretariat. The contact person is Philipp Hansen (phansen@eldr.eu), tel: + 32 2 551 01 60, fax: + 32 2 231 19 07.