



ELDR Campaign Launch

Wednesday 15th April 2009

Tour & Taxis, Avenue du Port 86C, 1000, Brussels, Belgium

16:30 – 22:00

16:30	Arrival of guests
17:00	Campaign Launch

- Keynote:** **Annemie Neyts** MEP, ELDR Party President
- Welcome:** **Didier Reynders**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Leader MR
Bart Somers, Leader Open VLD
- Speech:** **Pat Cox**, President, European Movement International and former President of the European Parliament
- Speech:** **Matti Vanhanen**, Prime Minister of Finland

Thematic panel debates

1. Environment and energy

- Lena EK MEP, head of Centrepatriet list, Sweden
- Chris Davies MEP, Liberal Democrats candidate, UK
- Ivo Thijssen, D66 candidate, the Netherlands

2. Civil liberties

- Katarina Kresal, Minister of the Interior, Slovenia
- Anne E Jensen MEP, candidate, Venstre, Denmark
- Leoluca Orlando MP, Italia dei Valori, Italy

3. EU Single Market, growth and employment

- Silvana Koch Mehrin MEP, head of FDP list, Germany
- Siim Kallas, European Commission Vice President, Commissioner for Administrative Affairs, Audit and Anti-Fraud, Estonia
- Ramon Tremosa, head of CDC list, Catalonia
- Meglena Kuneva, Commissioner for Consumer Protection, Bulgaria

4. Enlargement, foreign, security and defence

- Hans van Baalen MP, Liberal International Deputy President, head of VVD list, the Netherlands
- Istvan Szent-Ivanyi MEP, SDS candidate, Hungary

- Kristiina Ojuland MP, first Vice President of the Estonian Parliament, candidate, Reform Party, Estonia

Speech: **Aloys Rigaut**, LYMEC President

Speech: **Graham Watson** MEP, Leader ALDE Group, European Parliament

Closing message: **Louis Michel**, head of MR list, European Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid

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19:00	Belgian dinner and party
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