



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
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17:00	Campaign Launch
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Keynote: **Annemie Neyts** MEP, ELDR Party President

Welcome: **Didier Reynders**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Leader MR

Bart Somers, Leader Open VLD

Speech: **Matti Vanhanen**, Prime Minister of Finland

Speech: **Pat Cox**, President, European Movement International and former President of the European Parliament

Thematic panel debates

1. Civil liberties

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

2. EU Single Market, growth and employment

- Silvana Koch Mehrin MEP, head of FDP list, Germany
- Sharon Bowles MEP, Liberal Democrats candidate, UK
- Ramon Tremosa, head of CDC list, Catalonia
- Emma Bonino, Vice President of the Italian Senate, Italy

Speech: **Meglana Kuneva**, Commissioner for Consumer Protection, Bulgaria

3. Environment and energy

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

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, head of Reform Party list, first Vice President of the Estonian Parliament, Estonia
- Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MEP, President of the European Liberal Forum and FDP candidate, Germany

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	Dinner and party with live music
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