

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Liberal academy 2010**  
**Challenging the European integration standstill**

European Parliament, Brussels

29 – 31 August 2010

**Sunday, 29 August 2010**

- 14:00h *Welcome address*  
**Susanne Hartig**, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum, asbl  
**Federica Sabbati**, Secretary General, ELDR Party
- 14:30h *Introduction of participants and programme*  
**Wulf Pabst**, Moderator
- 15:00h **“Being an MEP – Visualizing Europe”**  
**Marietje Schaake** MEP, member of the European Parliament  
Committee on Culture and Education
- 16:30h Coffee break
- 17:00h **European economic integration: Bail out or no bail out?**  
Key note inputs followed by discussion  
**Kai Lücke**, Lecturer of European Economic Integration at the Institut  
d’Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)  
**Jorgo Chatzimarkakis** MEP, member of the European Parliament  
Committee on Industry, Research and Energy and of the Committee  
on Budgetary Control  
**Thesis 1:** “A political union is meaningless without financial solidarity”  
**Thesis 2:** “No European solidarity without financial solidity of its  
member states”
- 19:30h Dinner

**Monday, 30 August 2010**

- 09:30h **“After the Lisbon Treaty – what political system for Europe?”**  
Panel discussion:  
1. **Alexander Plahr**, President of European Liberal Youth LYMEC  
2. **Giulio Ercolessi**, Fondazione Critica Liberale
- 11:00h Coffee break
- 12:00h **“European political parties: deliberative umbrella organizations or future forces of EU democracy?”**  
**Federica Sabbati**, Secretary General, ELDR Party
- 13:00h Guided tour of the European Parliament (tbc)
- 13:30h Lunch
- 15:00h **“How to create a European political sphere?”**  
**Andrew Duff** MEP, Coordinator for constitutional affairs of the liberal group in the European Parliament
- 16:30h Coffee break
- 17:00h Working groups  
**“How does the EU become an efficient and capable global actor?”**  
Working group tasks:  
1. Should EU Enlargement continue, because it is a key factor for stability and prosperity in Europe, or should it slow down because it prevents the deepening of EU integration?  
2. Can the EU’s economic interests be reconciled with the EU’s interests to defend human rights worldwide?  
3. Is a true European army a necessary dream to come true or should we let the Americans/NATO do the dirty defense work?

18:00h                    *Presentation of working group results and discussion with*  
**Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck** MEP, President ELDR Party,  
Coordinator for Foreign Affairs of the liberal group in the European  
Parliament

20:00h                    Dinner

**Tuesday, 31 August 2010**

09:30h                    **Topic (TBA)**  
**Guy Verhofstadt** MEP, Leader of liberal parliamentary group in the  
European Parliament

11:00h                    Coffee break

11:30h                    Drafting a final statement *“the Europe we want”*

13:30h                    Lunch

14:30h                    Continuation and conclusions

After 16:00h            Departure of participants