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INTRODUCTION



The European Liberal Forum (ELF) is the foundation of the European Liberal Democrats, the ALDE Party. A core aspect of our work consists in issuing publications on Liberalism and European public policy issues. We also provide a space for the discussion of European politics, and offer training for Liberal-minded citizens. Our aim in all of this is to promote active citizenship.



Our foundation is made up of a number of European think tanks, political foundations and institutions. The diversity of our membership provides us with a wealth of knowledge and is a constant source of innovation. In turn, we provide our members with the opportunity to cooperate on European projects under the ELF umbrella.

We work throughout Europe as well as in the EU Neighbourhood countries. Our youthful and dynamic nature allows us to be at the forefront in promoting active citizenship, getting the citizen involved with European issues and building an open, Liberal Europe.

Liberal Solutions for the European Economy



Promoting Rule of Law in Europe



The Future of the European Union



Capacity-Building to Strengthen the European Liberal Dimension





SELECTED ELF EVENTS



Workshops

“Exploring a common liberal view on the balance between people, state and markets”

This one-day workshop aimed to develop a joint liberal perspective on socio-economic governance; more specifically, on the appropriate balance between the three organisational principles of bureaucracy, market exchange and civil society.



Seminars

“New duties and responsibilities for Liberal local politicians in Bulgaria, FYROM, Moldova and Romania”

This event focused on the widening competencies of Liberal local politicians in the management of EU funds, public-private partnerships in municipalities, and in overcoming local administrative deficits.

SELECTED ELF EVENTS



Panel Discussions

“The future of European multilateralism in NATO”

ELF invited British, Dutch and German politicians and academics to discuss the future of European multilateralism in NATO. At a time when defence budgets are being cut, should European countries pool and share military capabilities to remain ‘useful’ to the US? As attitudes and spending change within Europe and diverge from America, can NATO really survive as a ‘two-tiered alliance’?



Conferences

“Liberal ideas for Europe: Migration and labour mobility”

Young European Liberal decision-makers were invited to a two-day conference on migration and labour mobility. Using an interactive format, the conference highlighted the benefits and need for a Liberal migration policy, especially given the economic and financial crisis currently affecting Europe.



SELECTED ELF PUBLICATIONS

> ELF conducts research and issues publications on Liberal public policy issues:



Reducing Political Risk in EU Pooling and Sharing (2014)

Can states share political accountability by allowing common defence capability development, training of troops, or procurement of military equipment? Is the defence industry ready for Pooling and Sharing (PS)? Does PS have an intrinsic strategic value? What impact will PS have on European defence cooperation in institutional and operational terms? This paper identifies the level of political risk attached to certain areas of PS and provides specific recommendations on how to reduce these risks.



Communicating with Confidence and Clarity (2013)

Populism thrives on easy, repetitive and emotive messages. Far too often, mainstream political messages are drowned out by the foul cry of populist rhetoric. The far right and far left are offering simplistic solutions which threaten the future of the European Union. To help combat such sentiments ELF has brought together key speakers from its 2013 series of workshops and seminars dedicated to developing communication strategies to target populist rhetoric. The leitmotiv of this publication is to encourage liberal-minded Europeans to voice their views with confidence and clarity.

SELECTED ELF PUBLICATIONS



All publications are available online at www.liberalforum.eu



The Anthology of Freedom (2012)

Antologia Wolności is an exciting attempt to define liberalism in the Polish context. The publication illustrates the diversity and breadth of liberalism as a self-reflective and progressive intellectual stream. Each contributor has examined a major European question and related it to liberalism, making this monograph a strong Polish-language contribution to the identification of liberal answers for the future.



Liberal Principles Compared (2011)

Europe stands astride a poignant set of challenges, ranging from social to economic issues. At this important junction, liberalism also faces severe challenges. What does it mean to be a liberal? Can we speak of a liberal *Grundnorm* spanning all the liberal traditions of Europe, or is there a Rubicon dividing those on the left and the right? These are questions we must ask as we come to grips with the solutions liberalism can offer Europe.



THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLE SERIES



ELF hosts a dynamic roundtable series on issues prominent on the European Liberal political agenda. Named after Lord Ralf Dahrendorf (1929-2009), ELF wishes to underline Lord Dahrendorf's achievements by naming the roundtable series in his honour.



In his many functions Ralf Dahrendorf championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His experience in both science and politics informed his strong contribution to the German Parliament as a member of the FDP, to the EU as European Commissioner, as a member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

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