



POLEXIST: ENSURING POLAND'S POSITION IN THE EU UNDER THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

Since the 2015 parliamentary election in Poland, the new government introduced a number of "good changes" in the areas that contribute to the integrity of a democratic state (judiciary, women's rights, public media, nature protection, among others). As a result, Poland has moved away from the direction set by the EU and agreed on by the member states. The recent crisis of image of Poland on an international stage is ever more the reason for a sensible and action-oriented discussion on how to put a halt to further negative reinforcements in Poland and instead, to navigate the state back on track of the further EU integration. Including in the debate voices from various perspectives shall therefore result in creating a positive and inclusive dialogue that has at its heart the ideas of liberal democracy, rule of law, and an open society.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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Discussion with

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ABOUT THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLES

By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.