



# RALF DAHRENDORF **ROUNDTABLES**

## ON THE MOVE OR AT A DEAD END?

The European Commission's introduction of the Mobility Package has been met with a mixed reception. The new legislation imposes greater restrictions on the road transport sector, which could massively damage businesses who rely on cross-border transportation. One of the changes entitles drivers to be paid the local remuneration level *including all benefits if they work at least for 3 days in a month within a country*. For small businesses in particular, these cost surges could lead to their closure, which has prompted accusations of protectionism.

*Who will benefit and who will lose from the implementation of the Mobility Package? How will the implementation of these rules work in practice? What will be the consequences for the European market? What will the real cost of the Mobility Package for Czech businesses, and businesses across the union? What can be done to protect small businesses?*

### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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**BELLEVUE RESTAURANT, SMETANOVO NÁBŘ. 18, PRAGUE**

Discussion with

- **Martina Dlabajová**, *Member of the European Parliament for ALDE, Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe*
- **Dr. Marek Benio**, *Vice President of Labour Mobility Initiative, Labour Mobility Initiative*

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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.