



# ELF IDEA ACCELERATOR

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edition

Zoom Meeting  
24 June 2020

# ABOUT THE EVENT

Following on last year's success, the European Liberal Forum is proud to organise the second edition of its flagship event – the Idea Accelerator. Taking account of our present circumstances, but with a view of the future, the Idea Accelerator hopes to serve as an experimental online space.

Should we be afraid of the future and the world waiting for us post-COVID-19? Will we be living in unbearably hot climates, permanently wearing masks, and searching for the last few jobs that have not yet been taken by robots owned by the super-rich? Contrary to what you hear in the media, we'd like to show you why the world is going to turn out much better than you think.

We'll be testing new liberal solutions for managing climate change and boosting the recovery of the European economy after COVID-19. Reforms need to be robust, transparent, accountable and forward-looking; the Regulatory Quality Index provides us with the methodology for developing responsible answers to those climate and economic questions Europe is facing today.

As the world is still recovering from the coronavirus pandemic, we are turning to online tools to organise this unique event that will bring together policymakers and thought leaders into contact with some of the latest ideas and approaches from the ground across Europe.

**DANIEL KADDIK**  
ELF Executive Director



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# PROGRAMME

## ZOOM MEETING

09:25 [Participants connect to Zoom](#)

09:30 [Introductory remarks](#)

**DANIEL KADDIK**, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum  
Conference Moderator: **LAUREN MASON**, Project Officer, European Liberal Forum

### FEAR OF THE FUTURE – IS IT NAÏVE TO BE AN OPTIMIST?

09:40 [Panel discussion hosted by ELF](#)

**METTE KAHLIN MCVEIGH**, Climate Programme Director, Fores  
**KRISTIJAN KOTARSKI**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb  
**MATHIAS SUNDIN**, Co-founder and Executive Chairman, Warp Institute Foundation  
Moderator: **ISABELLE PARASRAM**, Vice President, UK Liberal Democrats

10:30 [Break](#)

### HOW TO REGULATE MORE SMARTLY: PRESENTING THE REGULATORY QUALITY INDEX

10:40 [Workshop hosted by KEFiM](#)

**SVETLA KOSTADINOVA**, Executive Director, Institute for Market Economics  
**ALI RIZA ÇOBAN**, PhD, Senior Legal Expert, Association of Freedom of Expression (İFÖD)  
**EFI STEFOPOULOU**, Lecturer, Greek National School of Public Administration  
Moderator: **ALEXANDER SKOURAS**, President, KEFiM

11:30 [Break](#)

### EUROPEAN CLIMATE (R)EVOLUTION: WHAT'S AT STAKE AND HOW TO FIGHT FOR IT

11:40 [PechaKucha & Debate hosted by LYMEC – European Liberal Youth](#)

**MARTIN HOJSÍK**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group  
**SVENJA HAHN**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group  
Moderator: **ANTOANETA ASENOVA**, President, LYMEC

12:30 [Break](#)

### LEVEL-UP FOR EUROPEAN INDUSTRY: ON TRACK FOR RECOVERY

12:40 [Fireside chat hosted by the Institute for Politics and Society \(IPPS\)](#)

**KRISTIN SCHREIBER**, SME Policy and COSME Programme, DG GROW, European Commission  
Moderator: **MARTINA DLABAJOVÁ**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

13:30 [Closing remarks](#)

**MARTINA DLABAJOVÁ**, First Vice President of the Board of Directors, European Liberal Forum

13:40 [End of the event](#)

# SESSIONS

## ZOOM MEETING

### FEAR OF THE FUTURE – IS IT NAÏVE TO BE AN OPTIMIST?

People living in unbearably hot climates, permanently wearing masks, in search of the last few jobs that have not yet been taken by robots owned by the super-rich. This is the image of the future you get listening to current discussions and the media. It seems that the future never had such a bad reputation as it has now. Through this panel, the European Liberal Forum wants to show people that the situation is not that bad, that there are solutions for some of today's problems and that it is not naïve to be an optimist.

**METTE KAHLIN MCVEIGH**, Climate Programme Director, Fores [@MetteKahlin](#)

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### HOW TO REGULATE MORE SMARTLY: PRESENTING THE REGULATORY QUALITY INDEX

Have you ever found yourself wondering why regulations are poorly designed or why legislators cannot seem to figure out how to fix the issues? Well-designed regulations are the indispensable institutional tools which ensure the proper function of society and the economy. Through this workshop we would like to present the Regulatory Quality Index, which can be used to objectively measure and evaluate the quality of regulation and provide an additional impetus to legislators to improve it.

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### EUROPEAN CLIMATE (R)EVOLUTION: WHAT'S AT STAKE AND HOW TO FIGHT FOR IT

One of the main challenges that the EU is facing in the immediate and long-term future is climate change. How can we conceive solutions that allow for fast action but that are well thought-out and sustainable in the long run? In a very dynamic and creative way, we hope to spark your imagination and to spark discussion. Our two speakers will give PechaKucha presentations on climate change from the policymaking perspective, followed by a debate, before opening up for a Q&A.

**MARTIN HOJSÍK**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group [@mhojsik](#)

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### LEVEL-UP FOR EUROPEAN INDUSTRY: ON TRACK FOR RECOVERY

The consequences of the coronavirus pandemic have affected the world economy in a drastic way. Now we must figure out how to support European industry in recovering from this unexpected situation that is affecting millions of people across the continent. The most affected are SMEs, which form the backbone of the EU's economy. The recovery and rescue of these enterprises must be one of the EU's top priorities. During this fireside chat we will try to see how we can support these businesses, how should this support be set up, and we will discuss whether the EU's priorities are correctly aligned.

**KRISTIN SCHREIBER**, SME Policy and COSME Programme, DG GROW, European Commission [@EU\\_Growth](#)

**MARTINA DLABAJOVÁ**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group [@Mdlabajova](#)



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