

# RALF DAHRENDORF **ROUNDTABLES**

## Opportunities for Europe after Brexit

Brexit is becoming a reality and will affect all EU member states. As the EU has never experienced the leaving of one of its member states, there are several key questions that no one can answer with certainty. The political and economic impact of Brexit will be noticeable on both sides of the Channel, and the expectations among politicians, businesses and citizens are enormous. Yet Brexit can also be seen as an opportunity: as a wake-up call for the EU, as an impetus for reform, as an opening for further cooperation in areas such as defence or finance, or as a new lease of life for integration. Many hope that Brexit will not change our lives as radically as some experts predict, but perhaps it can also trigger change for the better.

### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**2 April 2019 | 19:00-21:00**

### BRUSSELS, PRAGUE HOUSE

#### Program:

#### 19:00-19:10 Welcome by

**Martina Dlabajová**, Vice-President, European Liberal Forum; Member of the European Parliament (ANO/ALDE)

**Lucie Čadilová**, Director, Delegation of Prague to the EU

#### 19:10-21:00 Discussion

Confirmed speakers:

**Dita Charanzová**, Member of the European Parliament (ANO/ALDE)

**Pavel Svoboda**, Member of the European Parliament (KDU-ČSL/EPP)

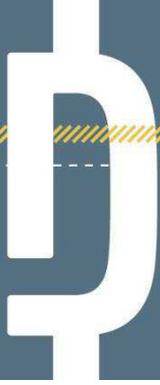
**Michael Emerson**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies

**Jan Macháček**, Chairman of the Board, Institute for Politics and Society

Moderated by **Sebastian Vagt**, UK Country Manager, Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom

#### 21:00-22:00 Dinner

Working language  
**English**



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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.