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About the Event

The Idea Accelerator is a new format that brings policymakers in Brussels into contact with some of the latest ideas and approaches from the ground across Europe. By bringing together newly elected MEPs and other stakeholders in Brussels with representatives of ELF member organisations, the Idea Accelerator hopes to serve as an experimental space for testing new liberal solutions to European issues, from climate to migration to the future of work. The theme for 2019 is 'Europe in Transition'.

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PROGRAMME

12:00 – 12:45 [Lunch](#)

PLENARY SESSIONS

12:45 – 12:50 [Introductory remarks](#)
JÜRGEN MARTENS MP, ELF President

12:50 – 13:10 [Keynote speeches](#)
HANS VAN BAALEN, President of the ALDE Party
GUY VERHOFSTADT MEP, Leader of the ALDE Group (tbc)

12:50 – 14:00 [Discussion](#)
Future directions for a liberal Europe
KATALIN CSEH MEP, Momentum
NICOLA BEER MEP, FDP (tbc)
LUIS GARICANO MEP, Ciudadanos (tbc)
Moderator: **DANIEL KADDIK**, ELF Executive Director

PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:00 – 15:15 [Interview & Workshop](#)
What makes a future-proof European vision on migration?
hosted by Mr Hans Van Mierlo Stichting, Republikon Foundation and FORES
MARTHE HESSELMANS, Senior Researcher, Mr Hans Van Mierlo Stichting
JOSÉ RAMÓN BAUZÁ MEP, Ciudadanos
JÚLIA IVÁN, Human rights lawyer
DANIEL SJÖBERG, Political Advisor to former MEP Cecilia Wikström

14:00 – 15:15 [Panel discussion](#)
The quality of governance in the EU
hosted by Fondazione Luigi Einaudi
ROBERTO RICCIUTI, Director of Economics, University of Verona
FRANCISCO VEIGA, President of the School of Economics and Management, University of Minho
NICOLAS AIOSSA, Interim Director, Transparency International EU Office (tbc)
Moderator: **MARCO MARIANI**, European Affairs Director, Fondazione Luigi Einaudi

- 15:15 – 15:30 [Coffee Break](#)
- 15:30 – 16:30 [Cambridge Union Debate](#)
Disrupting the transport sector
hosted by ELF Secretariat
PATRICK KURTH, Flixbus (tbc)
MATTEO MUSSINI, Strategy Advisor, CER
ZUZANA PUCIKOVA, Head of EU Public Policy, Uber (tbc)
SABINE TRIER, Deputy General Secretary, European Transport Workers Federation (tbc)
Moderator: **ABDULLAH SHAH**, President of the Cambridge Union
- 15:30 – 16:30 [Workshop](#)
Hottie of the year: climate change is all about the money!
hosted by FORES
METTE KAHLIN MCVEIGH, Deputy Director of the Climate Change Programme, FORES
- 16:30 – 17:15 [Briefing](#)
Setting the agenda for the coming term: news from the Finnish presidency of the Council of the EU
hosted by SBF
- 16:30 – 17:15 [Fireside chat](#)
Will Terminator be your next colleague?
hosted by IPPS
PETR OČKO, Deputy Minister for new technology, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic
Moderator: **JAN KLESLA**, External expert of the Institute for Politics and Society
- 17:15 – 18:00 [Drinks Reception](#)



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