



ELF IDEA ACCELERATOR

Europe
in Transition

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WELCOME TO OUR VERY FIRST ELF IDEA ACCELERATOR!

The ELF Idea Accelerator is an experimental space for testing new solutions to European issues, from climate to migration to the future of work. In 2019, the theme is 'Europe in Transition'.

We have the pleasure to discuss some ideas and approaches from the ground across Europe with newly elected Members of the European Parliament.

Everyday challenges, such as mobility, the future of work, migration and climate change, will be discussed via innovative formats during the parallel sessions.

Hear those gears? That is the sound of ideas speeding up in your head! Now look through this brochure, find your favourite session and take part! Don't forget to share your thoughts on Twitter with #ELFevent.

DANIEL KADDIK
ELF Executive Director



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PROGRAMME

12:00 – 12:45 [Lunch](#)

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

PLENARY SESSION

12:50 – 13:10 [Keynote speech](#) / Room: Townhall Europe
HANS VAN BAALEN, President of the ALDE Party

13:10 – 14:00 [Discussion](#) / Room: Townhall Europe
Future directions for a liberal Europe
KATALIN CSEH MEP, Momentum, Vice President of Renew Europe
FREDRICK FEDERLEY MEP, Centerpartiet, Renew Europe (tbc)
HANS VAN BAALEN, President of the ALDE Party
IRINA VON WIESE MEP, Liberal Democrats, Renew Europe
Moderator: **DANIEL KADDIK**, ELF Executive Director

PARALLEL SESSIONS

14:00 – 15:15 [Interview & Workshop](#)
Room: Townhall Europe
What makes a progressive liberal vision on migration in Europe?
hosted by Mr Hans Van Mierlo Stichting, Republikon Foundation and FORES
JOSÉ RAMÓN BAUZÁ MEP, Ciudadanos, Renew Europe
MARTHE HESSELMANS, Senior Researcher, Mr Hans Van Mierlo Stichting
JÚLIA IVÁN, Human rights lawyer
DANIEL SJÖBERG, Political Advisor to former MEP Cecilia Wikström
CSABA TOTH, Founder and strategy director of the Republikon Institute
Moderator: **BIRGIT ALLERSTORFER**, Director of Neos Lab

[Panel discussion](#)
Room: Groundfloor 1
The quality of governance in the EU
hosted by Fondazione Luigi Einaudi
LEO HOFFMANN-AXTHELM, Research & Advocacy Coordinator, Transparency International
ROBERTO RICCIUTI, Director of Economics, University of Verona
FRANCISCO VEIGA, President of the School of Economics and Management, University of Minho
Moderator: **MARCO MARIANI**, European Affairs Director, Fondazione Luigi Einaudi

15:15 – 15:30 [Coffee Break](#)

PARALLEL SESSIONS

15:30 – 16:30 [Cambridge Union Debate](#)
Room: Townhall Europe
Disrupting the transport sector
hosted by ELF Secretariat
JACOB BANGSGAARD, President, MaaS Alliance
TOM BUCHHOLD, Manager Public Affairs, FlixBus and FlixTrain
MATTEO MUSSINI, Strategy Advisor, Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER)
LIVIA SPERA, Acting General Secretary, European Transport Workers Federation
Moderator: **ABDULLAH SHAH**, President of the Cambridge Union

16:30 – 17:15 [Briefing](#)
Room: Groundfloor 1
Setting the agenda for the coming term: news from the Finnish presidency of the Council of the EU
hosted by Svenska Bildningsförbundet

17:15 – 18:00 [Drinks Reception](#)

[Workshop](#)
Room: Groundfloor 1
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

[Fireside chat](#)
Room: Groundfloor 2
Will Terminator be your next colleague?
hosted by Institute for Politics and Society
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

SESSIONS

FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR A LIBERAL EUROPE

Three members of Renew Europe share with us their vision for a liberal Europe for the next 5 years. Newly elected into office, what steps do they see as key for the mandate ahead? Which direction should the liberals take in questions of migration, climate, economy and automation?



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WHAT MAKES A PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL VISION ON MIGRATION IN EUROPE?

Migration is a reality here to stay. In 2015, member states were ill-prepared for the peak in asylum applications in the EU, resulting in a crisis of management and vision. It is now crucial that the EU looks ahead and develops a joint response to future asylum flows. What should such policies look like? This session will address issues such as a humane reception and fair distribution of asylum seekers, as well as strategies to address the root causes of asylum.



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THE QUALITY OF GOVERNANCE IN THE EU

How can we assure good quality governance in the EU? Institutional quality can be measured in terms of control of corruption, strength of the rule of law, government effectiveness, voice and accountability. Quality governance can produce more effective and sustainable policies, economic growth, and better standards for education, healthcare and employment. How is the EU faring in good governance?



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DISRUPTING THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

New trends and technologies are shaking up mobility as we know it. Electric scooters, peer-to-peer ridesharing platforms, electric cars, and the opening up of traditional markets are changing the face of transport in Europe's towns and cities. What is the impact of such disruptors in terms of consumer choice, liability, ecology and competition? Join us for this lively debate moderated by the President of the Cambridge Union debating society.



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MATTEO MUSSINI, STRATEGY ADVISOR, COMMUNITY OF EUROPEAN RAILWAY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMPANIES (CER) [@CER_railways](#)
LIVIA SPERA, ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY, EUROPEAN TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION [@livia_spera](#)
MODERATOR: ABDULLAH SHAH, PRESIDENT OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNION [@cambridgeunion](#)

HOTTIE OF THE YEAR: CLIMATE CHANGE IS ALL ABOUT THE MONEY!

The environment featured heavily in the ALDE manifesto, but what does climate change policy in the EU encompass? This session will explore the economic side of tackling climate change, an angle which is often ignored. From the emissions trading system to carbon capture and storage, join us to find out why climate change is all about the money!



METTE KAHLIN MCVEIGH, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME, FORES
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SETTING THE AGENDA FOR THE COMING TERM: NEWS FROM THE FINNISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU

Which issues are going to be topping the agenda of the Finnish presidency, kicking off on 1 July? Join our policy guru who will guide us through the hot topics driving Brussels and Helsinki for the next semester. How can we ensure that the liberal agenda finds its place?



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WILL TERMINATOR BE YOUR NEXT COLLEAGUE?

Are we prepared for the digital takeover? The digital revolution might have created many opportunities in the areas of employment, industry, personal convenience and entertainment, but it leaves many feeling uncertain about the future. How can we educate our workforce to be qualified for a highly-technological economy? This fireside chat will look at bridging the skills gap, the impact of automation and assuring access to technology.



PETR OČKO, DEPUTY MINISTER FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE, CZECH REPUBLIC [@PetrOcko](#)
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