



On the Agenda

Countdown to the “State of the Union” speech

Zoom Webinar

10 September 2020, 09h30 – 10h30 (CEST)

ABOUT THE SERIES

On the Agenda is the latest online webinar series created by the European Liberal Forum. It aims to build on the success of the *Liberties in Lockdown* series, which looked at what liberties/freedoms were put under lockdown during the coronavirus pandemic. While the world is trying to recover in the aftermath of this health crisis, this is the moment to shape what the EU and its member states are putting on their agendas in the short, medium and long-term.

From European industrial policy, the Future of Work, the European Green Deal, digitalisation, negotiations on the future relationship with the UK, to trade and development policy – how public institutions deal with current and future questions will have a major impact on how our societies will look tomorrow. ELF believes that what gets put *on the agenda* is as important as what gets left out, and with this new series of webinars, we aim to tackle head-on the most pressing issues of today.

Join us online, every second Thursday, to understand, discuss and challenge the most important topics that were or were not put *On the Agenda*.

ABOUT THE EVENT

On 16 September 2020, Ursula von der Leyen will give her first State of the European Union speech. SOTEU, which will be followed by a plenary debate in the European Parliament, is von der Leyen’s opportunity to look back to the past year and ahead to the next one. From Next Generation EU, the Green Deal, Digital Single Market and the Coronavirus pandemic, what are the stakes for this Commission one year on? What should liberals be watching out for?

In the next *On the Agenda*, we will be getting to the heart of what the European Commission is putting on the agenda for us for 2021 and beyond.



EVENT SCHEDULE

09h25 Participants connect to the Zoom event

09h30 Opening Remarks

Anastasiia Pravedna, Strategy and Membership Manager, European Liberal Forum

09h32 Introduction by the Moderator

Peter Müller, Brussels Bureau Chief, DER SPIEGEL

09h35 First intervention

Hans van Baalen, President, ALDE Party

09h42 Second intervention

Petros Fassoulas, Secretary General, European Movement International

09h49 Third intervention

Valentin Kreilinger, Policy and Research Coordinator, European Liberal Forum

09h56 Moderated debate

10h27 Closing remarks

10h30 End of event

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