



A Liberal European Leadership after 2019

Högberga gård, Lidingö, Stockholm 18-19 April 2018

ABOUT THE EVENT

We believe that the European Parliament elections in 2019 will be an election about values. Liberalism will be challenged by populists and nationalists from both left and right. Consequently, we will have to prepare ourselves thoroughly in order to safeguard liberal values across Europe.

The aim of this event is to equip politicians and staff members from liberal parties across Europe with concrete arguments and strategies on how to counter populist and nationalistic tendencies. Moreover, we want to build a strong network of liberals who can get advice from and encourage one another before and during the election campaign, as well as foster closer ties between liberal parties.

We will welcome in total 60 participants from 18 liberal parties to the beautiful island of Lidingö, just outside Stockholm, where we will spend two days together. This will be a training and capacity building event, which means that it will be hands-on, highly interactive and requires active contribution, as we believe that every participant has plenty of experience and knowledge that should be shared. The focus will be on seminars, workshops and teambuilding.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Stockholm in April! Together we can form a strong liberal European leadership after 2019.

This event is hosted by the Swedish Centre Party, with D66 as our partnering organisation. The event is formally organised by ELF.

PRELIMINARY EVENT SCHEDULE (will be updated continuously)

Wednesday 18 April 2018

- 09:00-09:40** Speech: 'The need for a liberal leadership in Europe'
Leading politician, the Centre Party (TBD)
- 09:40-09:50** Introduction of the program and practical information
Karin Carlesten, international officer, the Centre Party and
Martine van Schoor, international officer, D66
Member of the board, European Liberal Forum (TBD)
- 09:50-10:20** Icebreaker: test your own values
- 10:20-10:30** Coffee break
- 10:30-12:00** Populism versus liberalism: Briefing and discussion on the history of populism and the challenges and opportunities of liberalism in a European context
Anna-Lena Lodenius, **journalist and author** of the book 'We say what you think – right-wing populism in Europe'



- 12:00-13:00 Lunch
- 13:00-15:00 Workshop 1 – Formulating a pro-European message in your campaign: positive framing
- 14:30-15:30 Workshop 2 – How to write a liberal European election manifesto.
Group 1: for a political party, Group 2: for a personal campaign.
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break including networking activity
- 16:00-17:00 Continuation, workshop 2
- 17:00-18:00 How do we best reach the goal of a Liberal European Leadership after 2019?
Fredrick Federley, Member of European Parliament, the Centre Party
Sophie In 't Veld, Member of European Parliament, D66 (TBC)
Angelika Mlinar, Member of European Parliament, NEOS (TBC)
On link from Strasbourg
- 18:00-19:00 Free time
- 19:00-21:00 Dinner
- 21:00- Optional: Networking in the bar

Thursday 19 April 2018

- 09:00-10:30 Workshop 3 – Liberal rhetoric and argumentation and how to communicate in the online environment
- 10:30-11:30 Workshop 4 – Best practices. Part 1: the fight against populism in Bosnia and Poland.
Part 2: experience-sharing amongst participants.
Nasiha Pozder, Vice President, Naša Stranka, Bosnia
Milosz Hodun, International Officer, Nowoczesna, Poland
- 11:30-12:00 What next? Evaluation and next steps.
- 12:00-13:00 Lunch

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