



Fresh Start Project

Open Europe and the Fresh Start Project present

A pan-European Conference for EU reform

Preliminary Programme

15-16 January 2014
One Birdcage Walk, Westminster London, SW1H 9JJ

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Wednesday 15 January

Economic reform for EU growth and competitiveness

0845 *Registration and refreshments*

0915 **Welcome and Introduction**
Lecture Theatre

Andrea Leadsom MP

Co-Founder, Fresh Start Project; Member of the Number 10 Policy Board; Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire (Conservative) (UK)

0930-1015 **Winning the global race: EU growth and competitiveness in the 21st century**

Keynote Speech, Lecture Theatre

Senior UK Cabinet Member

(Name to be revealed at a later stage due to security protocol)

Followed by Q&A moderated by

Mats Persson

Director, Open Europe (Sweden)

1015 *Tea and coffee served in all individual breakout rooms*

1045-1200 *Conference simultaneously breaks up into five parallel sessions between 1030 and 1145. There will be one special session on the basics of EU reform and four interactive roundtable discussions on achieving global competitiveness.*

#EUReform 101: a crash course covering the fundamentals of European Reform

Why is EU Reform necessary?

Where does the EU need to be reformed?

How can EU reform be achieved?

Introductory remarks

Björn Fröling

Vice Chairman, Öhmans Bank (Sweden)

Unleashing innovation: Making the EU work for life sciences, technology and the digital industries

Achieving global competitiveness - Roundtable 1

Maria Borelius

Science journalist and entrepreneur; former Swedish Minister for Foreign Trade; Member, Open Europe Advisory Council (Sweden)

George Freeman MP

UK Life Sciences Champion; Member of Parliament for Mid Norfolk (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

The changing face of global trade: How can the EU compete and connect with emerging markets?

Achieving global competitiveness - Roundtable 2

David Frost CMG

CEO of the Scotch Whisky Association; Former British Ambassador, Foreign and Commonwealth Office; Former Europe Director, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, UK Government; Member, Open Europe Advisory Council (UK)

Dr Martina Timmermann

Vice President; International Affairs; TIMA International (Germany)

Nick de Bois MP

Member of Parliament for Enfield North (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Organic growth and entrepreneurs: Making Europe work for small and medium businesses

Achieving global competitiveness - Roundtable 3

Bart van Coppenolle

Serial entrepreneur and Investor; Founder, CEO and Chair of Right Brain Interface, HolyBrain and Metris (Belgium)

Anne Marie Morris MP

Member of Parliament for Newton Abbot (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

EU energy and climate change policies: Finding a better solution for the environment and consumers

Achieving global competitiveness - Roundtable 4

Krzysztof Szczerski

Member of Polish Parliament (Law and Justice); Member of the EU Affairs Committee; Former Undersecretary of State in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Poland)

David Mowat MP

Member of Parliament for Warrington South (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

1200-1300 *Buffet lunch is served in the Marble Gallery*

1300-1340 **EU Reform is possible! Lessons to be learnt from EU Fisheries**

Keynote speech, Lecture Theatre

Maria Damanaki

European Commissioner for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs (Greece)

Followed by Q&A moderated by

Michael Wohlgemuth

Director, Open Europe Berlin (Germany)

1340 *Tea and coffee served in all individual breakout rooms*

1350-1430 **The Single Market & European economic recovery**

Keynote Speech, Lecture Theatre

Peter Norman

Minister for Financial Markets (Sweden)

Followed by Q&A

1430-1445 *Tea and coffee served in all individual breakout rooms*

1445-1600 **Maximising the Single Market: Just do it!**

Conference breaks up into four interactive, roundtable discussions.

Kick-starting growth: Creating a single European market for services

Roundtable 1

Gustav Blix

Member of Swedish Parliament (Moderate Party); Ranking Member, The Committee on European Union Affairs (Sweden)

Bruno Mações

Secretary of State of European Affairs (Portugal)

Tim Loughton MP

Member of Parliament for East Worthing and Shoreham (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Dynamic but secure: A financial sector that works for European investment and growth

Roundtable 2

Ales Michl

Chief Investment Officer, Raiffeisenbank (Czech Republic)

Mark Garnier MP

Member of Parliament for Wyre Forest (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Let's choose jobs: The right balance between growth, regulation and employment law

Roundtable 3

Professor Dr. Patrick Sensburg

Member of German Parliament (CDU); Member, Subcommittee on European Law (Germany)

Andy Bagnall

Director of Campaigns, Confederation of British Industry (CBI) (UK)

Charlotte Leslie MP

Member of Parliament for Bristol North (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Less is more: How to improve the quality and focus of EU regulation

Roundtable 4

Luke Johnson

Chairman, Risk Capital Partners LLP; serial entrepreneur, known for take-over of the Pizza Express Chain; former Chair of the Channel 4 Television Corporation; chairman of private equity house Risk Capital Partners LLP, Patisserie Valerie and the Red Hot World Buffet Restaurant chain (UK)

Dr Daniel Mitrenga

Head of Macroeconomic affairs, German Association of Family Enterprises and German Association of Young Entrepreneurs (Die Familienunternehmer and Die Jungen Unternehmer) (Germany)

David Rutley MP

Member of Parliament for Macclesfield (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

1600 *Tea and coffee served in the Marble Gallery*

1615-1715 **Embracing reform: Lessons from Eastern and Central Europe**

Keynote panel, Lecture Theatre

Urmass Paet

Minister of Foreign Affairs (Estonia)

Professor Iveta Radičová

Visiting Fellow, Oxford University; Former Prime Minister (Slovakia)

Kristian Vigenin

Minister of Foreign Affairs (Bulgaria)

Moderated by

Nora Hesse

Deputy Director, Open Europe Berlin (Bulgaria)

1715 *Tea and coffee served in the Marble Gallery*

1730-1845 **Starting from scratch – Build your own EU budget**

Interactive session for all delegates, The Library

Introductory Remarks

Are EU structural funds delivering? The case of Wales

Guto Bebb MP

Member of Parliament for Aberconwy (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

A prize will be awarded for the best budget.

1900-2030 *Open Europe hosts 'Reformer's Reception' at the Locarno Rooms, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Drinks and canapés will be served.*

Thursday January 16th

Democratic accountability and the EU architecture

0845 *Arrival and refreshments in the Marble Gallery*

0900 **Welcome and introduction**
Lecture Theatre

Lord Leach of Fairford
Chairman, Open Europe (UK)

0915-1030 **Where does democratic authority lie in the EU?**
Keynote Panel, Lecture Theatre

David Lidington
Minister for Europe (UK)

Paschal Donohoe
Minister for European Affairs (Ireland)

Dr Reinhold Lopatka
Spokesperson for Foreign and European Affairs, Austrian People's Party (ÖVP); Former State Secretary for European and International Affairs (Austria)

Moderated by
Katrine Kielos
Writer, broadcaster and journalist, *Aftonbladet* (Sweden)

1030 *Tea and coffee served in all individual breakout rooms*

1045-1200 **Europe and democracy: Closing the growing gap between the EU and citizens**
Conference breaks up into three interactive, roundtable discussions

National parliaments: Making the EU accountable to its member states
Roundtable 1

Eva Kjer Hansen
Chair of the European Affairs Committee (Liberal party), Danish Parliament (Denmark)

Chris Heaton-Harris MP
Member, European Scrutiny Committee; Former Member of the European Parliament; Member of Parliament for Daventry (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Can the European Institutions fill the EU's democratic deficit?

Roundtable 2

Mikolaj Dowielewicz

Vice Governor, Council of Europe Development Bank; Former Polish Minister for European Affairs (Poland)

Derk-Jan Eppink MEP

Member of the European Parliament for Belgium (LDD, ECR); Former cabinet secretary to European Commissioners Frits Bolkestein and Simm Kallas (Belgium)

Harriett Baldwin MP

Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Built to last? Reforming the EU institutions (The ECJ; Commission and EU agencies)

Roundtable 3

Dennis de Jong MEP

Member of the European Parliament for the Netherlands (Socialist Party, GUE/NGL) (The Netherlands)

Therese Coffey MP

Private Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State for Business; Member of Parliament for Suffolk Coastal (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

1200 *Tea and coffee served in the Marble Gallery*

1215-1245 **Time for a realist revolution in Europe?**

Keynote Speech, Lecture Theatre

Rachida Dati MEP

Deputy President, UMP Party

Member of the European Parliament for France (UMP, EPP) Former Justice Minister (France)

Speaking in French with English translation

Followed by Q&A moderated by

Vincenzo Scarpetta

Policy Analyst, Open Europe (Italy)

1245-1345 *Buffet lunch is served in the Marble Gallery*

1345-1500

Flexibility in the European Union

Conference breaks up into four interactive, roundtable discussions

In the euro or out of the EU? Ensuring a market that works for all members

Roundtable 1

Mats Persson

Director, Open Europe (Sweden)

Julian Smith MP

Member of Parliament for Skipton and Ripon (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Tread carefully: Maintaining public trust in free movement

Roundtable 2

Agnieszka Pomaska

Member of Polish Parliament (Civic Platform); Chair of the EU Affairs Committee in the Polish Parliament (Poland)

Priti Patel MP

Member of Parliament for Witham (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

Cross-border cooperation on crime and policing: striking the correct balance between security and democratic accountability

Roundtable 3

Mats Johansson (TBC)

Member of Swedish Parliament (Moderates); Member, Foreign Affairs Committee (Sweden)

Dominic Raab MP

Member of Parliament for Esher & Walton (Conservative); Fresh Start Project (UK)

The big question: Can powers ever flow back from the EU?

Roundtable 4

Klaus-Peter Willsch MdB

Member of German Parliament (CDU); Member, Committee for Economy and Energy, Germany; Deputy Head of the Committee on Education, Research and Technology (Germany)

Frits Bolkestein

Former European Commissioner for Internal Market and Services; Former State Secretary for Economic Affairs (VVD); Former Minister of Defence (The Netherlands)

1500-1515 *Tea and coffee served in the Marble Gallery*

1515-1600

The future of Europe

Keynote panel composed of leading young European reformers, Lecture Theatre

Ebba Busch Thor

Deputy Mayor, City of Uppsala (Sweden)

Susanna Koski

President, Youth League, National Coalition Party (Finland)

Moderated by

Nina Schick

Policy Analyst, Open Europe (Germany)

1600

Conference Close

Mats Persson

Director, Open Europe (Sweden)

Delegates may attend both days or either day of the Conference.

The hashtag for the Conference for Twitter and social media is **#EUReform**. The discussions at the Conference will be on the record. Each of the policy-break breakout sessions will have an Open Europe or Open Europe Berlin representative as timekeeper.

This conference is open to those with expertise or an interest in the themes. Our aim is to have a broad spread of nationalities and institutions represented. Open Europe is a not-for-profit organisation, and the full cost of participation is £50 per day or £75 for both days. This covers all meals during the conference and attendance at all sessions. Special rates may be available – please enquire. All speakers confirmed unless designated with TBC.

The conference will be held in Westminster, central London at the following location:

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Westminster London,
SW1H 9JJ.
See: www.onebirdcagewalk.com

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