

BRUSSELS BRIEF

03/2015



Hintergrund: 100 Tage Juncker-Kommission - Ist der Neustart gelungen?

100 Tage im Amt: Welche Erfolge und Misserfolge zeichnen die Kommission bisher aus? Welche Kommissare überzeugen, wer bleibt hinter den Erwartungen zurück? Und welchen zukünftigen Herausforderungen zeichnen sich ab? Eine erste Bilanz.

(Photo credits: flickr.com/photos/heliodias)

[mehr](#)

Moving Greece forward



Essay competition "Moving Greece Forward" launched

Young Greeks are well-educated and cosmopolitan members of society. Their contribution is valuable, but their voice often remains unheard. How can they get involved in the political process? What actions would they propose for a change? We call upon young Greeks to write us about their vision for Greece, about their ideas how to move the country forward as part of the European family.

[mehr](#)


Veranstaltung: "Kampf gegen Lebensmittelverschwendung - Perspektiven aus Industrie, Handel und Politik"

Am 24. Februar 2015, 12.00-14.00 Uhr: Jährlich werden in der EU rund 90 Millionen Tonnen Lebensmittel in den Abfall geworfen, 42% davon allein in den privaten Haushalten. Die Verschwendung von Lebensmitteln stellt ein ethisches, wirtschaftliches und soziales Problem dar mit enormen Auswirkungen auf die Umwelt. Die Veranstaltung dient dem Austausch zwischen Politikern, Verbrauchern, dem Handel und den Herstellern. (Photo credits: flickr.com/photos/keishaf)

[mehr](#)


Free speech and the "ninth art"

With the international comics competition Animate Europe, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation connected the European idea with the comics art in 2013. 35.000 visitors saw the resulting exhibition in various locations around Europe last year. Reason enough to visit the Festival de la Bande Dessinée in the French town Angoulême. This comics festival is the biggest of its kind in Europe. This years' edition was overshadowed by the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack earlier that month.

[mehr](#)



How EU-Switzerland relations became political

On 9 February last year, the Swiss people voted in favor of a proposal to tackle "mass-immigration." The constitutional initiative proposed by the Swiss People's Party (SVP) has shed doubt on the future of the free movement of people principle and thus seriously shaken the complex relationship between the EU and Switzerland. At a heated debate in Brussels, representatives from politics, EU institutions, academia, and the economy exchanged their views.

mehr



Publication: A decisive year for Poland

Two elections, a tough economic situation and war in its neighboring country Ukraine - 2015 is going to be a decisive year for Poland. In his latest report, our expert from the region, Dr. Borek Severa, analyzes the political, economic and social challenges the country faces.
(Photo credits: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/drabikpany>)

mehr



Dahrendorf Taskforce Publication Series

An exit from the EU or less influence from Brussels - that is the demand of a number of populist parties in Europe. An argument that these parties employ is that the EU fails to represent the citizens' opinions. They call the EU undemocratic. Is this claim justified? The latest paper of the Dahrendorf Taskforce Publication Series deals with these questions.

mehr



We tweet!

Follow us now on Twitter and join the conversation! #EU #democracy #HumanRights #development #innovation #freedom #AnimateEurope

mehr

Wichtige Termine

24.02.2015: Veranstaltung: ["Kampf gegen Lebensmittelverschwendung - Perspektiven aus Industrie, Handel und Politik"](#)

Our "Brussels Brief" is issued approximately twice a month with content in German and English. If you do not want to receive this newsletter in the future please reply to this email with "unsubscribe" in the subject line. Thank you.

Unser "Brussels Brief" erscheint in der Regel zweimal im Monat und enthält Informationen auf Deutsch und Englisch. Wenn Sie diesen Newsletter in Zukunft nicht mehr erhalten möchten, antworten Sie bitte auf diese Mail mit dem Betreff "unsubscribe". Danke.

Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit | Internationaler Politikdialog | Dialogprogramm Brüssel | Avenue de Cortenbergh / Kortenberglaan 71 | B-1000 Brüssel | www.fnf-europe.org

Verantwortlich: Hans H. Stein, Redaktion: Caroline Margaux Haury