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Defending our open societies and combatting the roots of Islamic radicalization

"Europe needs to confront the enemies of freedom. We shall not succumb to these coward terrorists and must stand up to defend our open societies," said FNF Chairman Wolfgang Gerhardt after the Brussels terrorist attacks last week.

While Europeans are mourning the victims of the attacks in Brussels and Paris, they are wondering how young people, born and raised in Europe, could be persuaded to spread death and destruction in the name of their religion. Only a few days before the deadly attacks last week, we invited experts to speak about the fight against radicalization. On our panel we were fortunate to have Adam Deen, himself a former radical Islamist, who recounted his own odyssey in and out of the Islamist forceps.

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Upcoming Event: "Which way forward, Poland?"

The constitutional crisis in Poland has reached a new low-point. While Poland's constitutional court has overruled a law that threatens to undermine Poland's system of judicial review, the PiS government is disregarding the verdict. On the European level, the Commission is consulting with the Polish government as part of its rule of law probe.

Will the Poles accept the new political reality? Which steps need to be taken after the first round of consultations between the Council of Europe's Venice Commission, the EU Commission and the Polish government?

Join us for a topical discussion with representatives from politics, civil society and academia.

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Verfassungskrise in Polen spitzt sich zu



"Diese Regierung ignoriert alle" - Ein Gespräch mit jungen Nowoczesna-Abgeordneten

Die nationalkonservative Regierung in Warschau schreckt vor nichts zurück. Nach der Gleichschaltung der öffentlich-rechtlichen Medien ist jetzt das Verfassungsgericht an der Reihe. Doch die unmittelbar betroffenen Richter haben den von der PiS-Mehrheit im Parlament gleich nach den Wahlen im Oktober 2015 verabschiedeten Umbau und die damit verbundene Lähmung des Verfassungstribunals für verfassungswidrig erklärt.

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"Diese Regierung ignoriert alle: die Opposition, die Anwälte und Rechtsexperten und die Bürger, die die Rechtsstaatlichkeit zurück wollen. Die Venedig-Kommission sagte, dass die polnische Demokratie durch die Maßnahmen der Regierung, die das Verfassungsgericht lähmen, bedroht ist. Die Regierung hat gegen die drei Grundregeln des Europarates verstoßen: Demokratie, Menschenrechte und Rechtsstaatlichkeit," sagt Adam Szałapka im Gespräch mit FNF Europe.

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The Dutch EU Presidency: A bridge over troubled water

Halfway through the Presidency, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte revealed his thoughts on what still needs to be done by the end of his term at the helm of the European Council. Rutte spoke at a pre- EU Summit Briefing hosted by FNF and the ALDE Party. He chose to focus on his presidency's main priority, the single market, but during the discussion it again became evident how overshadowing Brexit and the Refugee Crisis are for his Presidency.

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Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte: "Liberal values are crucial to meet current challenges in the EU"

In an exclusive interview with FNF Europe, Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, outlines how liberal values can serve as a compass to meet the EU's current challenges. He shares his future vision for Europe and explains how the Dutch Presidency of the Council aims to complete the cornerstone of European integration: the single market.

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"Donald Trump is running for dictator" - a conversation on populism with Tom Palmer

Who are Trump's supporters and why do they vote him from victory to victory? Classical liberal philosopher and historian Tom Palmer (Executive VP of the Atlas Network) asked himself these questions as it became ever more likely that after the first primaries Trump could be the Republican 2016 presidential candidate. He noticed that he was disconnected from Trump voters, he knew no-one who would admit to supporting Trump, yet he knew that support existed. While Palmer prescribes very little ideology to the Trump movement, he notes that in Europe populists on the left and right benefit from a rich tradition of past identitarian movements.

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