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Upcoming event: EU 30? - the Scottish and Catalan independence referenda and their implications for the EU, 3 September 2014

The Scots are set to vote on their independence, while the pro-independence movement in Catalonia is hoping to hold a referendum in November. What are the reasons for this strive for independence? What might be the outcome of the referenda? What are the consequences for the EU membership of Catalonia and Scotland?

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Liberal Breakfast: Priorities of the Italian EU Presidency 2014 - A liberal midterm review, 9 September 2014

While holding the Italian EU Presidency Prime Minister Matteo Renzi wanted to push for a "United States of Europe" and an "idea of Europe that corresponds to an attractive adventure, rather than just a financial or economic exercise". How is Italy keeping up with its pre-Presidency promises? Has it been able to make its voice heard at a moment where euroscepticism and exit-referenda dominate the media?

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FNF Greece: "A whole country in a nutshell" - Summer academy on Lesbos big success

From 23-27 July, twenty-five students and young professionals met in Mytilini to learn about and discuss "Sustainable Development, Island Region and the Economic Crisis: The Participatory Approach as a Reboot Tool for Development Processes". Through lectures, workshops and other structured conversational processes, the participants developed methods to organize regional economies in a more efficient and liberal way.

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Upcoming event: Does the EU enhance Economic Freedom in Europe? 5 October 2014

Do common European institutions, regulations and the internal market have an impact on Economic Freedom in EU countries? Does the EU increase or decrease economic freedom in Europe? How is it possible that within a common market and regulatory framework there are still such big differences in Economic Freedom between the EU member states?

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Wichtige Termine

30.08.2014 [Special meeting of the European Council](#)

03.09.2014 FNF Event: "[EU 30? – the Scottish and Catalan independence referenda and their implications for the EU](#)"

09.09.2014 Liberal Breakfast: "[Priorities of the Italian EU Presidency 2014 – A liberal midterm review](#)"

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