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Upcoming Event: "The 2014 U.S. Midterm elections - Analysis and outlook"

The Republican Party scored a major victory in this year's Midterm elections, extending their majority in the House and seizing the Senate from the Democrats. The prospects for Obama's last two years in office are gloomy. Or aren't they? Will collaboration be possible on urgently needed reforms, for example on a new immigration bill? And which policy areas are likely to see no progress at all? How will the U.S. act on the international stage? Join us for the discussion!

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Marietje Schaake MEP on net neutrality

"The European Union now has a historic opportunity to get net neutrality right," says liberal MEP Marietje Schaake in a video for FNF's Virtuelle Akademie. Follow the link to learn more about this hot topic, the role of the European institutions and how liberals have been fighting to keep the internet open and accesible for everyone.

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The European Experience: ASEAN delegation visits Brussels to learn about common market

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) is working towards establishing a common market in 2015. Thus, its members are currently facing similar decisions the EU had to face in the early stages of integration. In order to get an idea of what the integration process and the development of the European Single Market looked like, FNF invited a group of seven delegates from different South Asian countries to engage in discussions with representatives of the EU institutions.

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Second workshop of the Dahrendorf Taskforce on the Future of Europe

From 18-20 November, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom and the European Liberal Forum organised the second gathering of the Ralf Dahrendorf Taskforce on the Future of Europe. The workshop brought together 28 participants from across Europe. Philippe Legrain, former economic adviser to Commission President Barroso, gave some food for thought at the beginning of the event. His recommendations on the reform of the EU triggered fruitful discussions in each working group.

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Setting data protection higher on the liberal agenda

At the ALDE Party Congress in Lisbon, FNF organised a debate on the impact of digital technology on privacy and liberal proposals on data protection regulation. New technologies have not only created new potential for the economy and human interaction, they have also increased the scale of data collection in an unprecedented way. Markus Löning, Director of the Privacy Project, underlined that there can be no compromise on fundamental rights.

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FNF Greece: Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis pays visit to FNF's Liberal Youth Seminars

Kyriakos Mitsotakis MP, Greek Minister of Administrative Reform and e-Governance, recently participated in one of FNF's "Liberal Youth Seminars" in Athens. Mr. Mitsotakis was interested in receiving feedback from the participants about his recent reform plans and discussed his main policy objectives with them. He stated that the public sector had to be more productive in order to cut spending and fulfill its main purpose: serving the citizens.

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Rebuilding liberalism in Italy - an agenda for 2020

Over 60 liberal politicians and activists met in Bologna on 28-30 November for a series of talks and trainings. FNF together with the ALDE Party invited representatives from various organizations to come together and discuss possible cooperation in Italy and beyond. A process of profound rethinking of liberalism in Italy and of the challenges and opportunities for liberals in Italy was launched.

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Job posting: Policy advisor at FNF in Washington, D.C.

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