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"Mehr Freiheit muss unsere Antwort an die Feinde der Demokratie sein"

Auf dem Kongress der europäischen Liberalen wurde der frühere Menschenrechtsbeauftragte der Bundesregierung, Markus Löning, kürzlich zum Vizepräsidenten der ALDE-Partei gewählt. Im Gespräch mit FNF Europe spricht er über die europäische Asylpolitik, den Krieg in Syrien und die Herausforderungen für die Liberalen in Europa.

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"Small is not beautiful in politics" - Why liberals must unite

The members of the ALDE Party have elected a new president, Hans van Baalen, a Member of the European Parliament and Honorary President of Liberal International. Van Baalen hails from the liberal VVD Party in the Netherlands. Rounding off our series of Liberal Breakfasts FNF and the ALDE Party hosted a breakfast discussion with Van Baalen to find out how he wants to run his term as the "hands-on" president, the slogan he brandished during his campaign.

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Can Decentralization lead to Peace in Ukraine?

In October Ukrainians went to the polls to elect new regional and local representatives. A group of these newly elected local politicians spoke to the Secretary General of the ALDE Group in the EU Committee of the Regions, Sean O'Curneen, and an engaged Brussels-based audience to explore decentralization and ways to use decentralization



Le Pens Erfolg: Scheinsieg für Sarkozy

Nach der zweiten Runde der Regionalwahlen in Frankreich erklärte sich die Partei des ehemaligen Staatspräsidenten Nicolas Sarkozy mit Gewinnen in sieben der 13 Regionen Frankreichs umgehend zum Sieger. Doch es könnte sich bald erweisen, dass dies nur ein Pyrrhussieg war und Marine Le Pen und der Front National (FN) die eigentlichen Wahlsieger sind, auch wenn sie keine Regionalregierung

as a vehicle of peace in the country. The event was set up as part of a visiting program by a group of recently elected Mayors and Members of their City Councils.

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FNF Greece: "Moving Greece Forward" goes America - Initiating a dialogue in times of crisis

Five winners of the essay competition "Moving Greece Forward" were invited to a study trip to Washington DC where the young authors shared their visions for the future of Greece with American dialogue partners. They spent the week discovering Americans perspectives on Greece and learning about the upcoming 2016 Presidential elections.

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What does it take to win elections?

What does it take to win elections? What can liberals learn from each other? What is the foundation of a successful election campaign? These questions guided a group of 15 dedicated professional campaigners as they honed their skills at two interactive workshops co-organized by FNF. Participants were especially impressed by the success story of the Dutch party D66, which used a single-issue campaign to rise like a phoenix from the ashes.

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The future of the Responsibility to Protect (RtoP)

Coinciding with International Human Rights Day on 10th December, FNF and the Human Rights Committee of Liberal International (LI) met in the European Parliament in Brussels to debate the future of the Responsibility to Protect Principle, 10 years after its adoption. "We need to identify where liberals can act. There are great challenges ahead of us and we need to improve the system of R2P in the face of growing failures on the part of the UN Security Council to evoke the principle in situations where there are mass atrocities against innocent civilians", Markus Löning, Vice-President of the ALDE Party said.

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Boundless: Driving home for Christmas

It's the end of the year 2415 and our comic heroes Lotte and Korrr from the comic "Boundless" cross the Belgian-German border on their way home. They are thinking back of a time when Schengen was under threat and not everyone was ready to strike up friendships with people from different cultures. Watch our little Christmas tale and get carried away on Lotte's hover car in the European skies.

We wish you merry holidays and look forward to welcoming you back and hearing from you in 2016.

United in diversity we will become boundless!

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Wichtige Termine

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