

CONFERENCE

15 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT VOTES THAT SHAPED EU AND NATIONAL POLITICS 2009-2014

WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2014 • 9.30 > 12.30

Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute and VoteWatch Europe have joined forces together with think tanks and research institutes from 20 EU member states for an analysis of “15 key votes in the European Parliament that shaped European and national politics 2009-2014” in order to raise awareness of the issues at stake in the elections and to make democratic politics more visible.

At this event many of the researchers involved in the project will be present and some of them will discuss their findings in two panel discussions. They will address the following questions: What types of cleavages exist in the European Parliament? How do the political groups behave? How do national politics and the European Parliament connect? When does nationality win over ideology?

PROGRAMME

09.30 > 09.45 Introduction by Yves Bertoincni, Director of *Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute*

09.45 > 10.55 First panel discussion, chaired by **Sir Julian Priestley**, former Secretary General of the European Parliament

What types of cleavages exist in the European Parliament? How do the political groups behave?

with the participation of

Doru Frantescu, Policy Director, *VoteWatch Europe*

Georgy Ganev, Programme Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Bulgaria (tbc)

Nicolai von Ondarza, Senior Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Germany

Lorenzo Vai, Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Centro Studi sul Federalismo and University of Turin, Italy

10.55 > 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 > 12.25 Second panel discussion, chaired by **Michiel van Hulten**, Managing Director of *VoteWatch Europe*

How do national politics and the European Parliament connect? When does nationality win over ideology?

with the participation of

Valentin Kreiling, Research Fellow, *Jacques Delors Institut - Berlin*

Melchior Szczepanik, Expert, Institute for Public Affairs, Poland

Renaud Thillaye, Senior Researcher, Policy Network, United Kingdom

Elina Viilup, Research Fellow, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Spain

12.25 > 12.30 Conclusion by Michiel van Hulten, Managing Director of *VoteWatch Europe*

Please register for this event by sending an email to: inscription@notre-europe.eu