

Invitation

GREEN CONVENTION ON THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

JOIN IN. PARTICIPATE. HAVE A SAY

Conference on February 24th, 2012 in Berlin

What it's about

Dear friends,

The financial and economic crisis shows that the European Union is not capable of acting swiftly and effectively enough. The treaty of Lisbon has not provided sufficient means for adequate common action in economic and financial policies and has not armed the European Union appropriately for the challenges of globalization. We have to change this urgently. The EU needs more effective means to fight the crisis and tackle its roots. This is why we are asking: How can we change the treaties to ensure that the Union is capable of acting? Which powers do we have to transfer to the Union in areas like fiscal, budget, economic and tax policy in order to guarantee a stable economic union based on the principle of solidarity? Which measures have to be taken to promote social justice in the Union despite strict controls of public spending? What does deeper integration mean for the self-conception of the nation states? What roles can the European institutions and the national parliaments play in this process?

The German green parliamentary groups in the Bundestag and the European Parliament would like to start a broad public debate on the future of Europe and the necessary treaty changes. We warmly invite you to take part!

Everybody can join the discussion in the forefront of our conference on our blog on the future of the European Union: www.gruenes-blog.de/ZukunftderEU. The results of the online debate will be picked up and deepened in the different dialogue forums. We are looking forward to your comments!

Please note

Place and time

The Green Convention on the Future of the European Union is taking place on Friday, February 24th 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the German Bundestag, Paul-Löbe building, Paul-Löbe-Allee 2, 10557 Berlin.

Registration and Information

Please register until February 20th, 2012.

Online: visit >> www.gruene-bundestag.de >> Termine

Or via e-mail (please mention your date of birth) to: eu-konvent@gruene-bundestag.de

To have access to the Paul-Löbe building you will need a passport or ID card. A registration with your name and date of birth is obligatory.

Barrier-free access: The venue is barrier-free accessible. Should you need for example a sign language interpreter, please get in touch with us until February 10th, 2012.

Child care for infants: We offer child care free of charge during the Green Convention. Please register your child(ren) until February 10th, 2012 with name and date of birth.

How to get there

Travel to "Hauptbahnhof/main station" or "Brandenburger Tor" by tube or urban railway (S-Bahn) or to "Reichstag/Bundestag" by Bus 100 or to "Bundeskanzleramt" by Bus TXL. Entrance West, Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 1, leads to the venue.

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Program

Conference languages: German – English (simultaneous translation).

After short keynotes the dialogue forums take place as fishbowl discussions.

08.30 Registration

09.30–10.00 Opening Remarks

Jürgen Trittin, Co-chair, Alliance 90/The Greens, German Bundestag

Rebecca Harms, Co-chair, The Greens/EFA, European Parliament

Video message – **Radosław Sikorski**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

10.00–11.00 Keynote

Pekka Haavisto, Green presidential candidate 2012, Former Minister of the Environment, Finland

followed by questions and answers

11.00–11.30 Coffee Break

11.30–13.00 Dialogue Forum 1: Public Finances and Taxes

short keynotes

Elena Flores, Director for Policy Strategy and Coordination, Directorate-General Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission*

Henrik Enderlein, Professor of Political Economy, Hertie School of Governance

Martin Kraemer, Analytical Manager, Rating Services, Standard & Poor's

Moderation: Frithjof Schmidt, MP

Summary: Sven Giegold, MEP

Dialogue Forum 2: Social Affairs

short keynotes

Maria-Helena André, former Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity, Portugal; former Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

Conny Reuter, President, European Social Platform; Secretary General, Solidar

Moderation: Elisabeth Schroedter, MEP

Summary: Lisa Paus, MP

Dialogue Forum 3: Financial Affairs

short keynotes

Claudia Buch, Member of the Advisory Scientific Committee, European Systemic Risk Board

Thierry Philipponnat, Director, Finance Watch

Moderation: Gerhard Schick, MP

Summary: Thomas Gambke, MP

13.00–14.00 Lunch Break

14.00–15.30 Dialogue Forum 4: Economic Affairs

short keynotes

Karl Falkenberg, Director General, Directorate-General Environment, European Commission

Gustav Horn, Director, Macroeconomic Policy Institute (Hans Boeckler Foundation)

Moderation: Reinhard Bütikofer, MEP

Summary: Kerstin Andreae, MP

Dialogue Forum 5: Democracy and Institutional Affairs

short keynotes

Michaele Schreyer, former Member of the European Commission

Yves Bertoncini, Secretary General, Think Tank Notre Europe

Moderation:

Manuel Sarrazin, MP and Jan Philipp Albrecht, MEP

Summary: Gerald Häfner, MEP

15.30–15.45 Closing Remarks

Renate Künast, Co-Chair, Alliance 90/The Greens, German Bundestag

Franziska Brantner, MEP

15.45 Coffee and cake

Visualized output of the dialogue forums

Informal get-together

Reply

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- X I will attend the Green Convention on the Future of the European Union.
- X I will presumably take part in the dialogue forum (morning) and dialogue forum (afternoon)
- X I will use simultaneous translation (German-English).
- X I need child care for ... child(ren) at the age of,, years.
- X I need a sign language interpreter.
- X I cannot attend but I am interested in receiving further information on this topic.

Sender

Name, first name:

Address:

E-mail:

Date and place of birth (obligatory for registration at the security service of the German Bundestag):