

President's Invitation

Dear Invitee,

I am delighted to invite you to "The Future Role of Brussels" hosted by the Ludwig von Mises Institute Europe. As the EU is changing we must prepare ourselves to see Brussels change alongside it. Our lunch debate will let both our experienced speakers and You, the participant, to discuss the matter. Also on January 26th the final vote for the European Commission is going to take place at the European Parliament up until 13:00. So we are looking forward to having some prominent EU figures participating to our lunch debate, but please anticipate jams and arrive early to the Parliament.

Kind Regards,



Annette Godart van der Kroon
President of Ludwig von Mises
Institute Europe

Ludwig von Mises Institute Europe

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BRUSSELS HOOFDSTEDELIJK GEWEST
REGION DE BRUXELLES-CAPITALE

INVITATION

"The Future Role Of Brussels"

January 26th
at The European
Parliament room P7C050,
Paul-Henri Spaak building

A lunch debate organized by
Ludwig von Mises Institute
Europe with the support of
Brussels Capital Region

Topic

The conference aims to investigate important questions concerning the role of Brussels in the future. Among the key issues to be addressed is whether the Brussels Region can function as an interface between the local population and the officials of the EU Institutions. In this sense, the major bottle necks will be ascertained, in an attempt to offer possible explanations for the obstacles to the integration of the local and the European level.

The prospects for Brussels becoming one day "the capital of Europe" will also be discussed, with particular attention being paid to the link between the role and moves toward further European integration. The changes undergone over the past fifty years which have made Brussels a microcosm of Europe will be discussed, and the possible effects of a "two-speed Europe" on the international role of the city will be singled out. Also the possibility of implanting a new "European district" should be discussed.



Venue

European Parliament
Paul-Henri Spaak
P7C050
Rue Wiertz 4752, 1040
Brussels

Date January 26th, 2010

Time 12:00 – 14:30

Once You have registered to the event we will keep You updated via e-mail regarding changes and additions to the agenda.

Agenda

12:00 - 13:15
Registration, lunch

13:15 - 13:30
Opening words:

Jean-Luc Vanraes,
Minister for the Brussels Region

Alexander Graf Lambsdorff,
MEP for ALDE Group

13:30 - 14:15
Speakers:

Sven Gatz, Leader of the VLD, the
Flemish Parliament, author of
"Bastaard : het verhaal van een
Brusselaar"

Christofer Fjellner, MEP for EPP-ED
To Be Confirmed

14:15 - 14:30
Questions and discussion

Moderated by:

Brian Carney, Editorial Page Editor of
The Wall Street Journal Europe.

**Registration form
for "Future Role of Brussels"**

Name: _____

Profession: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

- Will participate to the conference
- Will not participate

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- Will need a security badge
- Will not need a security badge

Please RSVP via fax or e-mail before

January 21st, 2010