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Liberal Vision 20: Linking Human Rights & Climate builds a pathway towards climate justice

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"Finding the missing link between the **Human Rights Convention** and the **Paris Agreement** will build a pathway towards **climate justice**."

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Dr Hakima el Haité
President of Liberal International

More women to assume leadership positions in politics & beyond

President of Liberal International Dr **Hakima El Haité** together with LI regional organisation **Red Liberal de América Latina**, **Caminosdela Libertad** & the **Fraser Institute** convened at an online forum dedicated to Women & Freedom.

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"You have the power to become game changers", President opens 2nd year LI Democratic Training Academy

Young liberal leaders from the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) & Caucasus regions came together virtually to take part in the 2nd year of Liberal International's Democratic Training Academy (LIDTA), which was established in 2020 in partnership with **VVD International**. Representatives of seven countries took part in a day of training delivered by lead trainer and dutch politician, Roald van der Linde.

LIDTA 2021 - virtual opening & training session
Saturday, 29 May 2021
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As world leaders gathered in Cornwall, UK for the G7 Summit sustainable climate policies are high up the agenda.

On the 8th of June, liberals gathered to discuss the upcoming G7 Summit, giving policy and strategic inputs related to the recovery of the pandemic. The panel was facilitated by Liberal International Climate Justice Committee chairman, Minister **Steven Linares**, who was joined by LI's President Dr **Hakima el Haité** delivering the keynote speech, as well as climate experts from around the world, including **Martin Hojsik** - MEP Renew Europe, Ms **Catherine Walsh** - Energy Officer & Policy Advisor at the Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Heritage and Sustainability of Gibraltar, and Ms **Njeri Kabeberi** - Director of Chapter Four Programs and Projects and immediate Past Executive Director of Greenpeace Africa.

LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL'S G7 CLIMATE BRIEFING:
CLIMATE-LED ACTION FOR A POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY
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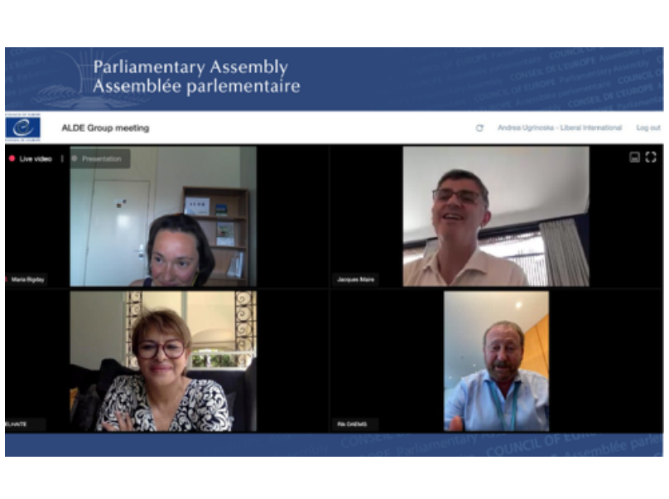
Establishing a link between the human rights convention and the Paris Agreement to path the way towards a climate justice

President of Liberal International Dr. **Hakima el Haité** joined the meeting of the ALDE Group of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe to present LI's upcoming project funded by FNF Brussels on finding the missing link between human rights and the environment. LI look forward to working closely together in bringing climate justice to the whole world.



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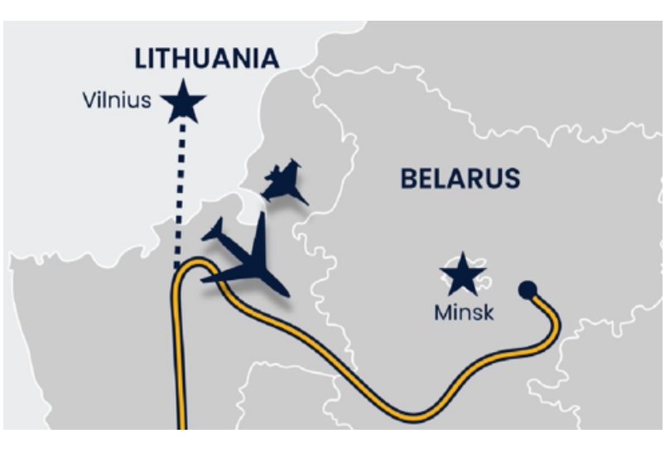
Lukashenka is ready to do anything to cling to power, warns LI Bureau

President Lukashenka can now add airline banditry to his long list of wicked acts, elevating the European dictator as a global threat against whose regime the strictest sanctions must be applied.



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UK Lib Dems' Sarah Green wins Conservative constituency

Join the global liberal family in congratulating the UK Liberal Democrats and **Sarah Green** on overturning a 16,000 Conservative majority to win the Chesham and Amersham constituency for the first time ever!

Democrats
Winning here
CONGRATULATIONS!
SARAH GREEN MP
Liberal Democrats by-election win - Chesham and Amersham, UK

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'Liberal reformer Aquino' dies age 61

The global liberal family is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, President of the Philippines (2010-2016) and a former Secretary-General of the Liberal Party of the Philippines. President Aquino had been receiving treatment for an ongoing illness and passed peacefully in his sleep. He is survived by four sisters.

Benigno 'Noynoy' Aquino III
Former President of the Philippines
1960 - 2021
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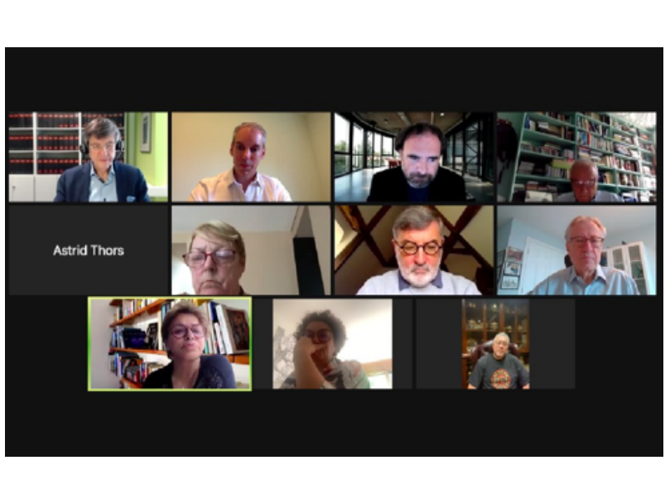
BUREAU IN ACTION

Extending support to the democratic opposition in Nicaragua during LI Bureau Meeting



Extending support to the democratic opposition in Nicaragua, developing policy papers on trade and climate and reviewing the candidates for the 2021 LI Prize for Freedom were just some of the items on the political agenda for the LI bureau, which convened virtually via Zoom on Friday 18 June.

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LI President of Honour discusses elections in Peru and lessons learned from Venezuelans

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LI President of Honour Dr Juli Minoves joined Fundación Federalismo y Libertad & FNF Andinos, as they discussed the elections in Peru & what can be learned from the Venezuelan experience.

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LI Vice President Diallo discuss socio-political crisis in Guinea with Japanese Ambassador

LI Vice president and Leader of UFDG, **Cellou Dalein Diallo**, met with H.E **Hideo Matsubara**, Ambassador of Japan in Guinea. They were able to discuss the extent of the socio-political crisis that Guinea is going through and the sectors of concentration of Japanese aid to the country.

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LI Vice President Monterrey denounces financial blockade against pro-democratic opposition

LI Vice president and National President of the Citizens for Freedom Alliance, **Kitty Monterrey**, denounced financial blockades against the alliance fighting for a legitimate and democratic government in Nicaragua as banking institutions refuse to open an account for the Citizens for Freedom Alliance ahead of the Presidential elections this November.

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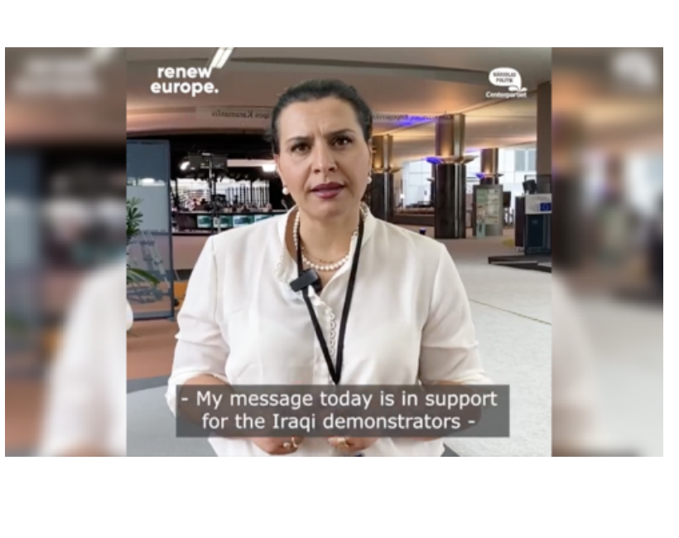
LI Vice President Abir Al-Sahlani calls for to end impunity in Iraq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My message today is in support for the Iraqi demonstrators

"Young people in Iraq have taken the streets to protest & demand the end of impunity! My message to the Iraqi government is: Stop the shootings!" - LI Vice President & LI Human Rights Committee member **Abir Al-Sahlani** MEP.

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LI Vice President Kiat Sittheeamorn urges Thai state to aid entrepreneurs from bankruptcy

LI Vice President **Kiat Sittheeamorn** advocated that the Thai government accelerate policies that can be done immediately without the budget to recover the severely affected economic situation, especially in the face of Thailand's covid situation and help entrepreneurs finically saving them from bankruptcy.

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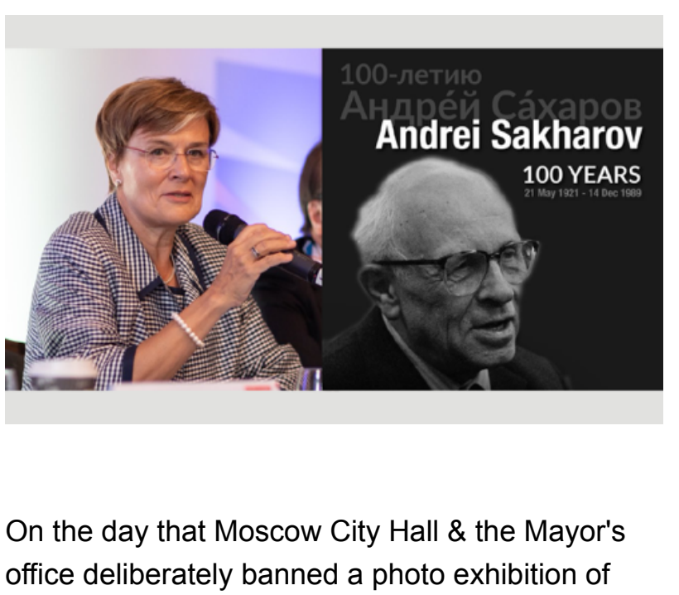
"Sakharov fought against the abuse of power", LI Vice President Thors



On the day that Moscow City Hall & the Mayor's office deliberately banned a photo exhibition of academic & Nobel Prize laureate **Andrei Sakharov**, LI Human Rights Committee chair **Astrid Thors** addressed Yabloko's online virtual event dedicated to Sakharov's 100th anniversary.

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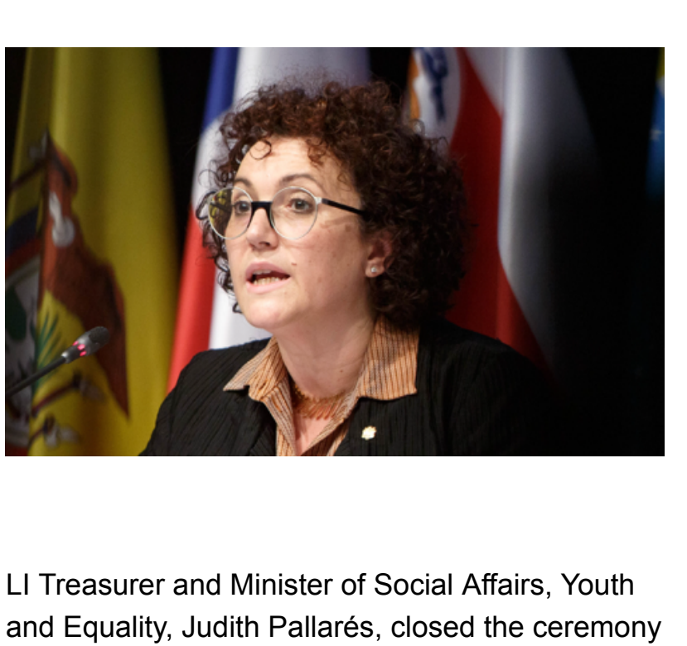
LI Treasurer closes ceremony dedicated to female inclusion in sports.



LI Treasurer and Minister of Social Affairs, Youth and Equality, Judith Pallarès, closed the ceremony of the 3rd session of 'With a woman's voice' - Minister Pallarès' first official act which has focused on continuing to work for the inclusion of women in the world of sport.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE MONTH

October 2021
Liberal International's Statutory Event

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

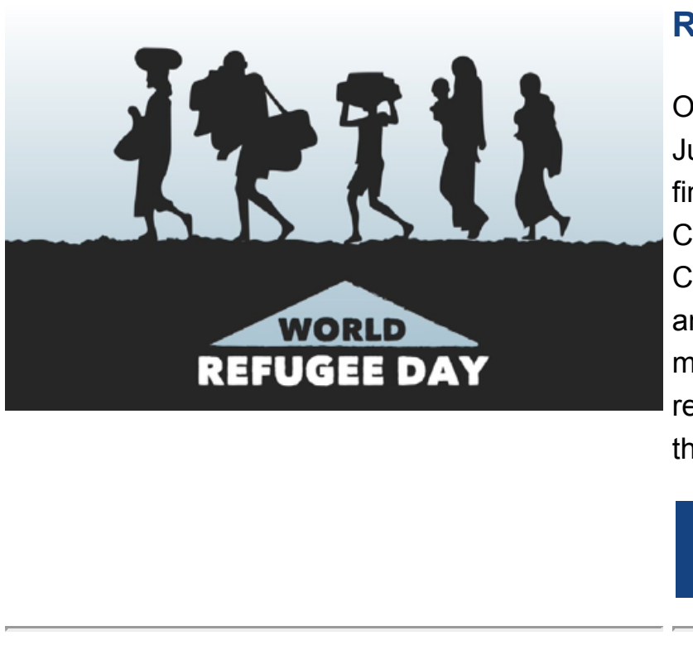
11 July 2021 (confirmed)
Bulgaria, Parliament

11 July 2021 (confirmed)
Moldova, Parliament

8 September 2021 (confirmed)
Morocco, General Election

13 September 2021 (confirmed)
Noway, Parliament

FIGHTING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, CLIMATE JUSTICE & FAIR TRADE



'We cannot deny dignity and care on the basis of borders', urge liberals on World Refugee Day

On the occasion of the 20th World Refugee Day, June 20, 2021, and celebrating 70 years since the finalisation of the 1951 Geneva Refugee Convention, Liberal International's Human Rights Committee called on all nations to respect the letter and the spirit of the Convention. Unfortunately, many countries try to circumvent the rights of refugees and deny many the dignified treatment they deserve as human beings.

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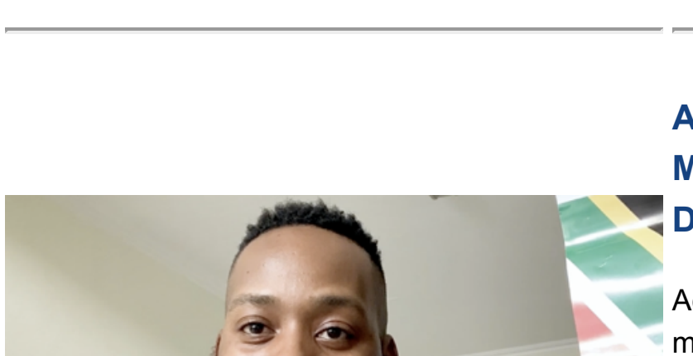

Irene Wang is LI's new human rights programme officer

At the end of May, the LI Secretariat was excited to announce the appointment of **Irene Wang** as the new Human Rights programme officer. Join us in welcoming Irene & get to know our newest HRPO

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LUYOLO MPHITI MP
Democratic Alliance Youth Leader

Access to Technology as Luyolo Mpithi MP sets out Liberal Principles of Digitalisation and Human Rights

Access to technology still remains lower among marginalised groups, perpetuating inequalities in our societies.

The Democratic Alliance's Youth Leader, **Luyolo Mphithi** MP, sets out why one of our ten Liberal Principles of Digitalisation & Human Rights is so important, and that access to digital communications and information must be inclusive.

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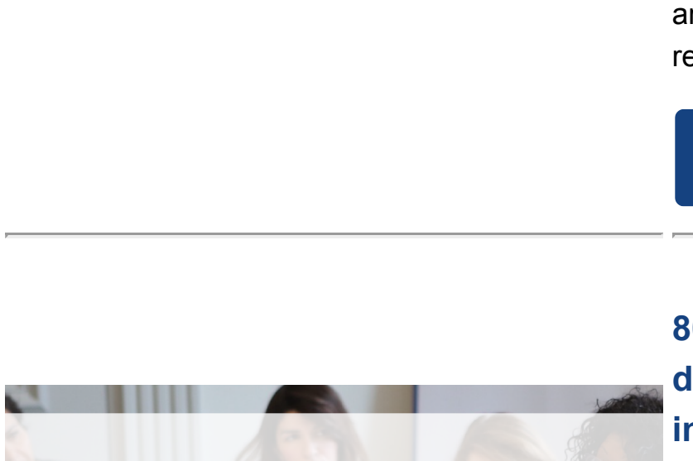

Artificial Intelligence is of strategic importance, Karen Melchior MEP talks Liberal Principles of Digitalisation and Human Rights

Artificial intelligence is an area of strategic importance and can be a key tool to solve many challenges that our societies face.

Karen Melchior MEP for Radikale Venstre & Renew Europe sets out why one of our ten Liberal Principles of Digitalisation & Human Rights is so important, and that the increased involvement of artificial intelligence in societal decision making requires strong legal and ethical oversight.

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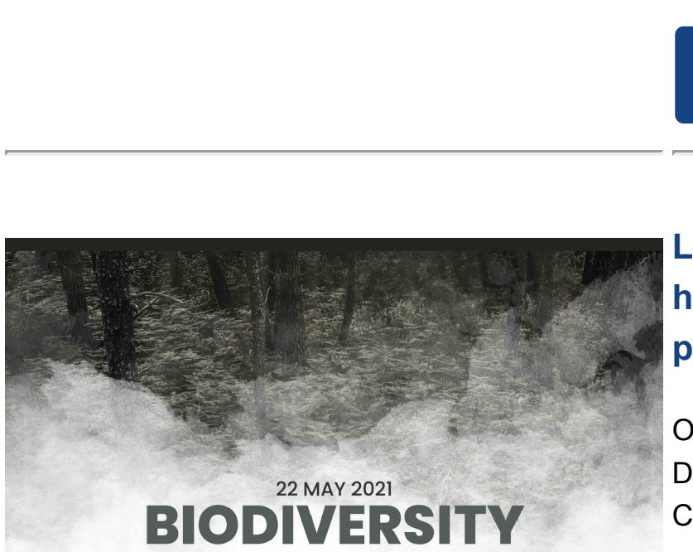

80 per cent uptake reflects liberals dedication to the advancement of women in politics

Liberal International is thrilled to celebrate the conclusion of the 2021 Survey for the Women in Political Parties Index (WIPP Index). Launched in 2020, the first-of-its-kind WIPP Index was designed to assist LI member parties in boosting inclusivity within their party structures and to advance the presence of women in politics.

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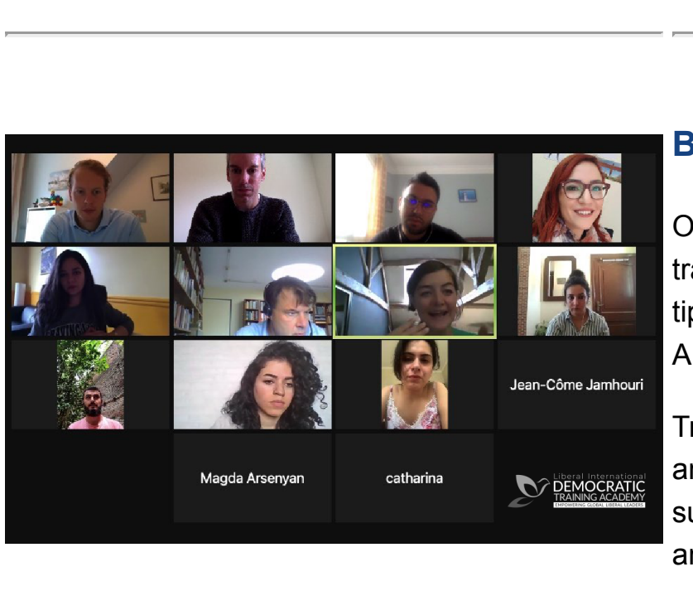

LI Climate Justice Committee calls for higher ambitions on biodiversity protection

On May 22nd, 2021, on the occasion of Biodiversity Day, the Liberal International Climate Justice Committee called on all governments to examine and review their policies on biodiversity.

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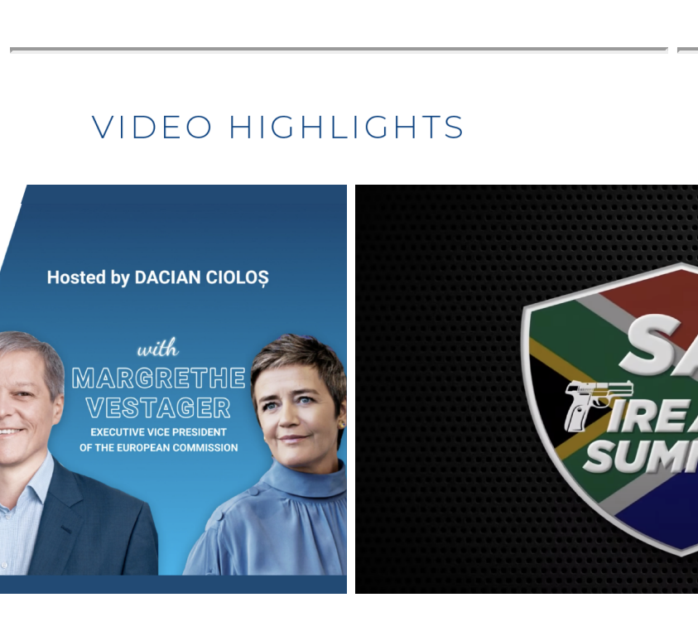
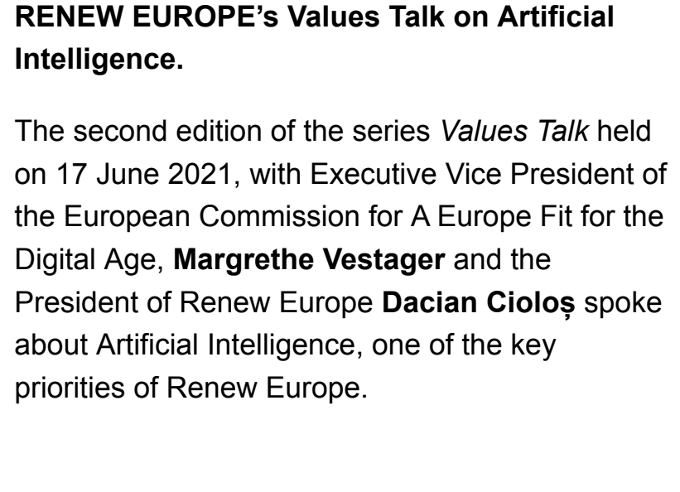


Building liberal change-makers

On Saturday, 26 June, our LI-VVD International training academy, with expert guests, provided top tips for our liberal change-makers across MENA, Armenia, and Georgia.

Trainers **Monika Zajkova** MP, **Catharina Rinzema** and **Roald van der Linde** defined strategies for supporting LGBT+ rights, women's empowerment, and building political alliances.

VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS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VALUES TALK
Thursday, 17 June 2021 15:00 CET
Hosted by DACIAN CIOLOȘ
with MARGRETHE VESTAGER
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

RENEW EUROPE'S Values Talk on Artificial Intelligence.

The second edition of the series *Values Talk* held on 17 June 2021, with Executive Vice President of the European Commission for A Europe Fit for the Digital Age, **Margrethe Vestager** and the President of Renew Europe **Dacian Cioloș** spoke about Artificial Intelligence, one of the key priorities of Renew Europe.

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SA FIREARM SUMMIT

DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE hosts Firearm Summit

As crime soars in South Africa, the national government aims to take away law-abiding citizens' right to own a gun for self-defence. South Africa's largest virtual firearm summit brought together interest groups, civil society organisations, experts and concerned South Africans from all walks of life to discuss the ban and other aspects of the controversial Firearms Control Amendment Bill.

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MULTIPLE CHALLENGES FOR TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIPS

EUROPEAN LIBERAL FORUM on Transatlantic Partnerships

Organised by ELF in cooperation with the IPPS and other member's organisations, this project focused on the relationship between the US and the EU – two key global partners – that are going through a complicated period. Divided into several dimensions focusing on partnership between the UK and the USA after Brexit.

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POLITICAL UPDATES FROM THE REGIONS

AFRICA	**FNF Liberal Workshop focused on youth development**	READ MORE
AMERICAS	**Regaining civil liberties post-pandemic in Latin America**	WATCH HERE
ASIA	**CALD launch podcast on Youth Perspectives**	LISTEN HERE
EUROPE	**RENEW Europe condemns Hungarian Government's assault on LGBTI rights**	READ MORE
MENA	**Al Hurriya Liberal Network open calls for membership**	READ MORE

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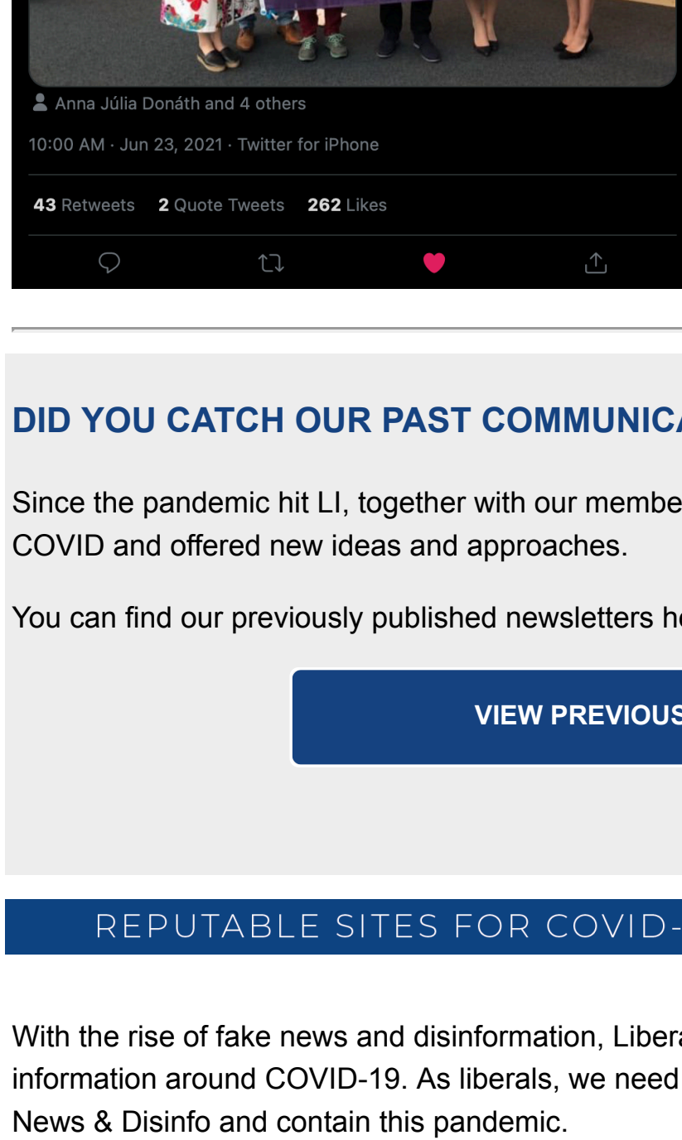

Samira Rafaela Retweeted
Katalin Cseh
@katka_cseh
Dear LGBT+ youth & adults, in Hungary & around our Union— you are not alone and never will be. This storm will pass too. And after the rain comes the rainbow 🌈
So proud to stand with my amazing @momentumhu & @RenewEurope colleagues for equal rights
Anna Júlia Donáth and 4 others
10:00 AM · Jun 23, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone
43 Retweets 2 Quote Tweets 262 Likes

Major battleground for equal rights in Hungary!

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Engage Liberal International on social media.

DID YOU CATCH OUR PAST COMMUNICATIONS?

Since the pandemic hit LI, together with our members, has been outspoken about the issues related to COVID and offered new ideas and approaches.

You can find our previously published newsletters here:

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REPUTABLE SITES FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION

With the rise of fake news and disinformation, Liberal International has listed some trusted sites for information around COVID-19. As liberals, we need to do all we can to minimise the spread of Fake News & Disinfo and contain this pandemic.

If you want to find out more information on data and statistics, please also click the links below.

World Health Organization (WHO)

International Committee of the Red Cross

Doctors Without Borders (Médecins Sans Frontières)

LI'S REGIONAL NETWORKS

- Africa Liberal Network (ALN)
- Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE Party)
- Arab Liberal Federation (ALF)
- Council of Asian Liberals & Democrats (CALD)
- Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF)
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