

Transnational liberal coalitions and cooperation

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening in Amsterdam, the Netherlands on 1 to 3 December 2017:

Notes that:

- new political realities after Brexit may encourage new forms of cooperation and integration in Europe. Political parties in Europe all benefit from belonging to a European political grouping;
- the ALDE Party is well positioned to bridge the gap between national and European politics;
- transnational coalitions have the potential to strengthen European democracy and can help to reconnect European citizens with European institutions, policies and issues;
- we want to foster and reinforce the European citizens' engagement and the importance of the European liberal parties on both the national and the transnational level;
- such a more cooperative approach could bring more seats in the European Parliament for ALDE member parties in the next European elections.

Considers that:

- national parties have limited resources and power in driving pan-European policies;
- populist and nationalist ideas, foremost in Eastern parts of Europe, can only be stopped by a coalition of parties defending liberal ideals at a national and European level.

Recognises that:

- the ALDE Party has a critical role to play to further coordinate the actions of national liberal parties;
- transnational bilateral, trilateral or multilateral coalitions of European liberal parties will reinforce the credibility of the ALDE Party and its member parties by civil society, academics and the media.

Encourages:

- ALDE member parties to show their affiliation with ALDE on their information material;
- ALDE member parties to inform people about the possibility to join the ALDE Party as Individual Members.

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Calls on:

- the ALDE Party and its member parties to form transnational coalitions, based on common fields of interests and to try to unify by the various different national parties into a more effective transnational ALDE Party;
- the ALDE Party to set up a working group to discuss transnational models.

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