

The pan-European development of the ALDE Party

The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party convening for its Council meeting in Pula, Croatia on 10 May 2013

Considering - European political parties have an important role to play in bridging the gap between national and EU politics;

- Greater and more effective involvement of European political parties can serve to promote citizens' understanding of the connection between the political processes at the national and European levels and is one way of generating transnational public debates across Europe and encouraging the emergence of a European public sphere;

- The ALDE Party's long term vision to acknowledge associate individual members as party members with stronger participatory rights in the internal decision-making process; however, this is a process that needs to match the political and legal framework for European political parties.

Believing - The elections of some members of the European Parliament via trans-national lists will increase the importance of European political parties and contribute to the creation of a European public sphere;

- A strong network of associate individual members, activists and volunteers will help strengthening a liberal campaigning network across Europe with a direct interest to support liberal campaigns in European elections.

Calling on - The ALDE Party to continue its work with its own members of the European Parliament, the European Commission and liberals represented in the Council of the European Union to work towards a truly European legal statute for parties and a uniform electoral system including the option of trans-national lists;

- The ALDE Party to encourage the creation of local associate individual members' clubs across Europe, particularly in countries without an ALDE member party to create more debate at national and regional levels on European policy issues;

- The ALDE Party to cooperate with ELF and LYMEC and allow associate individual members access to their trainings and seminars;

- The ALDE Party to encourage the creation of an individual members' steering committee, consisting of a limited number of members to be elected from among the associate members to continuously monitor individual members' activities and propose improvements of the membership scheme and engage local clubs to organize events on European policy issues.

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