

First regular Civil Society Contact Group meeting after summer break next week

The Civil Society Contact Group will hold its first regular meeting after the summer break next Wednesday, September 10th. Main items on the agenda are
the European Commissioner register for interest representatives
the group's activities on the European Parliament elections 2009.

Find the agenda [here](#).

EU presidency trio, Czech Constitutional Court and Irish No-campaigner on Lisbon Treaty

The presidency trio France, Czech Republic and Sweden this week presented their updated priorities. The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty was described as priority of all three presidencies. At the same time it was reported that the Czech Constitutional Court would soon start to examine the compatibility of the Treaty of Lisbon with the Czech Constitution. Also if the court does not find any incompatibilities, the ratification in Parliament is far from certain as the Senate is dominated by a eurosceptic section. Czech President Vaclav Klaus repeated his intention not to sign the ratification before Ireland has done so. The leader of the Irish No-campaign, Daclan Ganley, this week during a debate in the European Parliament called for an EU-wide referendum on the Lisbon Treaty. Irish media have recently reported that the parts of the Treaty that are not impacting on the Irish constitution might be ratified by the Irish parliament.

Read about the priorities of the presidency trio on

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/presidency-trio-seek-progress-treaty/article-175057>

Read more about the situation in the Czech Republic

<http://www.euractiv.com/en/future-eu/czech-constitutional-court-starts-lisbon-treaty-scrutiny/article-175020>

Read an article about the Irish debate on <http://euobserver.com/9/26676/?rk=1>

Debating links between local and European developments

Brussels-based European think tank Pour la Solidarité is organising a debate “Citizenship and Civil Dialogue: a challenge for Brussels, a challenge for Europe?”. European and Brussels stakeholders will discuss links between local and European developments. The aim is to identify how they influence and complement each other.

Where? Maison du Livre, 24-28 rue de Rome, Brussels

When? Monday 29 September 2008 de 12h to 14h30

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