

Public hearing on NGOs in the European Parliament, September 16th

The Silvana Koch-Mehrin and Jan Mulder from the ALDE group is organising a public hearing under the title “Non-governmental Organisations – what is at stake”. Siim Kallas, Commissioner for Administrative Affairs, Audit and Anti-Fraud, will give a key note speech. Guest speakers are from the European Association of Public Affairs Consultancies EPACA, Transparency International and Aidmatrix.

When? 16th September, 9-11 am

Where? European Parliament

Find the program on

[http://www.alde.eu/index.php?id=42&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=9628](http://www.alde.eu/index.php?id=42&no_cache=1&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=9628)

New blog monitoring the register for interest representatives

The Corporate Europe Observatory, a Amsterdam base research and campaign group and member of ALTER-EU, last week started a new blog “to monitor the European Commission's lobbying disclosure register. In this blog, CEOs and other critical observers will regularly publish comments on who registers and who doesn't, what is disclosed and what isn't.”

Find the blog on <http://blog.brusselssunshine.eu>

European Commission conference on the EU budget review consultation

The European Commission is organising a conference on the outcomes of the consultation on the EU budget review on November 12. The registration is due to open in the next few days on http://ec.europa.eu/budget/reform/index_en.htm.

Find the civil Society Contact Group contribution to the consultation on <http://act4europe.horus.be/module/FileLib/EU%20Civil%20Society%20Contact%20Group%20contribution%20to%20the%20EU%20budget%20review%20consultation.pdf>

Motivating young people to vote in the 2009 European Parliament election

Targeted at young people aged 18 to 22, the European Movement will this weekend launch the Y Vote 2009 Campaign. It “will try to reach out to those lacking interest or knowledge about European electoral politics, and democratic participation in general, by (re)using methods of street and campus actions and traditional and new media instruments, as well as huge thematic gatherings of young people.”

Find the European Movement's announcement on

<http://www.communicate-europe.co.uk/index.php?id=7072>

Second issue of European Citizens' Consultation to start in January 2009

A new issue of European Citizens' Consultation is being prepared by the King Baudouin Foundation in partnership with the European Movement. The project is due to start in January 2009 and "aims at involving no less than 50'000 European citizens from all over Europe to gather their recommendations for the EU leaders".

Read the European Movement's announcement on http://www.communicate-europe.co.uk/index.php?id=6811&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=1689&cHash=c4130557ca#

Find the website of the previous issue on <http://www.european-citizens-consultations.eu/>