



20 Years of Freedom and Prosperity



Dear Friends of EDS,
The month of November will always have a special place in my heart. It represents for me, as well as for millions of fellow Europeans the beginning of a new era in Europe. The November 9th fall of the Berlin Wall, was just a prelude to what would come; the fall of the authoritarian communist regimes all across eastern and central Europe. With the virtues of freedom, youth all across Europe were now free to travel, study and experience anything they wanted, something which just months before would have seemed like an unrealistic dream. Now only 20 years later the divisions between eastern and western Europe are barely visible. The upcoming generation knows only one Europe; which is a united Europe, a peaceful Europe and a Europe where the possibilities for young people, regardless of nationality, are unlimited.

This November EDS, as well as many of our member organisations will commemorate the events which led to a new and united Europe. Although our special focus is on November 9th, this is not only a commemoration of the events which took place in Berlin in 1989, but rather a commemoration of a date which is today the symbol of the beginning of the end of communist Europe.

November was not only an important month for Europe 20 years ago, in South Africa the government revoked the Separate Amenities Act, which in turn would lead to the end of Apartheid just five years later. And in Brazil the first free elections since 1960 were held in November 1989.

November 1989, was in fact, the month of hope and freedom.

Bence Bauer
Chairman of EDS

Twenty years after: Challenges for Europe

UNI France invites to a evening with Damien Abad, MEP, and Laurent Schouteten, YEPP Chairman.

They will discuss the upcoming challenges in Europe a couple of days before the fall of the Berlin's wall.

Jean-Baptiste Dabezies, EDS Vice-Chairman, will moderate the debate. The event is taking place on November 2nd at 19:30. in 34 Rue Emile Landrin, F-Boulogne-Billancourt, Paris, France.

You can check out the event at Facebook:
[Challenges for Europe](#)



Chairman of Fidesz Youth Reelected!



The Chairman of Fidesz Youth, Dániel Loppert, was reelected during the Annual Meeting of the organisation. The delegates from the counties provided him thus again with a 2-year-mandate. The new leadership consists of: Dániel Loppert and Vice-Chairmen: Bernadette Trosits, László Gyimesi, István Suhaj, Szabolcs Rákos.

On the spot, EDS Chairman congratulated the new leadership and wished them all the best for the upcoming general elections in Hungary in April 2010.

Loppert announced in his first speech to raise a 24-hour-campaign with the involvement of several thousand young Fidesz-members.

EDS Council Meeting in Stockholm!

Thanks to the excellent work of our friends in FMSF – Sweden, EDS hosted its first CM of the working year 2009/2010 in the capitol of Sweden, Stockholm.

The attendees were able to listen to a vast array of speakers from many segments of Swedish society, including MEPs, MPs, and various NGOs.

EDS wishes to thank everybody from FMSF and EDS who contributed to a very interesting and intellectually stimulating event.



University Business Dialogue: A Plus For the Students!

EDS welcomes the Communication of the Commission on University Business Dialogue. We believe that each sector has its own individual purpose. However, co-operation is necessary to increase the efficiency of both University and Business. The communication addresses the challenges we have to face leaning on the University Business Dialogue. This Dialogue contributes to the first step: knowing each other.

This document gathers concrete proposals, good practices and outlook for the next steps. In addition to the proposals of the Communication, EDS wishes to stress some points. The research community, having natural ties to both University and Business, provides a bridge between the two.

Teachers and researchers should have a greater presence on advisory boards of SMEs and companies. Professional people are often good in teaching their own business (culture, law, finance...). Students could also benefit from both a business and university environment during their studies thanks to dual-education systems. Each University should develop an efficient help section for students regarding internships and jobs placement.

Twenty years after: Generation 1989 Speaks Out!



EDS launches the campaign "Twenty years after" through questions of our time.

What was the iron curtain? How was the way from 1989 to 2009 like? Which walls should still fall?

Freedom and responsibility are our values. We have to confirm them against totalitarian regimes.

We invite you to join our Facebook group:
[Twenty years after](#)

ODM – Slovakia Commemorates 20 years of Freedom



ODM will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the start of the Velvet revolution in Czechoslovakia on November 17th.

The national programme of the day will entail launching of a short film campaign where popular right leaning celebrities and journalist will send their messages to the people.

For this purpose a web page is constructed, where people will be able not only to vote for the best video, but also post their own short clips with messages about the 20th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution.

Prime Minister Fico is famous for his quote that he did not realise 'something happened' in November 1989 and nothing major changed in his life. This campaign reflects exactly this comment where the short video clips shall remind Prime Minister Fico that there were and are major changes in the Slovak society since the times of oppression and lack of freedom.

New EDS Website and Newsletter Design Introduced!

As work on the EDS Website continues to progress, our old website went through a proper autumn makeover by implementation of the new template design.

EDS Newsletter was no exception and it takes after the newly introduced design of the website to the spot shifting focus on improving functionality of the both.

We invite you to check the resemblance of the two by visiting our website:
www.edsnet.org

First BullsEye of the Year Underway!

The Bureau is glad to inform our friends and members that BullsEye editor-in-chief Sandra Falkowska is in good progress with producing the first BullsEye of the working year 2009/2010. BullsEye is the newsmagazine of EDS, and attempts to have a good balance of ideological debate, current European events, and current EDS work and events.

It is an ambition of EDS to have a wide portfolio of contributors to our publications, including current delegates, bureau members and other affiliates, but also former EDS bureau members, and other friends of EDS across Europe. Everybody is more than welcome to contribute with articles and statements.

The deadline for submitting articles for the next edition is November 6. to editor-in-chief Sandra Falkowska:
falkowska.sandra@gmail.com

Upcoming events

- **IYDU Council in Berlin** November 25-29: For the upcoming IYDU meeting EDS plans to take part with a big delegation. For first time in history, EDS will be present as "Europe" as a sign of our united continent. We encourage you to take part in EDS delegation by registering until November 6 via our Secretary General.
- **EDS Council Meeting in Jerusalem** will take place December 2-6. EDS can accept one delegate per organisation, and there will be a participation fee of 50€. Please register with the secretariat no later than November 6.
- **EPP Congress Bonn** will take place December 8-10. EDS members are invited to accompany the bureau. The Congress will be voting upon the new presidency of our mother party. Please register with the secretariat no later than November 6.