



S&D GROUP CONFERENCE

"Media freedom under threat: national problems, European solutions?"

Thursday, 3 March 2011
from 9am to 12.30pm - Room A5G-2
European Parliament, Brussels

DRAFT PROGRAMME

09h00 Welcome by Maria BADIA i CUTCHET, MEP, Vice-President, S&D Group
➤ Moderator: Jacki DAVIS

09h15 Panel I: National experiences concerning freedom of the press and media

Speakers:

- Ioana AVADANI, Executive Director, Centre of Independent Journalism, Romania
- Roberto NATALE, President of the FNSI, Federazione Nazionale Stampa Italiana, Italy
- Borislav TSEKOV, Director, Institute of Modern Politics, Bulgaria
- Jean-Marie CHARON, Sociologist (EHESS), CNRS, France
- Gábor HORVÁTH, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Népszabadság Newspaper, Hungary

➤ Contributions from Heads of the National Delegations, and debate

10h45 Panel II: European initiatives and solutions – are they possible and can they be successful?

Speakers:

- Lorenzo CONSOLI, former President, International Press Association (API)
- Xavier VIDAL-FOLCH, Deputy Director, El País, and President, World Editors Forum
- Aidan WHITE, General Secretary, International Federation of Journalists

➤ Contributions from leading journalists and bloggers, and debate

12h15 Conclusions

Other participants in the debate will include:

- Valeriya VELEVA, Trud (BG)
- Carlo VERNA, Unione sindacale giornalisti Rai (IT)
- László HALÁK, National Alliance of Hungarian Journalists (HU)

Interpretation will be provided in FR/DE/IT/EN/ES/HU/RO/BG