

PRESS RELEASE

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Continuous commitment to “Keeping democracy support at the heart of the EU agenda”.

In times when the environment for EU democracy support experiences manifest challenges, the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) hosted its 9th Annual General Assembly in Brussels on 24th of June 2015. ENoP was established in 2006 and currently represents 63 member organisations from 23 EU-Member States.

The participants of the General Assembly welcomed the members of the newly introduced Political Advisory Board for a first constituent meeting.

The Political Advisory Board of ENoP is composed of

- Mr Pekka Haavisto, Member of the Finnish Parliament, former Minister for Environment and Development (1995-1999) and Minister for Development and State Ownership (2013-2014);
- Mrs Gudrun Kopp, former Parliamentary State Secretary in the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development;
- Mrs Rodi Kratsa, President of the Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute, former Vice-President of the European Parliament;
- Mr Jan Marinus Wiersma, former Member of the European Parliament from 1994-2009 (European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs)

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On the basis of its rotating principles amongst party families, Mr Martin Ängeby, Secretary-General of SILC, the Swedish International Liberal Centre, became the newly elected Coordinator of ENoP. Ängeby's expertise comprises political dialogue experience with the Arab world, Cuba and Belarus. Dr. Arnold Kammel, Programme Director for International Relations of the Political Academy PolAk, Austria, has been mandated as Deputy Network Coordinator. His main fields are trade policy, transatlantic relations and political dialogue with North and South Sudan. Rebecca Wagner, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Brussels office, was elected ENoP Network Treasurer.

The Steering Committee honoured the commitment of the out-going Network Coordinator, Ms Andrea E. Ostheimer, Director of the Department for Sub-Sahara Africa of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Berlin. Ms Ostheimer had served from 2009 to 2013 as Deputy Coordinator and was elected ENoP Network Coordinator in 2013. The plenary expressed as well its gratitude towards the Deputy Network Coordinator Anna Sundström, Head of Operations at Olaf Palme International Centre (since January 2015) and her predecessor Ulrika Lång as well as Alba Çako, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, Brussels office, former Treasurer.

ENoP as the representative platform of national political foundations from EU Member States advocates democratic values within and beyond Europe's borders. It channels the experience and expertise of political foundations into the EU decision-making process via policy papers and contributions to consultation processes. In cooperation with other stakeholders it provided feedback on the draft Action Plan on Human Rights and Democracy (2015-2019) "Keeping human rights at the heart of the EU agenda".

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