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## Hungary at the crossroads

### Meeting the challenges

#### DOCUMENTATION

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#### INTRODUCTION

In the light of the media law and the red mud lesson, the Greens in the European Parliament will address two major issues of concern during the two-day debate in Budapest : first, the **state of democracy in Hungary** which raises legitimate questions and secondly, the protection of **environment** as a mean to create jobs and prosperity.

In our European Union, Member states take turns to present their own vision, priorities and agenda for the EU. It is the occasion to be reminded that domestic matters are also European affairs.

This debate is co-organised with LMP, the Green sister party in Hungary.

#### PROGRAMME

### *Thursday, 31 March evening*

*Location: Marriott Hotel - Ball Room, Apaczai Csere Janos u. 4, Budapest*

*Interpretation: HU/EN/DE/FR*

**18:00-20:30**

#### **Public debate on the State of Democracy in Hungary**

Moderation: **Flóra Hevesi**, Journalist

With:

- **Daniel Cohn-Bendit**, Co-president of the Greens/EFA Group, France
- **István Elek**, political commentator, Hungary

- **Miklós Haraszti**, Former OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Hungary

***Friday, 1 April 09:30-13:00***

*Location: Marriott Hotel - Ball Room, Apaczai Csere Janos u. 4, Budapest*

*Interpretation: HU/EN/DE/FR*

**9:30-11:30**

**The European Energy policy after Fukushima**

Moderation and conclusions: **Rebecca Harms**, Co-president of the Greens/EFA Group, Germany

Debate with:

- **Bas Eickhout**, Greens/EFA MEP, The Netherlands
- **Péter Olajos**, Deputy State Secretary of Green Economy and Climate Change, Hungary
- **Benedek Jávor**, LMP MP, Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee, Hungary
- **Ada Ámon**, Director of the NGO Energia Klub, Hungary
- **Monica Frassoni**, Co-chair of the European Green Party, Italy

**11:30-13:00**

**The red mud lesson**

Moderation and conclusions: **Ulrike Lunacek**, Greens/EFA MEP, Austria

Presentation of the report on the red mud disaster commissioned by the Group  
by **Gergely Simon** (author - Clean Air Action Group)

Debate on possible regulation and action on EU level with:

- **Reinhard Bütikofer**, Greens/EFA MEP, Germany
- **Rebeka Szabó**, MP, Hungary
- **Gyorgy Bakondi**, Governmental Commissioner for the red mud disaster, Hungary
- **Gergely Simon**, Clean Air Action Group

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