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Brussels Agenda

Greens/EFA priorities and events 5-9 October 2009

Looking beyond today's Irish referendum on the Lisbon Treaty, Greens/European Free Alliance priorities from the EU agenda and its events for next week are listed below. One press conference is planned, on Wednesday on the topic of press freedom in Italy.

Greens/EFA agenda priorities

Tuesday, 6 October 2009

A joint meeting of the EP foreign affairs and development committees will vote to shortlist three candidates for the institution's **Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought**. In the first round, the Greens/EFA Group nominated three activists from the Russian fundamental rights organisation 'Memorial'.

Wednesday, 7 October 2009

The EP plenary will vote to create a Parliament committee dedicated to issues related to the **financial crisis**.

Thursday, 8 October 2009

The EP plenary will vote on two resolutions on the effects of the crisis in **developing countries** and on the **G20 summit**.

A joint meeting of the legal affairs, constitutional affairs and civil liberties committees will examine the far-reaching **Stockholm programme**.

Greens/EFA events

Conference Circassian Day: "Diaspora and homeland"
Monday, 5 October 2009, 11.00-13.00 and 15.00-17.00
Room A3G3, European Parliament, Brussels
> Green MEP Ska Keller takes over the hosting of this annual event relating to the Circassians, a people originating from the Caucasus. It was previously hosted by former Green MEP Cem Özdemir, who will be

a guest speaker this time. Other speakers will represent "Circassians in diaspora" and "Circassians in the homeland".

Fair: Meet civil society
Tuesday, 6 October 2009 - Thursday, 8 October (cocktail Tuesday, 18.30, ASP ground floor)
Room A3G3, European Parliament, Brussels
> Ten "thematic stands" will bring civil society representatives into the heart of the European Parliament over three days. These will include a wide range of areas of activity, including climate change, anti-discrimination and animal rights. Roundtables will also be held. Find out more at: www.act4europe.org

Press conference: press freedom in Italy
Wednesday, 7 October 2009, 14.00-14.30
Press briefing room, PHS 0A50, European Parliament, Brussels
> With Greens/EFA Co-president Daniel Cohn-Bendit and Dutch Green MEP Judith Sargentini.An Italian study exposing severe shortcoming in press freedom in Silvio Berlusconi's Italy will also be presented at the press conference. A Greens/EFA resolution on the same topic is due to be voted in the EP plenary on 21 October in Strasbourg.

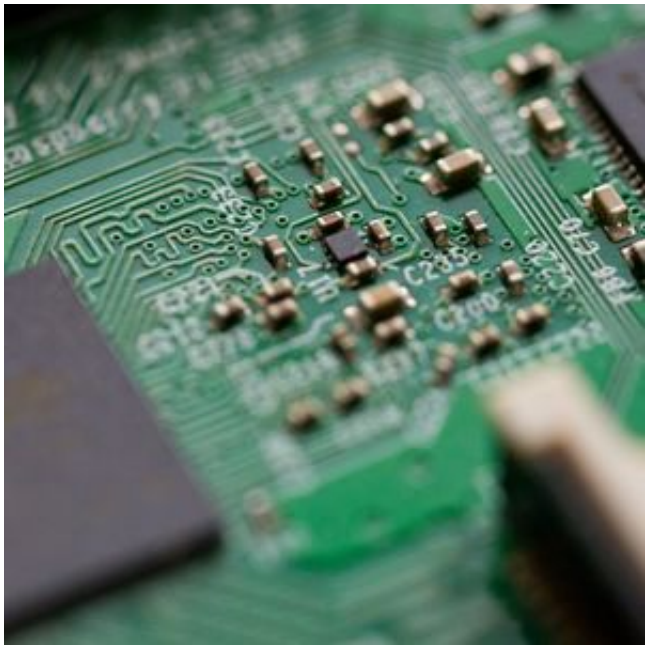
Soirée on forced migration
Wednesday, 7 October 2009, 18.30
Members salon, European Parliament, Brussels
> This discussion and networking event is co-hosted by UK Green MEP Jean Lambert and ALDE MEP Baroness Sarah Ludford, and is organised by the Jesuit Refugee Service.
For further information, contact: europe.advocacy@jrs.net or tel: +32 2 250 32 23

Consultation: World Bank Environment strategy 2010
Thursday, 8 October 2009, 13.00-15.00
Room A1G2, European Parliament, Brussels
> The World Bank is updating its 2001 environment strategy, with a new version to be in place by the end of 2010. This event, hosted by Green MEP Eva Joly and German Socialist Jo Leinen, forms part of the consultation process. Further information at: www.worldbank.org/environmentconsultations, register at: Rtaylor3@worldbank.org

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