

e-Agenda from Andrew Duff MEP

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WELCOME to my new e-newsletter. This innovation is designed to achieve two objectives: first, to provide party members with more regular information about my activities and views; and second, to have a more interactive form of communication with the regional party than is provided for by *eastern Agenda*.

This e-newsletter, therefore, supplements *eastern Agenda*, which will continue to be mailed free of charge twice a year to the whole East of England membership. *e-Agenda* will appear at least quarterly, and possibly more often.

Best wishes, Andrew

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Latest from the European Parliament

This autumn sees the Parliament making progress with the REACH directive on chemicals, the directive to extend the single market to the services sector, and the TV without frontiers directive. Decisions will also be reached on the establishment of the European Institute of Technology (of special interest to the East of England), and on the strengthening of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. Discussions revive about an EU policy on patents.

The Commission tries to resuscitate the WTO Doha Round. The deteriorating situation in Afghanistan, Iraq and the Middle East continues to dominate security policy concerns. Darfur takes centre stage. Accession negotiations with Turkey get tough.

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http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/expert/tous_les_briefing/default/default_en.htm

Latest on the Constitution

Andrew Duff launches his new pamphlet entitled **Plan B: how to rescue the European Constitution** at 17.30 on Wednesday 18 October. European Commissioner Margot Wallström responds.

The pamphlet is published in English and French by Notre Europe and can be downloaded (from 18 October) at www.notre-europe.eu

Press Articles

Andrew writes regularly for many publications. Some of his recent articles are:-

Situation in the Middle East, *East Anglian Daily Times*, 31 August

Uncustomary unity on Lebanon. *FT.com*, 10 September

European challenge for Lib Dems, *Liberator*, 17 September

Constitution Pick-n-Mix, *FT.com*, 5 October

Making Europe Knowledgeable, *Parliamentary Magazine*, 9 October

All of these articles can be found at

<http://www.andrewduffmep.org.uk/articles/?PHPSESSID=ed0b51b6fed254335f9241e1e7de8694>

Andrew's Diary

Here is a diary of some of Andrew's recent events (excluding routine group and committee meetings):-

- 29 August Norman Lamb MP visits Brussels
- 1 September Norfolk County Council scrutiny committee, Norwich
East of England press lunch, Norwich
- 4-7 September Plenary session, Strasbourg
[Meetings with Peter Mandelson and, via videoconference, with East of England Europe and International Panel]
- 8 September Meeting with Nicolas Sarkozy, Brussels
- 12 September Oral evidence to German Bundestag, Brussels
- 13 September Industry & Parliament Trust speech, Brussels
- 17-19 September Fringe meeting with Michael Moore MP, Brighton
East of England Conference reception
Internal party meetings & press briefings
Dinner with Essex County Council
Universities UK breakfast
- 20 September FDP MPs breakfast, Berlin
Institut für Europäische Politik speech
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik speech
- 22-23 September International Bertelsmann Forum, Berlin
- 25-27 September Plenary session, Strasbourg
[ALDE spokesman on Turkey report and resolution]
- 29-30 September European Strategy Forum, Ponte de Lima, Portugal

2-3 October	Sir Menzies Campbell MP visits Brussels Bob Russell MP visits Brussels St Alban's School visits Brussels
6 October	Norwich Union visit, Norwich
11-12 October	Plenary session, Brussels
12-13 October	ELDR Congress, Bucharest

Here is a diary of some of Andrew's future events (excluding routine group and committee meetings):-

18 October	Launch of <i>Plan B: how to rescue the European Constitution</i> , Notre Europe, www.notre-europe.eu
21 October	Green tax switch campaign
23-26 October	Plenary session, Strasbourg
4 November	Norfolk County Lib Dem conference, Costessey
9-10 November	European Civil Society Forum, Bergamo
10 November	Cambridge Lib Dems AGM
13-16 November	Plenary session, Strasbourg
18 November	East of England Lib Dem conference, Huntingdon Federal Union conference, London
19-21 November	COSAC meeting, Helsinki
25 November	UK European Movement conference, London
27-28 November	EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee, Brussels
29-30 November	Plenary session, Brussels
1-2 December	TEPSA conference, Berlin
2-3 December	International European Movement congress, Helsinki
4-5 December	2nd Inter-parliamentary Forum on Future of Europe, Brussels
11-14 December	Plenary session, Strasbourg
18 December	Plenary session, Brussels

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