



One Spitzenkandidat for a strong European democracy

The Congress of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Stockholm, Sweden on 26-28 May 2023:

Notes that:

- the core principle and objective of the ALDE Party is European democracy;
- Spitzenkandidaten are meant to reinforce the democratic link between the European Parliament elections and the most senior position in the EU, the President of the European Commission;
- the EU has taken up more responsibilities and powers since the last European Parliament elections, in light of the various crises the EU has faced over these years, not in the last place the Russian aggression in Ukraine, and that this increases furthermore the need for democratic legitimacy of EU decision-making;
- the European Parliament elections are fast approaching and that all major EU political parties have started internal deliberations and public positioning on the Spitzenkandidaten.

Expresses that:

- the ALDE Party should pro-actively promote the direct link between the European voters and power and should thus fully support the concept of Spitzenkandidaten;
- a pan-European debate between well-known political personalities will reinforce the European demos;
- the ALDE Party will present its Spitzenkandidat for the position of Commission President and looks forward to a lively campaign in 2024.

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