

INVITATION

**FES Panel Discussion:
« Europe has voted! »**

Due to the multitude of challenges that the European Union (EU) faces, the results of the European elections on May 25th are being watched closely across Europe and beyond. Who will decide the seemingly tight race between the main political blocks S&D and EPP? Will far-right parties secure enough seats to form a new EP parliamentary group and what impact on European politics will a stronger Eurosceptic camp have? What are the main political challenges for the new European Parliament and what are the respective expectations of Romania and other EU Member states? To address these and other questions,

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Romania would like to kindly invite you to the Panel Discussion:

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**Rapsodia Conference Room, Hotel Intercontinental, Bucharest
May 27th, 2014, 09.00h – 12.00h (followed by a lunch reception)**

Simultaneous translation **Romanian/English** will be provided. Please find the **program** attached.

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PROGRAM

- 09:00 – 09:30 Welcome Coffee and Registration of Participants
- 09:30 – 09:35 **Opening remarks**
Matthias Jobelius, Representative in Romania and the Republic
of Moldova, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
- 09:35 – 09:55 **Results of the European Elections and Perspectives**
Presentation by Doru Frănțescu, Policy Director, Votewatch.eu
(video conference)
- 09:55 – 10:45 **Comments and Panel Discussion**
Henning Meyer, Editor, Social Europe Journal, London School
of Economics, London (UK)

René Cuperus, Director for International Relations, Wiardi Beckman Stichting, The Hague (NL)

Dr. Leonard Orban, former EU-Commissioner (2007-2010)

Cătălin Ivan, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialist & Democrats in the European Parliament (S&D Group)

Moderator:

Matthias Jobelius, Representative in Romania and the Republic of Moldova, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

10:45– 12:00

Questions & Answers

Afterwards

Reception