



## INVITATION TO A PUBLIC DEBATE

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST IN THE EUROPEAN UNION:** opportunities and challenges for the European Commission

*The Commission's plans to tighten ethics rules for (ex-)Commissioners are under scrutiny. In response to the growing public interest in this issue, the Alliance for Lobbying Transparency and Ethics Regulation (ALTER-EU), with the support of Journalists at Your Service (J@ys), are organising a public debate to discuss ways to prevent potential conflicts in the future.*

**When:** Thursday, February 3, 2011 – 09.30 am

**Where:** International Press Center/Residence Palace,  
Brussels, 200 rue de la Loi – Maelbeek Room

**Who:** *Opening remarks:*  
Ingeborg Graessle, MEP (EPP, Germany)

*Participants in debate:*

- Lothar Bisky, President of the European United Left Party
- Nessa Childers, MEP (S&D, Ireland)
- Monica Macovei, MEP (EPP, Romania)
- Paul Flynn, MP (Labour, Newport West, United Kingdom)
- Paul de Clerck, representative of ALTER-EU

*Moderator:*

Hajo Friedrich, EU journalist

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