



Coalition for reform treaty launches on 12th September

The Coalition for the Reform Treaty was launched on 12th September at the Foreign Press Association in front of an audience consisting of people from the worlds of business, diplomacy and civil society.

The event was opened by Roland Rudd (Chair, Business for New Europe) who explained that as a business must review its rules and regulations when it doubles in size to remain efficient, as must the EU after the 2004 and 2007 enlargements adopt a new Treaty.

Keynote speaker Denis McShane MP welcomed the creation of the Coalition by saying it was about time the pro-European case was made in coherent and coordinated fashion. He went on to say that: "We've lost sight of what an extraordinary achievement it is to have 27 countries living together in peace with open borders. If we are to meet the challenges of the environment, Europe is absolutely essential. If we want to tackle immigration, you can't do it alone as a nation."

In light of recent calls for a referendum on the EU Reform Treaty, Sir Stephen Wall (Vice Chair, Business for New Europe) closed with a defence of Britain's parliamentary democracy, explaining that "We have a parliamentary democracy and if we don't like a parliamentary democracy we should have a referendum on the British Constitution rather than a European Treaty."

