3-5 NOVEMBER 2023
ECR PARTY CULTURE WEEKEND
Kilkenny, Ireland

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European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Party

We are united by our center-right values, as expressed in the Reykjavik Declaration. The ECR Party is dedicated to individual liberty, national sovereignty, parliamentary democracy, private property, limited government, free trade, family values and the devolution of power.

These values underpin our politics, including our vision for a reformed European Union. Europe stands at a crossroads and the ECR Party’s agenda for reform has never been more relevant than it is today. Join our movement, and help us advance a Europe – and a world.
The ECR Party comes to Ireland to address challenges and opportunities in European regulation and collaboration on livestock, agriculture and the green economy. There, you will see European politicians discuss the latest topics with industry leaders and policy experts, as well as discover the splendid European landscape and the historical landmark that is Kilkenny.

On this occasion, we offer an even more complete experience of a first night in Dublin and a visit to the Irish Parliament on Friday morning for those willing to join from Thursday onwards.
Lyrath Estate is celebrated for its gorgeous grounds that are spread across 170 acres of Irish countryside, complete with picturesque lakes, historic gardens, and emerald woodlands.

The historic 17th Century Estate House sits alongside its modern-day extension, demonstrating the triumphant marriage of old and new. The preservation of the old house and the clean, contemporary design of the new hotel are blended seamlessly together to create 141 unique bedrooms.
Traditions and Innovation: A Conservative Future for European Farmers

Sustainable policies for the prosperity of our European landscapes. Delving into livestock, agriculture and the green economy.

Thursday, November 2

Long Weekend Package: Arrivals

Long Weekend Package: Stay in Dublin hotel, The Dylan Hotel

Friday, November 3

Standard Package: Arrivals
A foray in to European Traditions:

Baking
   - Start 1: 5 PM
   - Start 2: 5.30 PM

7.30 PM - 9PM: Welcome Cocktail

Saturday, November 4

9AM - 5 PM: Conference

5.30 PM to 6.40 PM Kilkenny Tour

7.30 PM to 11.30 Gala Dinner

Sunday, November 5

Departures
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Saturday 4 November

9:00-9:15 | Registration

9:15-10:30 | The Green Economy: looking into affordability for the consumer and more prosperity for European enterprise

- Moderator: Marilu Lucrezio - Journalist, Rai, Brussels Correspondent, Italy
- Michael Collins - MP, Ireland
- Mauro Rotelli - MP, Chairman, Committee on Environment, Land and Public Works, Italy
- Adela Mirza - President of Alternativa Dreapta Party, Romania
- Neno Dimov - Director of the Conservative Institute, Former Minister of Water & Environment, Bulgaria
- Cormac Lucey - Professor of Finance Trinity College and columnist, Ireland

10:30-10:45 | Coffee break

10:45-11:45 | Conservative solutions for pragmatic and sustainable livestock policies

- Moderator: Niall Boylan - Radio Talk Show Host, Ireland
- Giedrius Surplys - MP, Deputy-head of Foreign Affairs Committee, Former Minister of Agriculture, Lithuania
- Luca De Carlo - MP, Chairman, Committee on Agriculture and Agri - Food Production, Italy
- Valters Zelcs - Foreign Policy Advisor The Farmers’ Parliament, Latvia
- Larrisa Nolan - Journalist, The Mirror, Ireland
- Alice Doyle - Chair of the National IFA Farm Family & Social Affairs Committee

11:45-12:30 | Interview

- Moderator Antonio Giordano - MP, ECR Party Secretary General, Italy
- Francesco Lollobrigida - Italian Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry, Italy (online intervention)
- Janusz Wojciechowski - Commissioner for Agriculture, Poland (online intervention)

12:30-13:50 | Lunch

13:50-15:10 | 3rd panel - Reforming European Agriculture Policies

- Moderator: Elisabetta Migliorelli - Journalist and TV Anchor, Italy
- Ylenia Lucaselli - MP, head of the Budget committee, Italy
- Mattie McGrath - MP Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media and Oireachtas Business Committee, Ireland
- Yves Madre - Farm Europe President, Former Senior Advisor to the Commission
- Pat McCormack - President ICMSA, Ireland
- Pat O’Toole - Journalist, "Farmers Journal", Ireland

15:10-15:25 | Coffee break

15:25-16:45 | 4th panel - A Conservative Alternative for the Future of European Farmers Europe

- Moderator: Sarah Ryan - Television Policy Expert, Ireland
- Luca Ciriani - Italian Minister of Relations with the Parliament, Italy
- Sharon Keogan - Senator, EU Affairs Committee, Ireland
- Carlo Fidanza - MEP, Head of Italian Delegation, Italy
- Vojtěch Munzar - MP, Chamber of Deputies, Czechia
- Marco Osnato - MP, Chairman of the 6th Finance Committee of the House of Representatives, Italy
- Helen O Sullivan - Suckler Farmer from West Cork

16:45 – 17:00 | Ending remarks

19.15 – 23.00 | Gala dinner
Event speakers

NIALL BOYLAN
Radio Talk Show Host, Ireland

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MICHAEL COLLINS
MP, Ireland

LUCA DE CARLO
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VOJTECH MUNZAR
MP, Chamber of Deputies, Czechia

LARISSA NOLAN
Journalist, “The Mirror” Ireland

MARCO OSNATO
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MAURO ROTEILLI
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SARA RYAN
Television Policy Expert, Ireland

GIEDRIUS SURPLYS
MP, Deputy-Head of Foreign Affairs Committee, Former Minister of Agriculture, Lithuania

JANUSZ WOJCIECHOWSKI
Commissioner for Agriculture, Poland

VALTERS ZELCS
Foreign Policy Advisor The Farmers’ Parliament, Latvia