



# ECR PARTY FREEDOM OF PRESS CONFERENCE

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# About ECR Party

## 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.



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Vice President | VOX, Spain



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Vice President | Law and Justice, Poland



**ANTONIO GIORDANO**

Secretary General

# About the event

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The ECR Party makes it its mission to support the freedom of the press in a time where the rampant spread of false information, propaganda and censorship is hindering the capacity of EU citizens and policymakers to take relevant action.



# About the Hotel

## STEIGENBERGER

Nestled in the most exclusive district on the most prestigious venue Avenue Louise, the Wiltcher's invites you to feel the heartbeat of the city.

A unique blend of sophistication, history, and warmth make the Steigenberger Icon Wiltcher's the ideal place for a quintessentially Belgian experience.



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## Tuesday, January 9th

International delegation arrival

## Wednesday, January 10th

10.00 - 12.30: Visit of EU Parliament  
+ Discussion with MEPs

14.45 - 18.15: Panels in the Conference Hotel

19.00 - 23.00: ECR Party New Year Reception

## Thursday, January 11th

International Delegation Departures



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## Wednesday, January 10th

9:40-10:00 | European Parliament Registration

10:00-11:00 | EU Parliament Tour

11:00-12:30 | Update from the European Parliament on Freedom of the Press:

- Roundtable hosted by the ECR Group P1A002 presided by Co-Chairman: **Nicola Procaccini** together with **MEPs** and **MPs**

12.30-14.15 | Free time

14.15 - 14.30 | Steigenberger Hotel Registrations

14:30-15:50 | Latest trends on Freedom of Press at the European and international levels:

- **Moderator, Maicol Busilacchi:** International Secretary FDI Youth Organisation, Italy
- **Ludmila Belcencova:** Journalist and President of Stop Media Ban, Moldova
- **Jorge Martín Frias:** Director of the Disenso Foundation, Spain
- **Antonio Giordano:** MP, ECR Party Secretary General, Italy
- **Leonardo Panetta:** Brussels correspondent for Mediaset
- **Nicola Procaccini:** ECR group Co-Chairman, Italy
- **Michał Rachoń:** Journalist, Poland

15.50-16.10 | Coffee break



16:10-17:25 | Influence of foreign actors on freedom of the press and the next European elections:

- **Moderator, Anne Elisabeth Moutet:** Journalist, The Telegraph, France
- **Carlo Fidanza:** MEP, head of FDI delegation, Italy
- **Tatiana Lupan:** TV Presenter, member of Stop Media Ban, Moldova
- **Gary Kavanagh:** Director of the Edmund Burke Institute, Ireland
- **Antonio Rapisarda:** Journalist, Italy
- **Herman Tertsch:** MEP, career journalist, Spain

17.25 - 17.35 | Ending remarks

19.00-23.00 | ECR Party's New Year's Reception

# Event speakers

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**LUDMILA BELCENCOVA**  
Journalist and President of the Stop Media Ban, Moldova ECR PIS delegation MEP (TBA)



**ANNE ELISABETH MOUTET**  
Journalist, The Telegraph, France



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