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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am honoured to serve as President of New Direction, the political foundation leading the debate on European reform.

In March 2017, the United Kingdom triggered Article 50 following the Brexit vote the previous year. Emmanuel Macron defeated Marine Le Pen to become France's youngest president and Catalonia's independence referendum triggered a political crisis in Spain.

At Davos, Chinese President, Xi Jinping, championed globalisation and likened protectionism to 'locking oneself in a dark room'. Montenegro became the 29th member of NATO – strengthening the most important military alliance. In the Middle East, ISIS was driven out of Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, while the never-ending war in Syria and Yemen continued to take the lives of many innocent civilians. In Myanmar the most persecuted minority in the world – the Rohingya, continued to suffer as extremists engaged in ethnic cleansing, mass killings and systematic rape and torture.

In the United States, Donald Trump was inaugurated as President and began to champion his electoral pledge 'America First'. He cancelled US participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership, withdrew the US from the Paris Climate Agreement, recognised Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and refused to certify Iran's compliance with its nuclear obligations.

With the global changes that took place in 2017, New Direction has firmly anchored itself to be at the heart of these issues and political debates. Through our high-quality magazines, reports, conferences and events we have proposed the most innovative ways to fix the international problems our world is currently facing.

We were honoured to have ministers, politicians, policy advisers, academics, business leaders and the media participate and contribute to our work.

In 2017, we also launched a new initiative: La Convención Azul in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The

forum brought together the foremost free-market advocates and thought-leaders from business, government, academia and the not-for-profit sector from across Europe and the Americas in order to shape the debate on how trade and digital economy can become the driving force of global growth.

Moreover, thanks to our excellent outreach and communications staff, our user-friendly website and publications drew tremendous attention and brought to the forefront our ideas and policies.

We also welcomed Roberts Zīle MEP (Latvia), Amjad Bashir MEP (UK), Jan Zahradil MEP (Czech Republic), Daniel Hannan MEP (UK), Ruža Tomašić MEP (Croatia) and Valdemar Tomaševski MEP (Lithuania) to our board.

In the coming years we will continue to offer ideas for the UK's departure from the EU, work closely with the new administration in the US and promote our message of change rooted in individual freedom and liberty to all Europeans.

We will also continue to champion the goals of the wider ECR family and protect the values set out in the Prague and Reykjavik Declaration.

On behalf of all the New Direction team, thank you for your creative support and contributions. Our foundation is building the intellectual case for a popular movement, and we hope you will join us in our ambitious goals.

Yours truly,

Tomasz Poręba MEP

*Poland*

President

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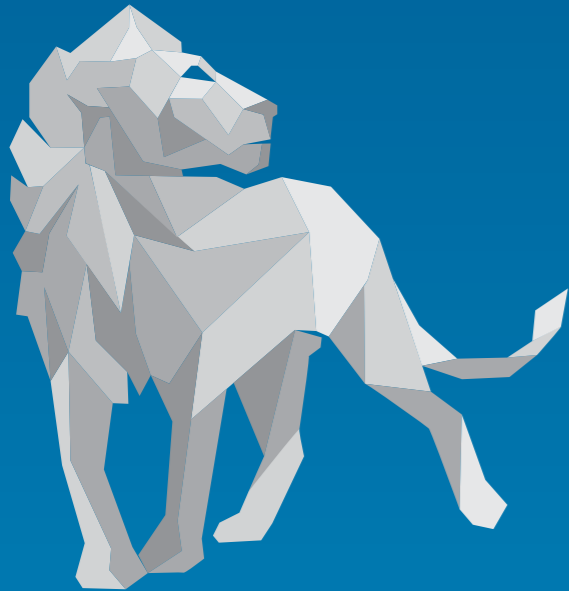
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## TO PROMOTE A EUROPE OF SOVEREIGN STATES

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We believe is in the best interest of the European Union to accept that a federal Europe is not the desired destiny of all states in membership.

New Direction works to promote the sovereignty of the nation-state and to ensure that all EU decision-making adheres to the principle of subsidiarity.

We believe that serious reform of European institutions is long overdue. As an organisation, we will do all we can to promote and deliver much needed reform.

## TO ADVANCE CONSERVATIVE VALUES

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New Direction draws its inspiration from the 2009 Prague Declaration, upon which the European Conservative and Reformists Group in the European Parliament was founded.

We believe in small government, where the making of law is open, transparent and sensitive to the freedoms of the people.

We believe in the rule of law and recognise the role of alliances, such as NATO, in maintaining our security.

We are passionate about free trade and believe it is the best guarantor of peace.

Through our work we do all we can to empower the individual and protect the family.

## TO INFLUENCE THE DEBATE

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It is our aim to chart a new direction for Europe. We aim to change the top-down mindset and encourage bottom-up thinking.

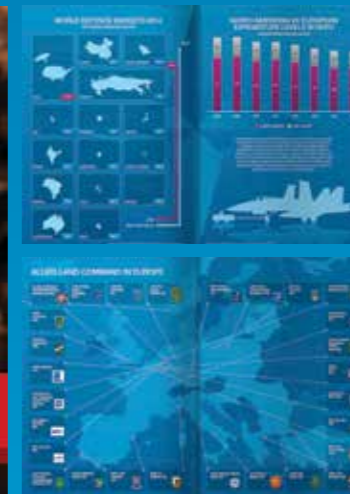
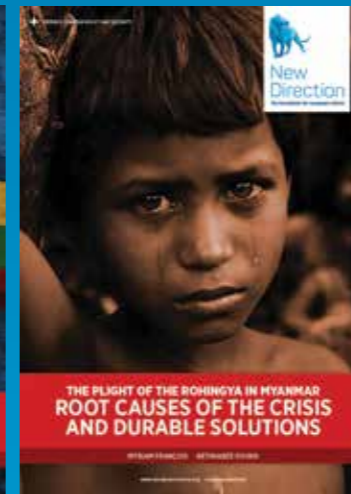
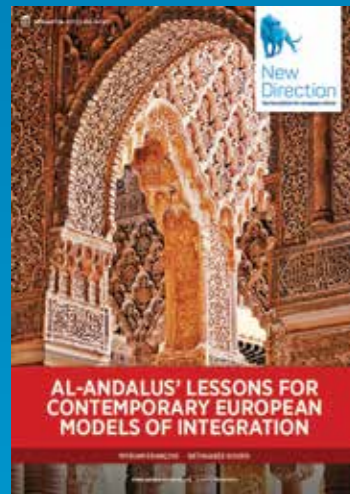
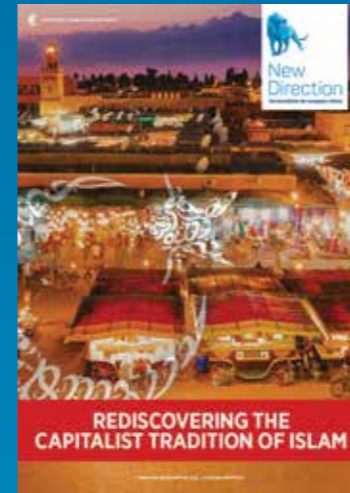
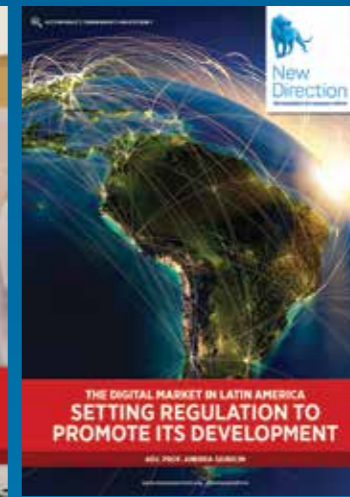
To achieve this we publish policy reports, opinion pieces and articles; hold conferences, seminars and public events; and engage with people who share our values and commitments.

We are affiliated with the fastest growing political movement – the Alliance of Conservatives and Reformists in Europe (ACRE).

# RESEARCH

Research is what we do best. We produce high-quality research, policy analysis and recommendations on a full range of public policy issues that affect the citizens of European countries.

We also conduct a peer review of our work to make sure it meets the standards our supporters demand.



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# EVENTS

New Direction hosts a series of lectures, conferences and dinners across a broad spectrum of European and transatlantic issues.



## LA CONVENCION LAZUL

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 • BUENOS AIRES • ARGENTINA




**INDIA'S ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
18.30-19.00

Waverley Hotel, Belmore Rd  
Rue du Commerce 5, 1000 Bruxelles



**HOW TO LEAVE THE EU  
WHAT'S BEST FOR BRITAIN, BEST FOR THE EU?**

8 March 2017

THE HON. TONY ABBOTT MP, Former Minister of Australia  
DANIEL HANMAN MEP, Secretary General of AEFU  
SHEILA LAWLOR, Director of the Think tank Publicis

18.00-20.00

Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2A 3DF, UK



**Thinking SMARTer  
HOW CAN WE GROW  
THE DATA UNION?**

10<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
06.30pm

Renaissance Hotel  
Rue du Paraisse 19, 1050 Bruxelles



**REDISCOVERING THE  
ANDALUSIAN ROOTS  
OF THE EUROPEAN  
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15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 • Granada • Spain




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24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

PULLMAN BIGA OLD TOWN HOTEL, BIGA, ŽEKABA STREET 24 • 08.00-18.30



**RUSSIA'S INFLUENCE AND  
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30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

RENAISSANCE HOTEL, RUE DU PARASSE 19, 1050 BRUXELLES

# INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

In the last few years we have strengthened our outreach programme by working with institutes and think-tanks across Europe and the Americas.



# INITIATIVES

New Direction promotes its ideas with a number of unique initiatives. We have done this by launching the following:



## THINK TANK CENTRAL

New Direction gathers bi-annually leading conservative and libertarian think-tanks.



## CAPX

New Direction partners with CapX - a digital service that commissions and aggregates the best news on popular capitalism from around the world.



## LA CONVENCIÓN AZUL

New Direction's pre-eminent free-market forum brings together the foremost free-market advocates and thought-leaders from business, government, academia and the not-for-profit sector in order to shape the debate on global growth.



## THE LIBERTY AWARD

New Direction's annual award honours people who have rendered outstanding services to political culture, freedom and civil society.



## THE ANNUAL MARGARET THATCHER DINNER

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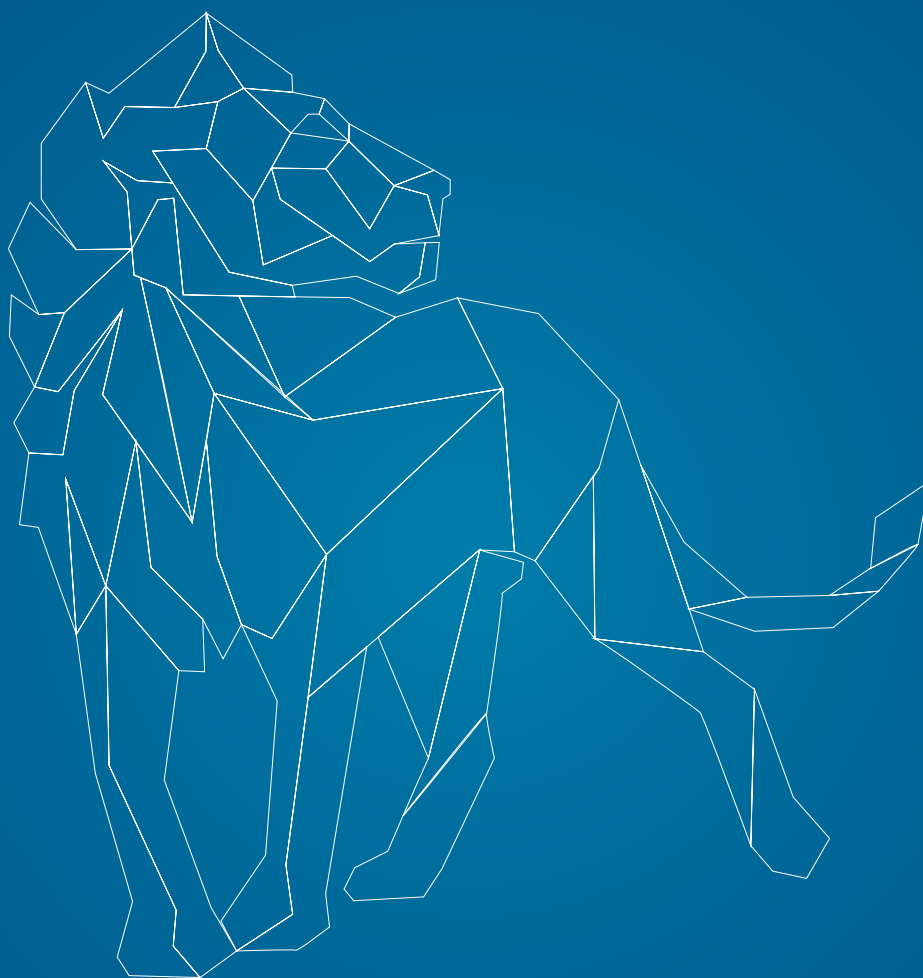
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