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Dear Guests,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first Think Tank Central conference here in Lisbon. This conference comes at an important time for our movement, as the world once again opens up we must once again focus on how we can defend our shared values.

We face a generational struggle to defend freedom in Europe and around the world. From the return of big government during the global pandemic, to the rise of the 'Woke' counterculture that endangers free expression, from the spread of cancel culture that attempts to re-write our history to suit modern norms, to the threat posed to national sovereignty by a greater centralisation of power in Brussels – across Europe and the Western World we need to bring together movements that stand to defend our freedom.

This conference aims to chart a common path for the European centre-right, by demonstrating that as a unified force we can defend the things that matter to us most. The full spectrum of the centre-right is represented at this conference; classical liberals, libertarians, Christian democrats, conservatives, neocons, national conservatives, and more. All in a single purpose.

We hope that this event will offer you a chance to broaden your networks, and act as a reminder that we stand as united family.



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New Direction is committed to supporting the growth and development of conservative think tanks, foundations, and academic institutions. As such we are pleased to partner with the Leadership Institute in providing this unique training day on messaging and running effective campaigns.

10:00	FIRST SESSION Communications Strategy <i>with Ron Nehring</i>
11:00	Coffee Break
11:15	SECOND SESSION Message Development: The Leesburg Grid <i>with Steve Sutton</i>
12:15	Lunch
13:45	THIRD SESSION Communications Programs for Think Tanks <i>with Rick Tyler</i>
14:45	Coffee Break
15:00	FOURTH SESSION Persuasive Communications <i>with Ron Nehring</i>
17:30	Welcome Drinks and Networking

09:30	WELCOME NOTE <i>New Direction President - Tomasz Poręba MEP</i>
09:40	KEYNOTE SPEECH Going Forward as a United Freedom Movement
10:00	PANEL #1 The Challenge to Freedom in Europe <i>Europe is undergoing a great period of change, with power increasingly centralised in Brussels, and with more and more directives being passed down from the European Commission encroaching on our freedom. At the same time a surge in support for left wing cancel culture threatens our rights to free expression. Our panel will explore the challenges that we face to freedom today in Europe.</i>
11:00	Coffee Break
11:15	PANEL #2 Freedom and the Future of Europe <i>The European Union has recently been holding discussions on the 'Future of Europe' – but what does that mean for liberty in Europe. Will we see greater power given to the Member States and the people, or more power taken away?</i>
12:15	Lunch
14:00	PANEL #3 National Sovereignty <i>Nation States have been at the heart of Europe for centuries. However, in recent years we have seen the EU override the will of the people and the democratic governments that they elected. In this panel we look at how best to strike the balance between European cooperation, and the principle of national sovereignty.</i>
15:00	KEYNOTE SPEECH Freedom and Innovation
15:15	PANEL #4 Economic Freedom <i>Free trade has helped to raise millions of people out of poverty and been a driver of economic growth around the world. In this panel we look at the importance of guaranteeing economic freedom in the face of growing opposition from both the left and right.</i>
16:15	Coffee
16:30	PANEL #5 Freedom of Choice – Deregulating Europe <i>Without the freedom to choose there can be no freedom. However, what happens when governments and international institutions start to regulate free choice? Our panel will explore the need for less regulation in Europe, and how it will allow for greater innovation instead.</i>
18:30	Family Photo <i>(on the steps outside)</i>
18:45	Buses Depart <i>(back of Corinthia Hotel)</i>
19:00	Annual Margaret Thatcher Dinner <i>Pestana Palace - Business Attire</i>

- 10:20** PANEL #1 **Freedom of Movement – Immigration or Integration?**
Immigration continues to be one of the greatest issues facing Europe and the Western World today. In this panel we look at some of the possible answers to the problem.
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- 11:15** Coffee Break
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- 11:30** PANEL #2 **Building a Global Freedom Movement**
The threat to freedom is not just a European problem, across the globe those fighting for liberty are under increased pressure from all sides. Our panel talks about the importance of maintaining a global movement in the fight for freedom.
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- 12:30** Lunch
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- 14:00** PANEL #3 **Building a New Freedom Network – What can think tanks do?**
The fight for freedom requires a strong intellectual backing. What role can think tanks and foundations play in spreading the message of freedom? How best should think tanks cooperate with one another? And how do we work towards building a better network?
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- 15:00** Coffee Break
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- 15:15** PANEL #4 **Reunifying the European Freedom Movement**
In order to defend our freedom from the growing number of threats we face in the world, we must rally together – building a more unified movement. In this final panel our speakers offer reflections on what it takes to bring together the European Freedom Movement.
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- 16:15** CLOSING SPEECH
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- 16:30** End of Conference
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- 17:00** Cocktail Reception

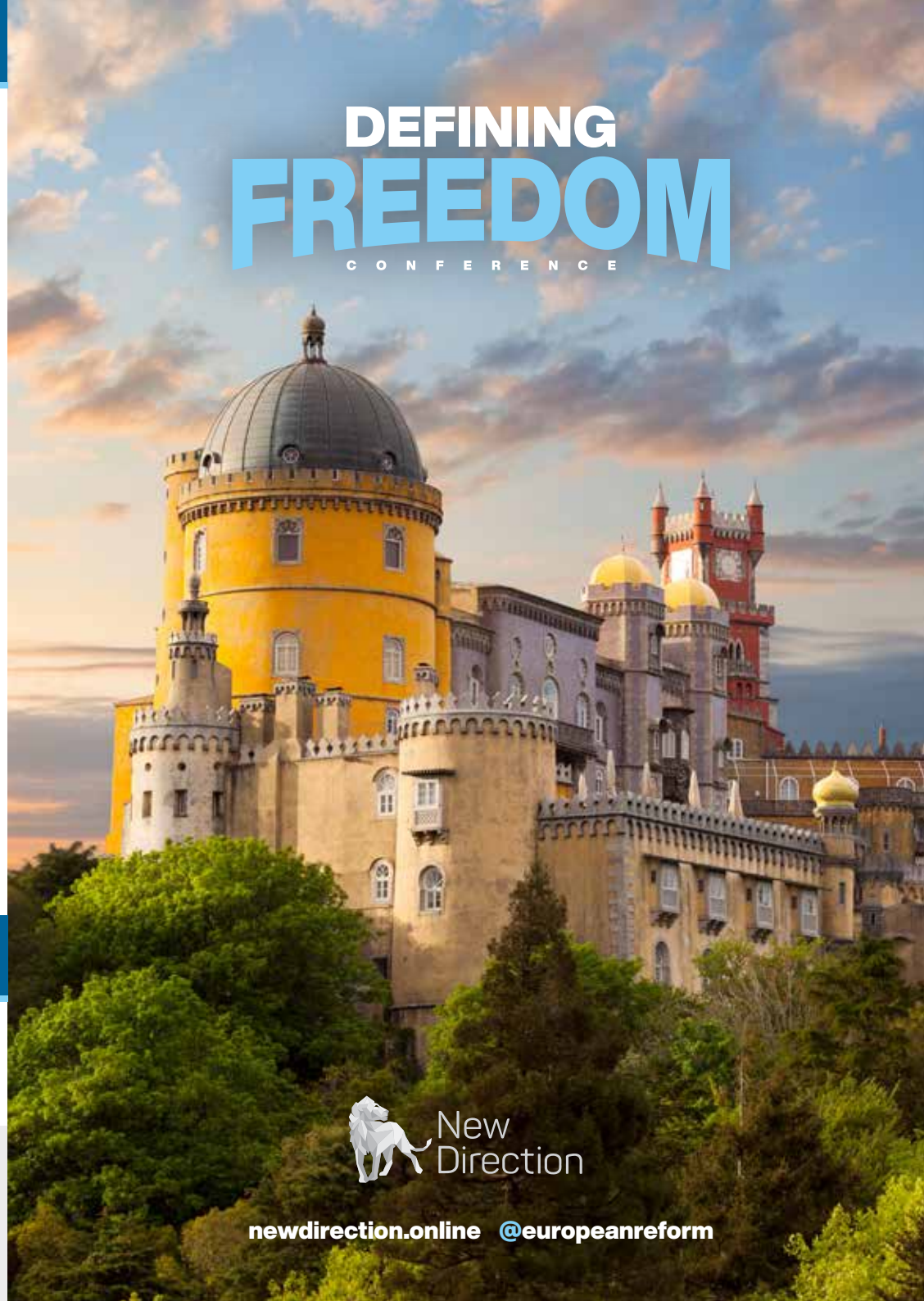
- 10:00** **Excursion to Sintra**
Meetings in Lobby, please bring COVID Certificate or proof of vaccination



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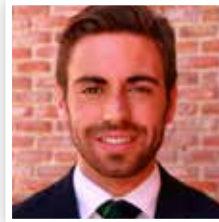
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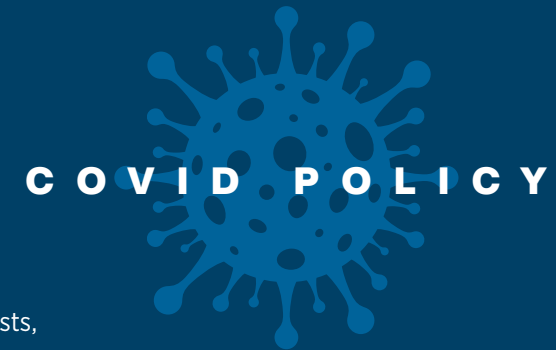
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We take your safety very seriously, as such we have set out the following COVID safety policies that should be observed during the conference.

Seating in the conference hall is organised in a socially distanced way, in accordance with the current guidelines set out by the Portuguese Government. We encourage guests to choose a seat and stick with the same seat throughout the duration of the event.

We also kindly ask that guests wear masks during the conference, whilst in the main hall, and only remove them when eating or drinking, or when using the microphones during the Q&A sessions.

According to current guidelines set out by the Portuguese Government all participants require a COVID Vaccine Certificate or proof of a clean PCR test. We can provide a PCR test for those who need them. Please contact a member of our staff to find out more.

For those staying during the weekend. In order to eat out at a restaurant in Lisbon, current COVID Restrictions set by the Portuguese Government require that individuals provide proof of a clean PCR test or an approved Vaccine Certificate.

Should you begin to show any symptoms of COVID-19 (headache / short of breath / dry cough / fever/ loss of taste or smell / muscle aches) please contact a doctor immediately.

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