



The European Union and the Knowledge Society



A round table, organised by the Institute of European Democrats IED, on the European Union and the knowledge society has been held in Brussels on Tuesday, May the 6th 2008. This event launched the 2008 activities of the IED, that has as primary goal to promote a better understanding of the core aspects of the European integration process, and to play an active role in strengthening the confidence of European citizens with regards to European Institutions and to EUs common policies.

The European Union need to increase its potential for knowledge, innovation, research and technology. In particular, knowledge factor will be one of the keys to the success of the European Union in becoming an influent global actor in the changing world.

Vittorio Prodi, Anne Laperrouze and Ignasi Guardans Cambo, MEPs and members of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) in the European Parliament, attended to the public debate together with Marc Luyckx Ghisi, theologian, researcher in global cultural transformations and for many years advisor to the Presidents Delors and Santer at the European Commission as a member of the Forward studies Unit.

Marc Luyckx Ghisi is also author of the book: *The Knowledge Society: a breakthrough to genuine Sustainability*. The debate was opened and moderated by Luca Bader, Chief Executive Officer of the IED. Graham Watson,

Leader of the ALDE Group in the European Parliament joined the debate.