

Libertas UK Party Chairman Andrew Jamieson sets out his nine point plan to make life easier for Europe's small businesses

1. Overregulation

Libertas is committed to less and better regulation in the European Single Market. For the Duration of the next parliament we want 2 laws scrapped for every one introduced.

Libertas is committed to making Europe work by unleashing the entrepreneurial spirit which will free us from the tyranny of mediocrity which dominates the current EU. If we are to get our democracy back and put Europe at the forefront of prosperous development, we need to encourage innovation and risk taking.

2. Finance

Libertas will push for economic regulation and stimulus policies that encourage banks to free up finance for small business and boost demand.

Only Libertas can get enough seats to make Brussels and EU implementation agencies sit up and listen – this includes putting pressure on Regional Development Agencies to ensure that businesses have access to all funding that they are entitled to.

3. Accountability

Libertas would keep a full register of all the lobby groups in Brussels and lobby activity in Brussels. We will demand impact assessments for parliamentary amendments as well as Commission proposals for legislation.

4. Consistency

Libertas wants the ECJ to focus on adjudicating Single Market issues such as the proper and EU wide implementation of the 'Services Directive'

5. Cut back Gold Plating

Libertas MEP's will follow up on legislation and report back to their constituents. There should be a Communication role for MEPs –explain and enlighten – monthly surgeries and web-based contact pages to throw open the closed doors of Brussels and let in the light of democratic scrutiny.

6. Communication

A new Treaty of 25 pages or less and a clearly defined, transparent legislative process. Records of council meetings to be kept, elected commissioners, increased scrutiny by national parliaments as well as the need to get a simple majority in the EP will all drive the EU to communicate more clearly, involving rather than isolating citizens and businesses.

7. Innovation

Libertas encourages innovation in all fields not just technology. This policy leads to the creation of new renaissance universities for R&D in Europe.

8. Energy Costs

Libertas understand the concerns of the FSB about high and fluctuating energy costs. Libertas proposes a Common Energy Buying Policy to harness the power of the EU as a large buyer. This way we can negotiate better and more stable deals with key Energy suppliers - eg Russia. Member states should be allowed to keep their own energy resources and the energy sector should be exposed to the same entrepreneurial factors as the communications sector.

9. Health and Safety

Libertas want to grant reasonable exemptions to small businesses that do not always assume the worst. Libertas will campaign against the precautionary principle.