

The EU has to negotiate Euro guidelines with the new government in Athens



Andreas Mölzer

The New Democracy's election victory does not change the gloomy economic conditions - conservatives and socialists led Greece into the abyss.

After the victory of the conservative New Democracy party in yesterday's parliamentary elections, Greece should lose no time and must form a new government as soon as possible, said the liberal Member of the European Parliament, Andreas Mölzer. Mölzer also stated that: "As political chaos in Athens prevailed in recent weeks, too much time has already been wasted. Therefore, the tactical game of the Greek parties is now out of place".

The victory for the conservatives will not change the situation in Greece. Andreas Mölzer added: "The fact that the New Democracy emerged as No. 1 in



the polls, does not change the economic conditions of Greece. The country's economy and finance can only be healthy if it withdraws from the monetary union".

The liberal MEPs demanded that Brussels begin negotiations on Greece's swift and orderly exit from the euro zone as soon as

the new government is formed. Mölzer concluded by saying that "A total of 240 billion euros have flowed to Athens and further injections of money to the Greeks would be grossly negligent, especially since the conservatives and the socialists have both led Greece to its financial and economic disaster".

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EU ignores food label concerns



Godfrey Bloom

Lots of people care about food labels, not least Bilton WI . We've been lobbied hard by just about everyone, so in January I flew in from Brussels, en mission, as we say.

I came to explain how the rules are drafted in secret by the Commission (unelected office wallahs), and how the Council (national interests) are in league with big business lobbyists (grow my profit and I grease your palm). In fact elected MEPs are the last people in the process.

The Bilton WI ladies were taken aback. They believed that it was the MEP's who considered their letters and then voted in the best interests of the people - like the Houses of Parliament used to.

Then I explained how the BBC



and most newspapers are biased because they are run by 'EU believers'.

I rounded off by explaining how, although we are well paid and love to jet around on expenses, I am so bad at French that they

laugh at me in shops when I order a ham sandwich. I can say "Un sandwich jambon, s'il vous plait", but when asked "C'est tous?" (That's all?), I replied, "No, just the one thanks".

They roared with laughter!

Open Cafe – Financial Crisis talk

The European Alliance for Freedom organised an Open Cafe debate on the current state of the European Union in particular the financial crisis. This discussion was attended by over 40 people including a visiting delegation from the UK.

During this debate, which was held at the EAF's meeting room in Brussels, the members of the delegation were also given a brief tour of our offices. The Secretary General of the Alliance kicked off the event by giving a brief presentation of the Alliance and explaining how the European Parties work in liason with the European institutions. Sharon Ellul Bonici explained that the European alliance for freedom is a pan-European alliance of Members of the European Parliament together with national and regional parliamentarians and parties which call for national freedom and democracy in opposition to centralised, supranational control.

Those present were given an overview of how the thirteen political parties at European level are funded. SEB stated that the Alliance aims to make the people of Europe aware of the dangers of supranational power. Dangers like the badly designed european single currency. The financial crisis is intensifying almost daily. This can be seen in view of the recent Euro group meeting in Brussels. Athens' austerity programme has once again been partially derailed, and both Spain and Cyprus have applied for bailout money. Despite this, none of the EU grandees want to admit that these grants are meaningless and that the monetary union was badly designed.

In Spain, as had happened in Ireland, grants will actually go to try and rescue banks. Unfortunately, this means that there will be losses in solidarity, which are being passed on to the general public. During the discussion it was pointed out that Instead of rewarding irresponsible bankers for



their reckless speculation, the EU should push for an insolvency law for banks. Also in Athens, the government has admitted that the austerity program is going to be partially derailed. Greece has shown the lack of will to carry out the necessary reforms, and is likely carry on as it has from the beginning, with no willingness to implement the austerity program. Greece is not a bottomless pit and Athens should therefore leave the euro zone.

As the discussion was drawing to an end, it became more and more clear that if the Euro collapses it will cause absolute turmoil which will effect the whole of Europe. If the Euro collapses, due to some significant detonations such as Greece defaulting on their loans the whole edifice would start to unravel. This would have significant consequences on all the people of Europe, especially until countries that do get out of the Euro, regain stability. As a UK participant pointed out, the economical uncertainty that is boiling up in the eurozone is resulting in a knock on effect. In the meantime people will not be willing to invest, this means that people will not spend money and if the consumer doesn't consume then the retailer will not get any money which will lead to unemployment.

