



## Sweden votes: aftermath of the 2018 general election

Panel Discussion

Monday, 17 September 2018

13:00-14:30

(registration and light lunch from 12:15)

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Sweden's governing social democrats faced increasing pressure from the right-wing populist Sweden Democrats party ahead of the country's general election on 9 September 2018. Concerns about migration were an important topic in public discourse, but which party was more convincing to voters on this issue and others? Is Sweden's traditionally open society becoming less tolerant of minority groups? What does the election's outcome mean for national and EU policymaking? These questions and more will be addressed in a panel discussion hosted by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Brussels on 17 September. One week after the election, speakers will analyse the election results and discuss their implications for Sweden and the rest of the EU.

### Programme:

- 13:00 Welcoming remarks  
**Johanna Lutz**, Deputy Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office
- 13:05 Panel Discussion  
**Jytte Guteland**, Member of European Parliament, S&D Group  
**Anna-Lena Lodenius**, Journalist, Author, Expert on Racism & Xenophobia  
**Dr. Ov Cristian Norocel**, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Université libre de Bruxelles, Docent in Political Science, University of Helsinki
- 13:45 Q&A with participants  
Moderated by **Marco Funk**, Policy Officer, FES EU Office
- 14:30 End of the event