



# LUNCH-DEBATE IN BRUSSELS

## From Foes to Friends:

### The German-Danish Border Region – an inspiration for Europe

**Tuesday 4 November 2014, 12.30- 14.00**

**Rue Washington 27-29 1050 Brussels**

**Den Danske Kirke**

**Light lunch will be served**

Can the Danish-German border relations serve as an inspiration for other border regions in Europe? Can different ethnic or linguistic groups live side by side in harmony? Is it possible to collaborate across borders? In light of the 150th anniversary of the German-Danish War of 1864, we invite you to a lunch-debate about minority policy, ethnic and linguistic diversity and peace in Europe.

- Welcome by **Jens A. Christiansen**, Secretary-General of Sydslesvigsk Forening, the Danish minority in Germany, moderator
- Speech by **Martin Schulz**, President of the European Parliament (tbc)

Pitches by (5 minutes):

- **Helga Trüpel**, Parliamentarian and Vice-Chair of the Committee on Culture and Education, Germany
- **Renate Schnack**, Minority Commissioner - the Federal Government of Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
- **Hans Heinrich Hansen**, President of Federal Union of European Nationalities
- **Jon Hardon Hansen**, President of Sydslesvigsk Forening, the Danish minority in Germany
- **Harro Hallmann**, Head of Communication of Bund Deutscher Nordschleswiger, the German minority in Denmark
- **Jens Andresen**, Vice-President of the Danish Border Association Grænseforeningen

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