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**PES opens nominations for 'Common Candidate' selection for next year's European elections**

On 1st October the Party of European Socialists (PES) officially opened the process to accept nominations for the position of 'Common Candidate' for the European Parliament Elections, which will be held next year in late May. The nomination period will be open until 31 October.

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Today there are 226 days* to go until the polling stations across Europe open for the European Parliament Election 2014.

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Recently, the Lisbon citygroup organised a campaign exchange for their local elections that took place on 29 September. Many of you have probably already met members of the Lisbon citygroup. They travel a lot participating in other elections exchanges. During their campaign they put into practice what they have experienced in other sister parties, and by holding a campaign exchange they gave the opportunity to others to learn the same techniques.

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- 11/10**
Presidency Meeting
- 15/10**
PES Social Europe Network meeting
- 24/10**
EU Council Preparation Meeting

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