

European Movement in London

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Lisbon guarantees for Ireland 'a positive step' say European Movement in London.

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The European Movement in London has today welcomed EU leaders' measures to address Irish concerns over the Lisbon Treaty.

The legal guarantees, agreed today, seek to address Irish concerns over contentious issues such as tax, neutrality and abortion.

This could well result in a 'Yes' vote in the referendum this autumn.

Petros Fassoulas, Chairman of EMiL, said: 'Today's decision is a step in the right direction for the adoption of the Lisbon Treaty, which the European Movement in London consider to be an appropriate tool for the creation of a more effective and more democratic EU. The Lisbon Treaty will increase the powers of the directly elected European Parliament and will enhance the role that national parliaments play. It will also streamline decision making procedures in the EU, allowing the Union and its Member States to make their voice heard on the international stage. A stronger, more effective EU will enhance Britain's ability to influence international debates on crucial areas such as climate change, security and trade'.

'A strong EU means a strong UK'.

The European Movement in London is the local branch of European Movement UK <http://www.euromove.org.uk>. Its mission is to inform the debate on European integration and promote understanding of what the EU does and how the UK benefits from EU membership.

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