

# European Movement in London

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The European Movement in London welcomes EU presidency focus on climate change.

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The European Movement in London today welcomed Sweden's intention to prioritise the fight against climate change, alongside dealing with the aftermath of the financial crisis, during its six months EU presidency, which starts today.

The European Movement in London (EMiL) believes that collective action at EU level can produce more and better results than individual Member State initiatives.

Petros Fassoulas, Chairman of EMiL said: 'The EU has been a global leader in measures to combat climate change for many years now, and European co-operation in this area illustrates how the EU can add value.

Dealing with the financial crisis is also going to be a major challenge in the coming months and another area where co-ordination and co-operation between Member States is necessary'

'We are coming to realise the universal nature of the challenges we face. The EU gives us a framework that provides cross-border solutions for cross-border challenges'.

Other priorities of the Swedish presidency will include: judicial cooperation between the EU countries, a Baltic Sea strategy and the accession negotiations with Croatia and Turkey. The Swedish presidency will run until 31 December 2009, when Belgium will take over.

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*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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