

B. Statement of engagement of VLD and Vivant

VLD and Vivant will jointly present to the Federal elections of 10 June 2007 under the name **OPEN VLD**. The VLD is thereby committed to support the Vivant political goals. This agreement is based on the fourth Citizen Manifest of Guy Verhofstadt. The main ideas of VIVANT are for the first time raised to the global Belgian political scene.

The common goals of the VLD and VIVANT are:

1. Tax reductions

The tax burden is a labour deterrent for employers as well as for workers. Bad taxes keep low employment, but good taxes can fight environment degradation. This is why VLD and VIVANT request the tax slipping from labour to environment threats and consumption.

2. Wealth distribution

The current system is unfair: unemployed workers lose social rights when starting a job. The VLD and VIVANT want to change the replacement allowances into a basic income where additional income is allowed without penalty.

3. The basic income

The VLD and VIVANT agree to promote and setup this system. They will work together on the financial and operational aspects.

4. The referendum

VLD and VIVANT ideological foundation is trust in man. The human focus is the best investment for the future. So both parties defend **people-initiated referendum on every matter**, and the replacement of the voting obligation by the voting right.

VLD and VIVANT merge their forces to raise an **Open Society** in Belgium in order to improve **(i)** the social justice, **(ii)** the environment protection and **(iii)** the individual freedom. This society should be a place where men have the best chances to be happy and make others happy.

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