Brussels Think Tank Dialogue
Solidarity and Austerity: The 2012 State of the European Union
DRAFT AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, 31 January 2012, 9.30 – 17.30
Venue: The Hotel, Boulevard de Waterloo 38, 1000 Brussels
Moderator: Paul Taylor, European Affairs Editor, Reuters

Morning sessions
Open to the general public and press

9.30 – 11.00 Panel Debate: The State of the EU in 2012. Setting the Political Priorities
Welcome: Gunter Thielen, Chairman of the Board of the Bertelsmann Stiftung
Speakers: José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (tbc)
          Philippe Herzog, President, Confrontations Europe
          Janis Emmanouilidis, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (EPC)
          Giles Merritt, Secretary General, Friends of Europe-Les amis de l’Europe
          Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director, Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation

Agents provocateurs: Gideon Rachman, Chief Foreign Affairs Columnist, Financial Times (tbc)
Dominique Moïsi, Conseiller spécial, Institut français des relations internationales (IFRI)

Questions & Answers
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 Parallel Workshops
By invitation only

Workshop 1: Creating a resource-efficient Europe - a new source of growth?

Workshop 2: Beyond European Economic Governance: How to Assess and Address the Social Impact of the Crisis

Workshop 3: The Future of the EU Budget. Where do we stand? Where should we go?

Workshop 4: An Arab Springboard for EU Foreign Policy?

Workshop 5: Solidarity in European Migration Policy at Stake? Future Perspectives of the Schengen Agreement
13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

Afternoon sessions
Open to the general public and press

14.00 – 15.30 Panel Debate about Workshop Conclusions/Recommendations

Presentation of the workshop results/recommendations

Workshop 1: Maïté Jaureguy-Naudin, Director, Centre for Energy, Institut français des relations internationales (IFRI)
Workshop 2: Thomas Fischer, Executive Director, Brussels Office, Bertelsmann Stiftung
Workshop 3: Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Economist, European Policy Centre (EPC)
Workshop 4: Joe Coelmont, Senior Associate Fellow, Egmont
Workshop 5: Sergio Carrera, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Comments by: Nicolaj Wammen, Minister for European Affairs, Denmark
Erato Kozakou-Markoullis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cyprus (tbc)

15.30 – 16.00 European Solidarity in Action: a Young Perspective
Farid Tabarki, Founder/Director of Studio Zeitgeist

16.00 – 17.30 Concluding Debate: What challenges ahead for the EU?
Speakers: Martin Schulz, Member of the European Parliament
Emma Bonino, Vice-President, Italian Senate (tbc)
Danuta Hübner, Member of the European Parliament
Jaimini Bhagwati, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and to the European Union
Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
Jean Pisani-Ferry, Director, Bruegel
Volker Perthes, Director, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

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