



Invitation to attend:

Europe 3.0: Building a Viable Union

2nd Brussels Think Tank Dialogue

Tuesday, the 25th of January 2011 – 17.00=18.30

Polak Room, Residence Palace

Over the last year, the economic crisis has reached new heights, rocking the European Union and its member states to the core. The need to implement tough austerity measures will redefine political priorities and force EU leaders to select those policy decisions that are the most effective in terms of strengthening the role of the Union on the international scene and living up to the expectations of its citizens.

With a view to contribute to the process of setting Europe's future agenda and after the successful kick-off of the Think Tank Dialogue series in January 2010, ten leading Brussels-based think tanks have again joined forces to host the second annual Brussels Think Tank Dialogue, which will address the immediate priorities on the EU's agenda as well as the overall strategic direction of European policy-making.

In particular, this year's Dialogue will deal with a variety of issues ranging from the EU's international representation and its role in global climate change governance, to budgetary challenges and labour migration. The conclusions reached by the participating experts will be presented in a public plenary to which we are pleased to invite you. The President of the European Union, Herman van Rompuy, has kindly accepted to open the session with a keynote speech outlining his reflections about how to build a viable Union in times of crisis.

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About the Dialogue:

Jointly organised by the [Bertelsmann Stiftung](#), [BRUEGEL](#), the [Centre for European Policy Studies](#) (CEPS), [Confrontations Europe](#), [Egmont – Royal Institute for International Affairs](#), the [European Policy Centre](#) (EPC), [Friends of Europe – Les amis de l'Europe](#), the [Institut français des relations internationales](#) (Ifri), [Madariaga, College of Europe Foundation](#) and the [Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik](#) (SWP) and in co-operation with [Agence Europe](#), the Brussels Think Tank Dialogue brings together policy experts and academics to critically reflect on the State of the Union and to develop analysis and recommendations to improve EU policy on a wide range of issues. The Dialogue is designed to foster broad policy debates on overarching political issues during plenary sessions, and also provide participants with an opportunity for in-depth exchange on specific political issues during smaller workshops.