



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 Moisi, 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: **Maité 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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