



You are cordially invited to the presentation and discussion of the CEPS Task Force report:

### **Investing where it matters: An EU Budget for Long-Term Growth**

This event supported by MEPs of the main three political parties and will take place on Wednesday, 21 March 2012 from 12:30 - 14:30 (access from 11:40). A light sandwich lunch will be provided from 12:00 to 12:30. The reply form is attached.

The Danish Prime Minister and EU rotating President has hailed this report as an important contribution to the budget debate in a recent CEPS event. It is the outcome of deliberations of a Task Force composed of senior representatives of business and industry, NGOs, research institutes, EU institutions (including the European Parliament) business associations and other stakeholders.

Speakers are the rapporteur Jorge Núñez Ferrer (CEPS) and the MEPs Goran Färm (S&D), Danuta Hübner (EPP) and Sidonia Jędrzejewska (EPP) and Anne E. Jensen (ALDE). It will be chaired by Sinne Conan, Director for European Affairs of the Confederation of Danish Industry

This report warns that obsession with net balances is bound to lead to bad decisions and exhorts Europe's decision-makers to unleash the potential of the EU budget to make a significant contribution to long-term growth. To achieve this end, the report calls for enhanced investment in innovation, infrastructure that reinforces the single market and key European public goods, such as the management of environmental resources.

The report can be downloaded at: <http://www.ceps.eu/book/investing-where-it-matters-eu-budget-long-term-growth>

I hope that this Task Force Report will be of interest and informative to you. If you have any questions, the rapporteur Jorge Núñez Ferrer will be happy to answer them ([Jorge.nunez@ceps.eu](mailto:Jorge.nunez@ceps.eu)).

Yours sincerely,

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