

Heterogeneity and Coherence in the European Union - Challenges for the EU Council Presidency of Belgium

Roundtable Debate

in cooperation between the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations and the Bertelsmann Stiftung

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9:00 am

Opening

Marc Trenteseau

Director General, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels, Belgium

Joachim Fritz-Vannahme

Program Director Europe's Future, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh, Germany

9:20 am

1st Session

Europe and the Global Crisis: Taking Stock of New Economic and Social Cleavages across the Union

Introduction

Stefan Collignon

Professor of Political Economy, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

Challengers

Iliana Ivanova

MEP, Vice-Chairwoman of the Special Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis, European Parliament, Brussels

and

Ángel Pascual-Ramsay

Adviser, Policy Analysis Unit, Spanish Prime Minister's Office, Madrid

and

András Vértés

Chairman, GKI Economic Research Co., Budapest, Hungary

and

Olof Ehrenkrona

Senior Advisor to the Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, Sweden

Chair

Bruno Angelet

Deputy Director European Union Affairs, Policy Unit, Office of the Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brussels, Belgium

11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:30 am**2nd Session****Between EU 2020 Strategy and Eurozone Reform:
What “European Economic Governance” is all about****Introduction****Maxime Lefebvre**

Advisor in the Policy Planning Staff, French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Paris

Challengers**Jozef Kortleven**

General Advisor, Belgian Ministry of Finance; Belgian Representative in the Economic and Financial Committee of the EU Council, Brussels, Belgium

and

Loukas Tsoukalis

President, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens, Greece

and

Rainer Breul

Advisor for European Affairs in the Policy Planning Staff, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, Germany

Chair**Joachim Fritz-Vannahme**

Program Director Europe's Future, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh, Germany

1:00 pm

Luncheon

Keynote:

Eurozone (Greek) crisis: Debt default as new debt management in the eurozone ? Or trying by all means to avoid a Greek default and a eurozone break up?

Jacques Delpla

Member of the Council of Economic Analysis of the French Prime Minister, Paris, France

2:00 pm

3rd Session

**The EU's Financial Perspective 2014+:
How to better spend our money**

Introduction

Jorge Núñez Ferrer

*Associate Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS),
Brussels, Belgium*

Challengers

Stefan Lehner

*Director Own Resources, Evaluation and Financial Programming,
Directorate General Budget, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium*

and

Iain Begg

*Professorial Research Fellow, European Institute, London School of
Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom*

Chair

Tinne Heremans

*Senior Research Fellow, European Affairs Program, Egmont Institute for
International Affairs, Brussels, Belgium*

3:10 pm

Coffee Break

3:40 pm

4th Session

**Global Economic Governance: How to enhance the EU's
clout in the G-20**

Introduction

Frans van Daele

*Head of Cabinet of the President of the European Council, Brussels,
Belgium*

Challengers**Adam Balcer**

Senior Fellow and Project Leader EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood, demosEUROPA, Warsaw, Poland

and

Paola Subacchi

Research Director, International Economics, Royal Institute of International Affairs, London, United Kingdom

Chair**Joachim Fritz-Vannahme**

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4:50 pm

Conclusions**Xavier Demoulin**

Director General Coordination and European Affairs, Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brussels, Belgium

5:00 pm

End of Conference