



An EU 'Fit for Purpose' in the Global Age

An interdisciplinary, cross party investigation of policy options for the EU post-2009

Agenda, Hydra Island, 17-18 October 2008

Thursday, 16 October

8pm Welcome Dinner

Friday, 17 October

9.30am – 12.30pm Globalisation and enlargement as a test for EU governance

Chair: Loukas Tsoukalis (President, ELIAMEP)

Presenters: Lenka Rovna (Professor, Charles University): Is there a

case for differentiated integration in the EU?

Olaf Cramme (Director, Policy Network): Is the implicit division of labour sustainable whereby the EU concentrates on market liberalisation and MS on redistribution and

welfare?

Fritz Scharpf (Emeritus Director, Max Planck Institute for the Studies of Societies): Is liberalisation weakening the problem-solving capacity and legitimacy of the multi-level

European polity?

1.30pm Lunch

4.30pm – 6pm <u>In search of socio-economic reform and innovation</u>

Chair: Maria João Rodrigues (Professor of Economics in ISCTE,

University Institute, Lisbon)

Presenters: Nikos Koutsiaras (Senior Research Fellow, ELIAMEP):

Should the "Lisbon agenda" be continued with, abandoned,

or radically re-thought?

Xavier Prats Monné (Director for Employment Policy and Lisbon Agenda, DG Empl): What is the EU's social role? Is it presentational or substantive – and if the latter, in what

ways?

6pm – 7.30pm Financial capitalism and the governance of the Eurozone

Chair: Fabrizio Barca (General Director at the Italian Ministry of

Economy)

Presenters: Georges Pagoulatos (Professor, Athens University of

Economics and Business): What role for the EU in the

regulation of financial capitalism?

Carlos Mulas (Professor, Complutense University,

Madrid): What are the strength and weaknesses of current economic governance in the Euro zone and what reform is

needed?

8pm Dinner

Saturday, 18 October

9.30am – 11am Towards sustainable competitiveness

Chair: Roger Liddle (Vice-Chair, Policy Network)

Presenters: **Iain Begg** (Professorial Research Fellow, LSE): How can

the EU avoid trade-offs between the sustainability agenda

and the competitiveness of the European economy?

Matthieu Wemaëre (Associate Researcher, Institute of Sustainable Development and International Relations, Paris): Can the EU close the gap between aspiration and

likely achievement on climate change action?

11am – 12.30pm <u>EU politics and the market in the global age</u>

Chair: Loukas Tsoukalis (President, ELIAMEP)

Speakers: Mario Monti (Former EU Commissioner for Competition)

and Anna Diamantopoulou (Former EU Commissioner

for Employment and Social Affairs)