



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 The State of the EU in 2012. Setting the Political Priorities (Panel Debate)

Welcome: Aart de Geus, Member of the Executive Board of the Bertelsmann Stiftung

Contributors:

Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation

Janis Emmanouilidis, Head of Programme and Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (EPC)

Philippe Herzog, President Confrontations Europe

Giles Merritt, Secretary General, Friends of Europe – Les amis de l'Europe

Agent provocateur:

Dominique Moïsi, Special Advisor, Institut français des relations internationales (IFRI)

Public Debate / Q&A Session

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break



11.30-13.00 Five 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 and Freedom of Movement at Stake? Future Perspectives for the Schengen Debate

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Afternoon sessions

Open to the general public and press

14.00–15.30 Getting the EU Back on Track
(Public Debate of Workshop Outcomes)

Workshop Rapporteurs:

Workshop 1: Maïté Jaureguy-Naudin, Director of 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: Jo Coelmont, Senior Associate Fellow, Egmont

Workshop 5: Sergio Carrera, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Commentators:

Andreas Mavroyiannis, Cypriot Deputy Minister for European Affairs

Nicolaj Wammen, Danish Minister for European Affairs

Public Debate/Q&A Session



15.30-16.00 European Solidarity in Action: A Young Generation's Perspective

Farid Tabarki, Founding Director of Studio Zeitgeist
interviewed by Daniela Vincenti, Managing Editor at EurActiv.com

16.00–17.30 The Post-crisis EU: Phoenix from the Ashes? (Panel Debate)

Opportunities in Crisis for a Stronger Europe: A Dialogue with Martin Schulz,
President of the European Parliament

Contributors:

Dimitrios Droutsas, Member of the European Parliament
Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
Danuta Hübner, Member of European Parliament
Volker Perthes, Director, German Institute for International and Security
Affairs (SWP)
Jean Pisani-Ferry, Director, Bruegel

Bringing in the External Perspective: What Europe do we need on the global
stage?

Contributor:

Jaimini Bhagwati, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and to the
European Union

Public Debate/Q&A Session

17.30 End of Conference