



Brussels Think Tank Dialogue – State of the Union 2013 *Federalism or Fragmentation: Spelling out Europe’s F-Word*

AGENDA

Date: Monday, 22 April 2013, 9.30 – 18.00

Venue: Résidence Palace (Polak Room), Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels

9.30-11.30 **The State of the EU in 2013. Heading towards Federalism or Fragmentation?**

Welcome: Aart De Geus, Chairman and CEO, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Keynote Speech

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

Q & A

Panel Debate (10.45-11.30)

Panelists:

Elisa Ferreira, Member of the European Parliament

Andreas Maurer, Head, Brussels Office, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

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

Thierry de Montbrial, Director General, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI)

Moderator:

Matina Stevis, Journalist, The Wall Street Journal

11.30-12.00 Coffee Break



12.00-13.00 The EU’s New Industrial Policy. Panacea against the Rampant Job Crisis?

The panel focuses on the labour market potential of the Commission’s current strategy for a European industrial policy by elaborating on three main questions: What are the net employment effects of the “Third Industrial Revolution” the Commission strives for? What kind of labour markets and training policies does the EU need to address skill mismatches? And finally, to what extent are the employment benefits and costs of an integrated industrial policy equally distributed amongst member states and regions and what does this imply for mobility and migration within the EU?

Panelists:

- Antti Peltomäki, Deputy Director General, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission
- Luc Triangle, Deputy Secretary General, industriAll Europe
- Adrian van den Hoven, Deputy Director General, BUSINESSEUROPE
- Anne Macey, Economist, Confrontations Europe

Moderator:

- Aart De Geus, Chairman and CEO, Bertelsmann Stiftung

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Energy Internal Market: State of the Art and Challenges Ahead

Current discussion about the post-2020 objectives, and in particular their results, will shape the energy sector for the next 20 years. The panel will be an opportunity to question: What is the state of the art of the European energy market? It will focus on the ETS, power and gas systems. Key trends and challenges characterize each market, but their linkages are becoming greater. What coherent answer can Europe offer in response?

Panelists:

- Klaus-Dieter Borchardt, Director Energy Internal Market, DG Energy, European Commission
- Andrei Marcu, Senior Fellow and Head of Carbon Market Forum, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- Laura Parmigiani, Research Fellow, Center for Energy, Institut français des relations internationales (IFRI)
- Georg Zachmann, Research Fellow, Bruegel

Moderator:

- Simon Taylor, Assistant Editor, European Voice

15:00-15.15 Break



15.15-16.15 After the Crisis. Rethinking the EU’s Global Role in a Changing World

The panel addresses the – still unfolding – repercussions of the crisis on EU foreign policy and its role in world by providing a sober impact assessment that goes beyond the alarmist ‘narratives’ of foreign policy ‘renationalization’, global resource competition and decreasing global relevance. What is Europe’s role beyond the crisis? What are the continuities rather than the fractures in EU foreign policy? What are the long-term structural assets that can serve as the starting point for a new narrative underpinning the Union’s global engagement?

Panelists:

- Rosa Balfour, Head of the Europe in the World Programme, European Policy Centre (EPC)
- Ruprecht Polenz, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee, German Bundestag
- Vangelis Vitalis, Ambassador of New Zealand to the EU

Moderator:

- Marc Trenteseau, Director General, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations

16.30-18.00 A Roadmap for EU Reform: Short-, Medium- and Long-term Challenges

Keynote Speech

- Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council

Q & A

Panel Debate (17.15-18.00)

Panelists:

- Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director, Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation
- Daniel Gros, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
- Guntram Wolff, Deputy Director, Bruegel
- Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Economist, European Policy Centre (EPC)

Moderator:

- Matina Stevis, Journalist, The Wall Street Journal

18.00 End of Conference (followed by a reception)