



BRUSSELS THINK TANK DIALOGUE – STATE OF THE UNION 2015

A NEW DEPARTURE FOR THE EU

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2015, 9.15 – 18.00 (followed by a reception)

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

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9.15 – 9.30

WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION

Aart De Geus, Chairman and CEO, Bertelsmann Stiftung

9.30 – 10.45

SESSION 1: REVISITING ENERGY SECURITY IN TURBULENT TIMES

Introduced by

Kirsten Westphal, Senior Associate, Research Division: Global Issues, SWP – German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Thierry Deschuyteneer, Executive Secretary, GIE - Gas Infrastructure Europe

Marie Donnelly, Director, DG Energy, European Commission

Chaired by

Etienne Davignon, President, Egmont Institute, and President, Friends of Europe/Les amis de l'Europe

10.45 – 12.00

SESSION 2: A SINGLE EUROPEAN LABOUR MARKET: MOVING IT CLOSER?

Introduced by

Ruth Paserman, Deputy Head, Cabinet of European Commissioner Marianne Thyssen

Miroslav Beblavy, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS - The Centre for European Policy Studies

Gregory Claeys, Resident Scholar, Bruegel

Anne Macey, Chief Executive, Confrontations Europe

Chaired by

Eric Thode, Senior Expert, Bertelsmann Stiftung

12.15 – 13.30

LUNCHEON

13.30 – 14.15

THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE INVESTMENT PLAN: DELIVERING GROWTH?

A conversation with

Jyrki Katainen

Vice President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission

Conducted by **Daniel Gros**, Director, CEPS - The Centre for European Policy Studies, and **Aart De Geus**

14.15 – 15.30

SESSION 3: THREE CHALLENGES FOR TOMMORROW'S EU MIGRATION POLICY: FAIRNESS, MOBILITY AND NARRATIVES

Introduced by

Matthias Mayer, Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung

Yves Pascouau, Director of Migration and Mobility Policies and Head of Programme European Migration and Diversity, EPC - European Policy Centre

Shada Islam, Director of Policy, Friends of Europe/Les amis de l'Europe

Chaired by

Liz Collett, Director, MPI – Migration Policy Institute Europe, and Senior Advisor to MPI's Transatlantic Council on Migration

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 18.00 DIRECTORS' SESSION: THE NEIGHBOURHOOD IN SHAMBLES: CAN THE EU FIX IT?

Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director, Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation

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

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

Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel

Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive and Head of Programme Europe's Political Economy, EPC - European Policy Centre

Chaired by

Laurence Norman, Deputy Bureau Chief, Wall Street Journal

18.00 **END OF CONFERENCE
followed by a reception**