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Florence

Conference on “The State of the Union”

Palazzo Vecchio

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PROGRAMME

9 May - 'Europe after Lisbon'

FORMAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- 9.00 **Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament
José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

1. Lisbon and Beyond

Introduction

- 9.45 **The Union at 60: The Weight of its Past on its Future Prospects after the Lisbon Treaty**
Joseph Weiler, NYU

Moderator: **Josep Borrell**, President of the European University Institute

Presentations

- 10.00 **Shaping our Future through Education**
Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth
- 10.15 **The Lisbon Treaty: Which Opportunities for Citizens?**
Carlo Casini, President of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, EP
- 10.30 Coffee break – Sala d'Arme
- 11.00 **A Different Union, but not a Better One**
Martin Winter, Sueddeutsche Zeitung
- 11.15 **Enlargements versus Political Deepening: a Dilemma which remains Today?**
Sylvie Goulard, MEP
- 11.30 **The Lisbon Treaty - Myths and Facts about the Legislative Powers of National Parliaments**
Ludek Sefzig, President of the Committee of EU Affairs - Senate of the Czech Republic
- 11.45-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45 Lunch at Palazzo Vecchio

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2. Europe in the Globalised World

Introduction

- 14.15 **Europe, Shaping and Being Shaped by Globalization**
Adrienne Héritier, European University Institute

Moderator: **Peter Spiegel**, Financial Times

Presentations

- 14.30 **National Diplomacies and the EEAS**
Franco Frattini, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 14.45 **The Role of the EU in the Global World from the Perspective of the EU Presidency**
János Martonyi, Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 15.00 Coffee Break – Sala d’Arme
- 15.30 **The EU and US: The Burden of Global Responsibility**
William E. Kennard, US Ambassador to the EU
- 15.45 **The EU Seen from China**
Jianmin Wu, Chairman, Shanghai Centre for International Studies
- 16.00 **The EU Seen from Russia**
Alexander Grushko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- 16.15 **Reactions and Coherence of Europe towards the Crisis, from the Balkans to Maghreb**
Massimo Nava, Corriere della Sera
- 16.30-17.30 Discussion

10 May - ‘The Euro after Lisbon’

3. The Euro and the Global Economic Governance

Introduction

- 9.45 **Debt Crisis in the Eurozone and the Future of the Euro**
Paul De Grauwe, University of Leuven
- Moderator: **Giancarlo Corsetti**, University of Cambridge/Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

Presentations

- 10.00 **The Euro needs Economic Union - but is it coming?**
Mario Monti, Former Commissioner and President of Università Bocconi
- 10.15 **Monetary and Financial Stability in the Euro Area**
Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank
- 10.30 Coffee break – Sala d’Arme
- 11.00 **Why Europe Needs Eurobonds?**
Erik Jones, Johns Hopkins SAIS Bologna Center

- 11.15 **Euro Area 2.0?**
Zsolt Darvas, Bruegel
- 11.30 **The State of EMU**
Yves Mersch, Governor of the Central Bank of Luxembourg
- 11.45 -12.45 Discussion
- 12.45 Lunch at Palazzo Vecchio

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4. Growth, Employment, Financial Stability after the Crisis

Introduction

- 14.15 **Will New Financial Regulation Bring Financial Stability to the EU?**
Richard Portes, London Business School, President of the Centre for Economic Policy Research
- Moderator: **Ramon Marimon**, Director of the Max Weber Programme, EUI

Presentations

- 14.30 **Europe's New Growth and Stability Agenda**
André Sapir, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 14.45 **Entrepreneurship: Turning Europe Young Again**
Dimitris Tsigos, President of YES – European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs
- 15.00 Coffee Break – Sala d'Arme
- 15.30 **Controlling Risks in the Financial System**
Thomas F. Cooley, Leonard N. Stern School of Business, New York University
- 15.45-16.45 Discussion

- 16.45-17.45 Formal Closure of the Conference
Josep Borrell, President of the European University Institute
Alessandro Plateroti, Deputy Editor of Il Sole 24 Ore