



European
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HIGH-LEVEL
CONFERENCE

FUNDING THE EU'S FUTURE

Towards a New Multiannual
Financial Framework

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Berlaymont Building,
Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels

PROGRAMME

European **Political
Strategy** Centre



The European Political Strategy Centre, the European Commission's in-house think tank, is convening this High-Level Conference as part of the process initiated by the White Paper on the Future of Europe, to discuss the political choices that lie ahead of the European Union and the related budgetary needs, in view of the preparation of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

The event is designed to facilitate an exchange among senior policymakers and experts. Due to the interactive format of the event, the number of participants is limited and interpretation will be provided to/from FR/DE/EN. Participation is on invitation only.

PROGRAMME

09h30-10h00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

10h00-10h05

Welcoming Remarks

Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission

10h05-10h30

Opening Address

The White Paper Process – Political Choices and Related Budgetary Needs

Günther H. Oettinger, Commissioner responsible for Budget and Human Resources, European Commission

10h30-11h45

Post-2020: The Global Trends That Will Shape EU Finances

- **Innovation and Digitalisation**

Dirk Pilat, Deputy Director, Directorate for Science, Technology and Innovation, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

- **Employment and Social Cohesion**

André Sapir, Professor Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Research Fellow Centre for Economic Policy Research, London, Senior Fellow Bruegel

- **Sustainable Development**

Marlehn Thieme, Chairwoman, German Council for Sustainable Development

- **Migration and Border Management**

Ilkka Laitinen, Deputy Chief of the Finnish Border Guard, and first Executive Director, Frontex

- **Defence and Security**

Camille Grand, Assistant Secretary-General for Defence Investment, NATO

Presentation by experts followed by Q&A

Moderated by Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission

11h45-12h00

Coffee Break

12h00-13h00

Rethinking Budget Revenues

Political Choices and Financial Soundness

Introductory Remarks by

Mario Monti, Chair, High-Level Group on Own Resources, and former Prime Minister of Italy

Discussion with

- **Siegfried Mureşan**, MEP, Vice-Chair Budget Committee, European Parliament
- **Gérard Deprez**, MEP, Standing Rapporteur on Own Resources, European Parliament
- **Kai Jan Krainer**, Member of Parliament, Nationalrat, Austria

Moderated by Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission

13h00-14h15

Lunch Break (*Hall 3rd floor*)

14h30-15h45

Interactive Session 1

Future Spending Priorities: Responding to New Challenges

Introduced by

Jyrki Katainen, Vice-President responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission

In the course of this session, participants will be invited to hold a group discussion, at their respective tables, on the basis of a discussion paper. Exchanges will be led by a table leader and recorded by a rapporteur.

15h45-16h00

Coffee Break

16h00-17h15

Interactive Session 2

How to Spend: Optimising the Efficiency of Spending

Introduced by

Jean Arthuis, Chair, Committee on Budget, European Parliament

In the course of this session, participants will be invited to hold a group discussion, at their respective tables, on the basis of a discussion paper. Exchanges will be led by a table leader and recorded by a rapporteur.

17h15-18h00

Closing Plenary

From Vision to Action: Towards the Commission Reflection Paper

Moderated by

Paweł Świeboda, Deputy Head, European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission

Closing remarks by

Corina Crețu, Commissioner responsible for Regional Policy, European Commission

18h00-19h00

Networking Cocktail

