

THIRD EUROPEAN THINK TANK FORUM
Europe 2005-2025: Visions and Contributions from Think Tanks

“What European Policy Outlines for 2020?”

September 19-20, 2008

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Program

Beyond the crisis caused by Ireland's rejection of the Treaty of Lisbon and the priorities of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the second half of 2008, another major milestone for the future of Europe lies on the horizon for the 2008-2009 period: reviewing common policies and their financing. The Heads of States and Governments at the European Council meeting of December 2005 asked the European Commission "*to undertake a full, wide ranging review covering all aspects of EU spending, including the CAP, and of resources, including the UK rebate, to report in 2008-2009*" and, from this budgetary angle, to lay down guidelines to orientate the debate on future policies for the 2013-2019 period. This is the real question: the European budget is not just a financial instrument, it is a means of expressing a shared desire and defining a European project common to the 27 Member States.

To contribute to collective discussions and the European debate, Institut Aspen France is organizing its third **European Think Tank Forum** in Paris on **September 19th and 20th, 2008**, in partnership with *Notre Europe* and the *Fondation pour l'Innovation Politique*.

Following a method that has already been applied twice*, high-level leaders from the public and private spheres will be given the opportunity to talk and construct a common approach for a review of European policies in the context of preparing new financial prospects, as the basis of a new European project. This event, organized in the middle of the French Presidency, will naturally be designed to be a part of the trio program drawn up with the Czech Republic and Sweden.

To go beyond the strict framework of diplomatic negotiations, largely marked by budgetary considerations, these informal discussions will be based on contributions from thirteen European think tanks involved in the **Think Global - Act European** project implemented by *Notre Europe* and the *Fondation pour l'Innovation Politique* (www.tgae.eu).

The Forum will be the opportunity for a debate between representatives of the think tanks and actors and decision makers concerned with the definition and implementation of European policies: elected officials, business leaders, and representatives of trade unions, international organizations, NGOs and the media.

The topics proposed in this program will be discussed in plenary sessions and thematic workshops.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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Château de la Muette, 2 rue André Pascal, 75 016 Paris

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12:30 pm

Informal reception buffet

2:30 PM – WELCOME AND OPENING OF OUR WORK

2:40-5:30 PM - SESSION I – COMMUNITY POLICIES: TAKING STOCK AND PROSPECTS

This introductory session will be an opportunity to take stock and diagnose community policies today, while looking toward the future and extending our discussions on the medium term. It will also be an opportunity to come back to the foundations of what a European budget is and should be and how it can help in the optimum deployment of these policies.

* In 2004, Institut Aspen France organized a first forum dedicated to the question "*Can the European Union Become More Democratic?*" and a second forum in 2005 on the topic "*Think Tanks and Decision Makers in a Europe in Crisis*".

Are community policies well adapted? Can they meet current and future challenges? In the current situation, how can we imagine their developments over the coming ten or fifteen years? What are the strong points and what are the blockages? Is their role in the European budget adequate? Do we need to readapt the budget instrument to the Union's new challenges?

President :

TOMMASO PADOA-SCHIOPPA
Former Minister of Finance - Italy
President, Notre Europe

Guest Speakers:

ANGEL GURRIA
Secretary General – Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development - OECD

JEAN-PIERRE JOUYET
Secretary of State, responsible for European Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs - France

Introduceurs :

VASCO CAL
Adviser, Bureau of European Policy Advisers, European Commission

JANIS A. EMMANOULIDIS
Stavros Costopoulos Research Fellow
Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) – Greece

NICOLE GNESOTTO
Former Director, Institute for Security Studies, European Union
Professor, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers - France

JACQUES LE CACHEUX
Director of Studies
Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Economiques (OFCE) - France

4:15-4:30 pm *Coffee Break*

EVENING

7 :00 PM

COCKTAIL DINER

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Salon des Beauvais

37 quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

With the participation of

MICHEL PEBEREAU,
President, BNP Paribas
President of the Supervisory Board, Institut Aspen France

and

GERARD ERRERA
Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs - France

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

This session will be held in the form of parallel workshops for more in-depth discussions on certain topics selected among the overall challenges – both internal and external – of the integration process and Europe's place on the worldwide scene.

The workshops may give rise to practical recommendations.

The minutes will then be presented to the plenary session.

<p>9:00-12:30 - SESSION II – EUROPEAN CHALLENGES: WHAT RESOURCES? WHAT MANAGEMENT?</p>

9:00-11:00 AM – WORKSHOPS

1) THE CHALLENGE OF MANAGING SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES

Developments in the Common Agricultural Policy
How to deal with the food challenge?
Energy and climate challenges

Moderator :

ELVIRE FABRY

Director Europe-International, Foundation for Political Innovation - France

Introducers :

CLAUDE FISCHER

Secretary General, Confrontations Europe - France

PAUL HOFHEINZ

President, The Lisbon Council for Economic Competitiveness (ASBL) - Belgium

Spokesmen :

SAMI ANDOURA

Senior Research Fellow - Royal Institute for International Relations – Belgium

THOMAS KLAU

Director, Paris Office, European Council on Foreign Relations – France

2) THE CHALLENGE OF SOLIDARITIES

Regional policies, social and territorial cohesion
How to coordinate objectives for cohesion and policies for jobs and growth?

Moderator:

JOHN EVANS

Secretary General - Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD

Introducers :

MARJORIE JOUEN

Adviser, Notre Europe – France

FABIAN ZULEEG
Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Center – Belgium

Spokesmen :

ULRIKE GUEROT
Senior Policy Fellow, Head of the Berlin Office, European Council of Foreign Relations - Germany

PIOTR MACIEJ KACZINSKY
Research Fellow, Center for European Policy Studies - Belgium

3) THE CHALLENGE OF MOBILITY

The stakes and solutions of the migration question
Mobility at the service of a space of innovation and research
Strengthening the Internal Market and exercising the freedom of movement

Moderator :

GAETANE RICARD-NIHOUL
Secretary General, Notre Europe - France

Introducers :

YVES BERTONCINI
Officer, Centre d'Analyse Stratégique – France

ULLA HOLM
Senior Research Fellow - Danish Institute for International Studies - Denmark

Spokesmen :

HUGO BRADY
Research Fellow, Center for European Reform – United Kingdom

LUKAS MACEK
Director, Central and Eastern Europe Program, Sciences Po - France

11:00–11:15 am *Coffee break*

11:15-12:30 – PLENARY SESSION

The plenary session will be an opportunity for the recording secretaries to share the minutes of the workshops.

Moderator :

PASCAL PERZO
Executive Director, Institut Aspen France - France

Spokesmen :

The challenge of managing sustainable resources

SAMI ANDOURA
Senior Research Fellow - Royal Institute for International Relations – Belgium

THOMAS KLAU
Director, Paris Office, European Council on Foreign Relations – France

The challenge of solidarities

ULRIKE GUEROT

Senior Policy Fellow, Head of the Berlin Office, European Council of Foreign Relations - Germany

PIOTR MACIEJ KACZINSKY

Research Fellow, Center for European Policy Studies - Belgium

The challenge of mobility

HUGO BRADY

Research Fellow, Center for European Reform – United Kingdom

LUKAS MACEK

Director, Central and Eastern Europe Program, Sciences Po - France

12:30 pm

Lunch

2:30-4:30 PM - SESSION III – EUROPE IN 2020: WHAT TO DO AND HOW?

How should we deal with the challenges that Europe will be faced with? What responses can we provide?
How can this be translated into community policies and their financing through the European budget?
Who will the actors be?

How can they be used as levers to reaffirm Europe's credibility in the world? Is the European Union providing itself with the resources on these questions to have a greater impact on the international scene and on regulating globalization?

President:

YVES GAZZO

Head of Representation in France – European Commission

Introduceurs :

FRANCO BASSANINI

Former Minister, Senator, President, Astrid Foundation - Italy

GILLES BRIATTA

Adviser to the Prime Minister for European Issues - France

LAURENT COHEN-TANUGI

Lawyer, Essayist

President, Mission « Europe in the Global Economy » - France

CONCLUSION OF WORK

5:30-7:30 PM

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN THE CONTEXT OF “EUROPEAN’S WORDS”

Kléber International Conference Center, Avenue Kléber, 75016 Paris

“What European Policy Outlines for 2020?”

The European Union’s Budget Measured Against Its New Ambitions”

Moderators:

ELVIRE FABRY, *Director Europe-International, Foundation for Political Innovation*

GAETANE RICARD-NIHOUL, *Secretary General, Notre Europe*

Speakers:

VASCO CAL

Bureau of European Policy Advisers, European Commission

ELISABETH GUIGOU

Member of French Parliament, Vice President, Foreign Affairs Commission

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JEAN PISANI-FERRY

Professor, Paris-Dauphine University, Director, Bruegel

DENIS SIMONNEAU

*Director of Cabinet of Jean-Pierre Jouyet
Secretary of State, responsible for European Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

** The names of the moderators, introducers and speakers of the forum may change*

** The forum will alternate between plenary sessions and workshops. Plenary sessions will be held in French and in English and will be translated simultaneously in both languages. Workshops will be held in French or in English*