



# THE SCHENGEN AREA UNDER THREAT: PROBLEM OR SOLUTION?

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Hôtel de l'Industrie, Salle Chaptal, 4 place St Germain des Prés, 75006 Paris

On the 14 June 1985, France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg were ratifying the Schengen agreement. By signing it, these five States were founding one of the most symbolic realizations of the European construction: the possibility to move freely without being systematically controlled at the borders separating the Member states.

Unprecedented realization at the regional scale, the Schengen cooperation is nevertheless regularly questioned. The January 2015 attack in Paris, and the exceptional migratory pressure at the external borders of the Union have recently given an opportunity to point out the Schengen weaknesses or shortfalls, and therefore to propose to modify the rules.

30 years after the signature of the Schengen Agreement, it seems particularly relevant to put into perspective the evolution of the freedom of movement and of the member states' cooperation in the areas of police and the judiciary in order to ensure an equilibrium between liberty and security, and the balance between mutual trust and solidarity.

Exploring these issues will be the objective of this conference, organised by the Jacques Delors Institute, in partnership with the European Movement – Paris and the Société d'encouragement pour l'industrie nationale, in the presence of speakers representing the national and European authorities. It will also tackle the issue of measuring how the Schengen Area can act as a solution to—rather than a cause of—the problems Europeans are facing today.

## Cocktail-lunch > 12.15 – 12.45

## Welcoming address > 12.45 - 12.50

- **Jean-Claude HOUDOIN**, President, European Movement – Paris

## The Schengen area under threat 12.50 – 14.30

- **Johannes DE CEUSTER**, Head of Unit borders management and Schengen, European Commission
- **Marietta KARAMANLI**, Socialist representative, National assembly, France
- **António VITORINO**, President, Jacques Delors Institute, former Commissioner in charge for internal affairs and justice.

Debate moderated by **Yves PASCQUAU**, associated researcher at the Jacques Delors Institute and Director of the EPC

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