



**'EU Policy Perspectives' seminar series
Clingendael European Studies programme (CESP)**

Smart Growth: a Future-proof EU Budget

**Venue: Huys Clingendael, Clingendael 7, The Hague
23 – 24 November 2011**

Policy seminar organised by the Clingendael Institute and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands in cooperation with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, and the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

In June 2010 the European Council adopted the Europe 2020 strategy. It is the policy strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth towards the year 2020. In June 2011 the European Commission published their budget proposals for a new Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) called 'A budget for Europe 2020'. It is the financial counterpart of the EU 2020 strategy. One category of the new budget is 'smart growth'. It contains themes such as competitiveness, education, research & innovation.

This seminar will discuss 'smart growth' in terms of modernisation of the EU budget. In other words, to what extent is the long term strategy towards 2020 translated into concrete financial plans. The focus is on the added value of the EU. This can be looked upon from different perspectives. One perspective is the incorporation of the flagship initiatives of the EU 2020 strategy in the MFF 2014-2020. Another perspective is whether European and national policy are complementary. In this way the seminar will contribute to the discussion about the importance and necessity of competitiveness, education, research & innovation in the EU budget.

The meeting will take place under Chatham House Rule, aiming at a free and open discussion. Participants are senior officials from Member States of the European Union, from the European institutions, but also opinion leaders from the private sector and academics.

Provisional programme, speakers to be confirmed

23 November 2011, Park Hotel The Hague

Arrival of the participants at the Park Hotel, The Hague

19.00 Dinner with the participants at the Park Hotel, The Hague

Words of welcome

Dr. Adriaan Schout, Head Clingendael European Studies Programme

Robert de Groot, Director-General for European Cooperation of the Netherlands
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keynote speech

Richard Descoings, Director Sciences Po (invited)

24 November 2011, The Clingendael Institute

08.30 Registration

09.00 **Words of welcome**

Dr. Adriaan Schout, Head Clingendael European Studies Programme

Introduction of the Chair

Simon Tilford, Chief Economist Centre for European Reform

Official opening

Dr. Hans Wijers, CEO AkzoNobel (invited)

09.30 **Session 1 – Smart Growth towards 2020**

- What are the main political and economic challenges towards 2020?
- What are the main drivers of economic growth?
- What is the EU's response?: the Europe 2020 strategy and flagship policies.

Key note

Michel Servoz, Deputy Secretary General European Commission in charge of Data Protection, the Mediation Service and the Task Force "IT Governance" (invited)

Comments

Dr. Philippe de Buck, Director-General Business Europe (invited)

Sir John Beddington, UK Government Chief Scientific Adviser (invited)

Roundtable discussion

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 **Session 2 – Added Value of the Smart Growth Budget**

- What is the EU's added value compared to national policies?
- What are the main advantages of public and private sector funding?
- How efficient and effective is the EU budget on smart growth?

Key note

Prof. Dr. Luc Soete, University of Maastricht, Member Dutch Council for Science and Technology (invited)

Comments

Dr. Jens Rostrup-Nielsen, Director R&D Division Haldor Topsoe and Member of the European Research Advisory Board (invited)

Jiří Buriánek, Director Competitiveness, Lisbon Strategy, Industry, Research, Information Society and Electronic Communications at the Council Secretariat (invited)

Roundtable discussion

12.15 Lunch

13.15 **Breakout Sessions (split into two groups)**

Session 3 A – Innovation Union in the EU budget

- What has been accomplished thus far?
- To what extent will Horizon 2020 meet the Innovation Union?
- What are the policy and institutional bottlenecks in extracting these funds?

Session 3 B – Youth on the Move in the EU budget

- What has been accomplished thus far?
- How is Youth on the Move integrated in the Education-category?
- What are the policy and institutional bottlenecks in extracting these funds?

Chairs

3A: *Thomas C. Barrett*, Director New Products and Special Transactions of the European Investment Bank

3B: *Andreas Sleicher*, Head of the Indicators and Analysis Division, Education Directorate, OECD (invited)

Resource persons

3A: Ministry of EA&I

3B: Ministry of ECS

Rapporteurs

3A: *Prof. Dr. Daniel Tarschys*, Stockholm University (invited)

3B: *Dr. Eulalia Rubio*, Notre Europe (invited)

15.45 Coffee break

16.00 **Session 4 – Conclusions and recommendations**

Conclusions by Rapporteurs

Comments

Simon Taylor, European Voice (invited)

Dr. Ellen de Brabander, Head of Global R&D Meril and Governing Board Member
European Institute of Innovation & Technology (invited)

Roundtable Discussion

16.45 Drinks