

**Symposium**  
**The Need for Europe**

30 March 2009

Théâtre du Rond-point des Champs-Élysées, Paris

**Draft programme**

- 10.00 – 10.15 Welcome and opening: **Denis Olivennes**
- 10.15 – 11.30 **The European Union in a Time of Crisis**  
*Chair* : **Jean-Gabriel Fredet**, Deputy Director, Nouvel Observateur  
*Keynote speaker* : **Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa**, Former Minister of Finances and Economy of Italy, President of Notre Europe  
**S. E. Pavel Fischer**, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in France  
**Jean-Hervé Lorenzi**, President of the *Cercle des économistes*  
**David Marsh**, Chairman of London & Oxford Capital Markets  
**Poul Rasmussen**, President of the PES
- 11.30 – 12.45 **Europe and its eastern neighbours: Russia/ Belarus/Caucasus – new prospects, new problems**  
*Chair* : **René Backman**, Chief Foreign Affairs Editor, Nouvel Observateur  
*Keynote speaker* : **Pierre Hassner**, CERI-Sciences Po, Paris  
**Joschka Fischer**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany  
**Eneko Landaburu**, Director-General, External Relations, European Commission  
**Denis MacShane**, Former Minister of State for Europe at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
**Alvaro de Vasconcelos**, Director of the EU Institute of Security Studies
- 12.45 – 14.15 Lunch break
- 14.15 – 15.45 **The European Parliament: an Instrument of Democratisation and Influence**  
*Chair* : **Claude Weill**, Deputy Director, Nouvel Observateur  
*Keynote speaker* : **Josep Borrell Fontelles**, Former President of the European Parliament  
**Evelyne Gebhardt**, Member of the European Parliament  
**Jean-Pierre Jouyet**, Former Secretary of State for European Affairs of France  
**Alojz Peterle**, Member of the European Parliament, former Prime Minister of Slovenia  
**Guy Verhofstadt**, Former Prime Minister of Belgium
- 15.45 – 16.15 Conclusions : **Jacques Delors**

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