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# The Principle of Solidarity in the European Union: Challenges and Opportunities



**Brugge, 10 November 2011**

**College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, 8000 Brugge**

European Political and Administrative Studies  
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09:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

10:00 **Opening of the conference**

Prof. Dr. Paul DEMARET, Rector of the College of Europe

10:15 **Introduction**

Prof. Dr. Jörg MONAR, Director of European Political and Administrative Studies, College of Europe

10:30 **Solidarity as a constitutional and political principle of the European Union**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jörg MONAR, Director of European Political and Administrative Studies, College of Europe

Prof. Dr. Jean-Paul JACQUÉ, University of Strasbourg / College of Europe  
*«Le principe de solidarité, un principe juridique?»*

Mr. Yves BERTONCINI, Secrétaire général du Think Tank «Notre Europe», Paris  
*«La solidarité au sein de l'UE: fondements politiques»*

Prof. Dr. William PATERSON, OBE, Professor, Aston University  
*“Solidarity versus Sovereignty - The British View”*

Discussant: Dr. Thomas FISCHER, Head of the Brussels Office of the Bertelsmann-Stiftung

12:30 Lunch

13:30 **Policy areas I**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Michele CHANG, European Political and Administrative Studies, College of Europe

Economic and Financial Solidarity: Prof. Dr. Alain BUZELAY, University of Nancy  
*«La solidarité économique et financière en Europe: une valeur devenue précaire?»*

Energy Policy: Matthew HULBERT, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael  
*“The strange death of a diversified Europe”*

15:00 **Key-note speech:**

**Solidarity: Challenges and opportunities for the European Union**

His Excellency Jerzy BUZEK, President of the European Parliament

15:45 Coffee break

16:00 **Policy areas II**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jörg MONAR, Director of European Political and Administrative Studies, College of Europe

Asylum and migration policy: Dr. Yves PASCOUUAU, Senior Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre, Brussels

Disaster management and responses to terrorist attacks: Dr. Mark RHINARD, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

*“The application of the principle of solidarity to disaster management and terrorist attacks”*

17:30 **Closing address:**

**The EU budget as an instrument of solidarity**

N.N. (Representative of EU Commissioner Janusz Lewandowski)

18:00 End of conference