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## “Europe in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities”

18-19 May 2012

Jean Monnet Building of the European Commission, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

### Programme

#### **Thursday, 17 May**

19.30 – 20.00 *Aperitif at the Hotel Melia*

From 20.15 *Buffet dinner*

Short address by Michel Rocard, former Prime Minister of France

#### **Friday, 18 May**

9.30 *Meeting in the Lobby of the Hotel Melia/Bus transfer to the conference place*

#### **10.00 – 11.00 Opening session**

Introductory remarks: **Armand Clesse**, Director, Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies

Opening addresses: **Mikhail Gorbachev**, President, New Policy Forum; former President of the USSR, Moscow

**Viviane Reding**, Vice-President of the European Commission, Brussels

**François Biltgen**, Minister for Higher Education and Research; Minister of Justice, Luxembourg

**Fred Matser** Founder and Chairman, Fred Foundation, Hilversum, Netherlands

## 11.00 – 13.00 I. Plenary session: Challenges

Panel 1: **Threats to the prevailing political and socio-economic consensus:** fragility of the social model; rise of the extreme right; erosion of the middle-class; growing inequalities; decay of the political ethos

Moderator: François Tremeaud

Panellists: Christopher Coker, Jan Kavan, Lothar Rühl, Csaba Tabajdi

Coffee break

Panel 2: **The eurozone crisis:** Implosion or muddling through? Saving the euro – at what price? A multi-speed EU?

Moderator: Mario Hirsch

Panellists: G. Michael Ambrosi, Jean-Pierre Pagé, Theo Waigel, Mingqi Xu

13.00 – 15.00 *Lunch at Salon bleu/Jean Monnet building*

## 15.00 – 18.00 II. Plenary session: Opportunities and possible solutions

Panel 1: **A new institutional framework for future Europe?** Back to the sources or a great leap forward? Between super state and supermarket

Moderator: Armand Clesse

Panellists: Rodric Braithwaite, Christian Franck, Philippe Herzog, Zahari Zahariev,

Coffee break

Panel 2: **A pan-European political and security community:** A common environment and energy strategy; how to involve citizens, peoples and nations in a new European Social Contract

Moderator: Roberto Savio

Panellists: Vladimir Baranovsky, Mary Kaldor, Anatol Lieven, Karsten Voigt, Wu Jianmin

18.00 *Bus transfer back to the Hotel Melia*

19.00 *Meeting in the Lobby of the Hotel Melia/ Bus transfer to the Castle of Bourglinster*

19.30 – 20.00 *Aperitif*

20.00 *Musical prelude by Ambassador Adrien Meisch, followed by the dinner*

23.00 *Bus transfer back to the Hotel Melia*

**Saturday, 19 May**

9.00 *Meeting in the Lobby of the Hotel Melia/ Bus transfer to the conference place*

**9.30 – 12.30 III. Plenary session: Europe facing the world**

Panel 1: **EU and the wider Europe:** reformed EU, OSCE; desirability and feasibility of regional cooperation

Moderator: Hall Gardner

Panellists: Ruslan Grinberg, Jack Matlock, Hanns W. Maull, Anatoly Orel, René Steichen

Coffee break

Panel 2: **Europe's New Frontier: going East and South?** Russia and the CIS, Turkey and the Mediterranean. Reaching out to the Pacific?

Moderator: Robert Skidelsky

Panellists: Mark Almond, Alexander Bessmertnykh, Gian Paolo Calchi Novati, Bernard Guetta, Mesut Yilmaz

12.30 – 12.45 Closing

**13.00 Press-conference with Mikhail Gorbachev**

*13.00 – 13.30 Cocktail*

*14.00 Closing Lunch at Restaurant Um Plateau, 6, Plateau Altmünster*