

Founding member of the European communities and home of European institutions since 1952 Luxembourg has proven its sound European spirit in the last 11 presidencies it assumed. In 2015 the Luxembourg presidency will have to face tough challenges. In 2014 the Italian –Latvian – Luxembourgish trio presidency has agreed upon strong action to re-launch the European economy, to stimulate growth and the development of the IT opportunities, to protect fundamental rights of the citizen and to cope with the economic and financial crisis.

The Luxembourg presidency has to deal with new difficult questions which have been put on the agenda in the meantime: the war on terrorism against the Islamic State, the ongoing Ukrainian crisis and last but not least the latest refugee crisis in the Mediterranean.

Luxembourg EU Pre Presidency Conference

4th - 5th June 2015

Venue Robert-Schuman-building

Place de l'Europe, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

Plenary session room of the European Parliament until 1979





Thursday June 4th

14.00 Arrival of HRH the Grand-Duke

Welcome address by **Marc Hansen**, Secretary of State Ministry of Higher Education and Research

Address by **HRH the Grand-Duke**

Inaugural session

14.30 **The Priorities of the Luxembourg Presidency of the Council of the EU, 2015**

by **Jean Asselborn**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

TEPSA Recommendations to the Luxembourgish presidency of the Council presented by **Diana Potjomkina**, Research Fellow, Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Welcome address by Christoph Schroeder, Director of the European parliament representation, **Dr Guy Berg**, Director of European Commission representation and **Jean-Marie Majerus**, TEPSA delegate of the Centre d'études et de recherches européennes Robert Schuman

Discussion

15.50 Coffee break

16.00 Parallel sessions I

A. Creating a Better World? The European Year for Development

Chair: Prof. Visnja Samardzija

Prof. Visnja Samardzija, Head of Department for European Integration Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO) , Croatia

Ben Fayot, Luxembourg government coordinator on European Development year

Dr. Lola Raich, Political Analyst, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip)

B. Grexit Brexit? Can Greece and the United Kingdom Quit European Institutions?

Chair: Dr. Juha Jukela

Dr. Juha Jukela, Programme Director in the European Union Research Programme , Finnish Institute of International Relations (FIIA)

Prof. Nikos Frangakis, Director, Centre of European Studies and Research (EKEME), Greece

Prof. Graham Avery, University of Oxford, Honorary Director General of the European Commission, former Secretary General of TEPSA

Univ. - Prof. Dr. Johannes Pollak, Head of the Political Science Department at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria

Discussion

17.30 Coffee break

17.40 Parallel sessions II

A. TTIP – CETA Negotiations EU-USA and EU- Canada

Chair: Prof. Hanna Ojanen

Prof. Hanna Ojanen, Jean Monnet Professor, University of Tampere and TEPSA Board, Finland
Red. prof. Dr. Maja Bučar, Chair of International Relations, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Marc Hübsch, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Luxembourg
Maria Åsenius, Head of Cabinet Commissioner Cecilia Malmström, Trade

B. The Institutional Debate, one Year After the EP Election

Chair: Prof. Jean-Victor Louis

Jacques Santer, Honorary Prime Minister, Former President of the European Commission, Former Minister of Finance

Prof. Jean-Victor Louis, Em. Professor Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Honorary member of the TEPSA board;

Prof. Jaap de Zwaan, Em. Professor of the Law of the European Union, Erasmus University Rotterdam and TEPSA Board

Andrew Duff, Honorary Member of TEPSA Board

Brendan Donnelly, Director, Federal Trust, London

Prof. Herwig Hofmann, Professor of European and Transnational Public Law, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Luxembourg

Friday June 5th

9.00 Session III

The Juncker plan: a Possible Re-launch of the European Economy?

Chair: Dr. Petr Kratochvil

Dr. Petr Kratochvil, Director Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic

Prof. Andras Inotai, Institute for World Economics, Hungary and TEPSA Board

Prof. Iain Begg, Professorial Research Fellow, London School of Economics and TEPSA Board

Prof. Adriaan Schout, Senior Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute of International Affairs 'Clingendael', The Netherlands

Luc Frieden, Former Minister of Finance, World Bank Governor, Vice chairman Deutsche Bank

Discussion

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 Parallel sessions IV

A. European Neighborhood Policy in trouble? EU –Russia Relations and the Ukraine Conflict

Chair: Dr. Gunila Herolf

Dr. Gunila Herolf, Vice President of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences, TEPSA board

Deborah Revoltella, Director of the Economics' Department, European Investment Bank

Prof. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Director, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Lithuania

Prof. Attila Eralp, President, Center for European Studies, Middle East Technical University, Turkey

Dr. Katrin Böttger, Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Germany and TEPSA Board

B. Immigration – Integration a New Opportunity for the EU?

Chair: Dr. Fabrizio Tasinari

Dr. Fabrizio Tasinari, Research coordinator, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS)

Prof. Gianni Bonvicini, Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy and TEPSA Board

Prof. Roderick Pace, Director, Institute for European Studies, Malta

Jean-Paul Reiter, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Luxembourg

PLENARY SESSION

Chair: Jean-Marie Majerus

12.00 Concluding Remarks by **Prof. Wolfgang Wessels**, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Cologne and TEPSA Chairperson

End of the conference



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