

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER**Morning: Public session - Broadcast on Internet***(Venue: European Commission, Charlemagne building – Rue de la Loi, 170)***09.00 - 10.00:** Registration and welcoming coffee**10.00 - 10.40:** **Opening of conference:** Speeches by **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission, **Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament, and **Donald Tusk**, Prime Minister of Poland**10.40 - 13.00:** **First Plenary Session: The big issues in the next MFF****Panel:** **Janusz Lewandowski**, Member of the European Commission, **Jutta Haug**, Vice-Chair, Budgets Committee, European Parliament, **Enikő Győri**, Minister of State for EU Affairs – Hungary, **Paulo Mota Pinto**, Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Assembleia da República – Portugal**Moderator:** **Ann Mettler**, Executive Director of the Lisbon Council**Open debate****12.30 - 13.00:** **Response from the panellists****13:00 - 14.15:** **Buffet lunch****14.30:** Departure of buses for the European Parliament**Afternoon: Session for Parliamentarians and Institutional Representatives***(Venue: European Parliament, József Antall building – Rue Wiertz, 60)***14.30 - 15.00:** Arrival at European Parliament and transfer to meeting rooms**15.00 - 19.00:** **Three Parallel Working Sessions***(16.45 – 17.15: Coffee break)***Session 1: EU Revenue: The Future of Own Resources (room JAN 2Q2)****Possible issues:**

- Principles in the Lisbon Treaty and short presentation of the Commission proposal
- How to ensure better equity between Member States and financial autonomy for the Union Budget? The proposed new VAT resource and the new financial transaction tax
- Proposals for the reform of national correction mechanisms

Panel: **Guy Verhofstadt**, Chair, ALDE Group, European Parliament, **Mikołaj Dowgielewicz**, Secretary of State for European Affairs – Poland, **Algirdas Šemeta**, Member of the European Commission, **Bettina Kudla**, Member of the Bundestag – Germany**Chair:** **Guy Verhofstadt**, Chair, ALDE Group, European Parliament**Rapporteur:** **Mikołaj Dowgielewicz**, Secretary of State for European Affairs – Poland**Session 2: EU Expenditure: Spending Priorities for the Future (room JAN 4Q1)****Possible issues:**

- Principles in the Lisbon Treaty and short presentation of the Commission proposal
- The principle of solidarity. Competitiveness and Cohesion: two core challenges for the European territory

- 'Investing beyond the crisis' – long-term economic perspectives and the need to invest in a post-crisis Europe that can reach its Europe 2020 goals
- Improving the management modes of EU programmes: pros and cons of direct management and shared management
- Simplification of financial rules

Panel: **Reimer Böge**, Co-Rapporteur on MFF, Budgets Committee, European Parliament, **Peder Lundquist**, Deputy Permanent Secretary for EU budget and financial framework – Denmark, **Johannes Hahn**, Member of the European Commission, **Zoltán Nógrádi**, Member of Hungarian National Assembly**Chair:** **Zoltán Nógrádi**, Member of Hungarian National Assembly**Rapporteur:** **Reimer Böge**, Co-Rapporteur on MFF, Budgets Committee, European Parliament**Session 3: Adding Value: The EU Budget in Efficient Public Finances (room JAN 4Q2)****Possible issues:**

- Principles in the Lisbon Treaty and short presentation of the Commission proposal
- Cases of duplication and synergy between national and EU spending
- Implementation of Europe 2020 strategy in national budgets
- Impact of the economic crisis on public finances
- 'Making every euro work' – focussing on new financial instruments and investment in areas that offer maximum benefit, and improving audit procedures to promote efficiency and reduce waste

Panel: **Janusz Lewandowski**, Member of the European Commission, **Bas Eickhout**, Member of the Environment Committee, European Parliament, **Lord John Roper**, Chairman of the European Union Committee of the House of Lords – UK, **Andreas Mavroyiannis**, Deputy Minister of European Affairs – Cyprus**Chair:** **Andreas Mavroyiannis**, Deputy Minister of European Affairs – Cyprus**Rapporteur:** **Lord John Roper**, Chairman of the European Union Committee of the House of Lords – UK**19.00:** **Drinks reception for participants****19.45:** **Dinner hosted by Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament**FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER***(Venue: European Commission, Charlemagne building – Rue de la Loi, 170)***Broadcast on Internet****08.45 - 09.15:** Arrival of delegates**09.15 - 12.30:** **Second Plenary Session:****Reports from the three parallel working sessions****Moderator:** **Heather Grabbe**, Director, Open Society Institute, Brussels

Open discussion

*(10.45 - 11.15: Coffee break)***12.30 - 13.00:** **Closing remarks by Maroš Šefčovič**, Vice-President of the European Commission, **Alain Lamassoure**, Chair, Budgets Committee, European Parliament, **Nicolai Wammen**, Danish Minister for European Affairs, **Jörgen Andersson**, Member of the committee on Finance, Swedish Riiksdag