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

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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