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COUNTRY SEMINAR ON BELGIUM
"MEDIUM-TERM CHALLENGES FOR THE BELGIAN ECONOMY"
Brussels, 25 September 2013

- Final programme -

08:30 – 9:00 Registration, breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 Opening remarks by MARCO BUTI, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

9:15 – 11:00 First Session: ***"How to implement growth friendly fiscal consolidation?"***

Chair: ANNE BUCHER, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Key Speaker: ETIENNE DE CALLATAÿ, BANK DEGROOF

Discussants:

- CAROLINE VEN, VKW (VERBOND VAN KRISTELIJKE WERKGEVERS)
- XAVIER TIMBEAU, OFCE (OBSERVATOIRE FRANÇAIS DES CONJONCTURES ECONOMIQUES)
- JAVIER YANIZ IGAL, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

11:00 – 11:30 * * * * **Coffee Break** * * * *

11:30 – 13:15 Second Session: ***"The current institutional setup of Belgium: bonus or handicap for the economy?"***

Chair: LUCIO PENCH, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Key Speaker: GIUSEPPE PAGANO, UMONS (UNIVERSITE DE MONS)

Discussants:

- ANDRE DECOSTER, KULEUVEN (KATHOLIEKE UNIVERSITEIT LEUVEN)
- GEERT JENNES, KULEUVEN AND VIVES
- HANSJÖRG BLÖCHLIGER, OECD (ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT)

13:15 – 14:30 * * * * ***Lunch Buffet*** * * * *

14:30 – 16:45 Panel Discussion: ***"How to adapt the institutional set-up to increase competitiveness and consolidate public finances simultaneously?"***

Chair: SERVAAS DEROOSE, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

List of panellists:

- ANDRE SAPIR, ULB (UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES) AND BRUEGEL CENTRE
- DIRK HEREMANS, KULEUVEN
- PIERRE DEFRAIGNE, MADARIAGA FOUNDATION
- EDWARD GARDNER, IMF (INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND)
- HENRI BOGAERT, UNAMUR (UNIVERSITÉ DE NAMUR) AND FEDERAL PLANNING BUREAU

16:45 – 17:00 Summary and conclusions: SERVAAS DEROOSE, EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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