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Conclusions from the European Foresight Expert Group

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Brussels, Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170 (Room Sicco Mansholt)
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09.00 Registration and Coffee

09.15 Introduction

José Manuel Silva Rodríguez, Director-General, European Commission, DG Research

Session I – Main Trends

Chair person: *Vitor Gaspar*, Acting Director General, European Commission, BEPA

09.30 Demographic and urbanisation trends

Gijs Beets, Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI)

09.50 Macro-economic projections and place of Asia

Lionel Fontagné, Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII)

10.10 Education, science, technology and culture

João Caração, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian

10.30 Debate

11.00 Coffee break

Session II – Tensions and "Wild cards"

Chair person: *Jérôme Vignon*, Director, European Commission, DG Employment

11.30 Scarcity of natural resources and vulnerability of the planet

Uno Svedin, Swedish FORMAS Research Council

11.50 The new production-consumption patterns

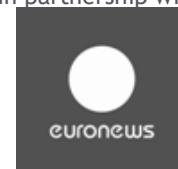
Luc Soete, University of Maastricht

12.10 The "Wild cards"

Thierry Gaudin, Fondation 2100

12.30 Debate

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13.00 Lunch

Session III – Transitions

Chair person: *Anneli Pauli*, Deputy Director-General, European Commission, DG Research

14.00 A multi-polar world?

***Nicole Gnesotto*, Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM)**

14.20 The socio-ecological transition?

***Joséphine Green*, Philips**

14.40 Beyond technological innovation?

***Jennifer Cassingena Harper*, Malta Council for Science and Technology**

15.00 Debate

Session IV – Next steps

Chair person: *Jean-Michel Baer*, Director, European Commission, DG Research

15.30 A European perspective on Forward looking studies

***Vitor Gaspar / Vasco Cal*, European Commission, Bureau of European Policy Advisers - BEPA**

15.50 Forward looking activities in the Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities programme

***Pierre Valette*, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Research**

16.10 Conclusions

***Jean-Michel Baer*, Director, European Commission, DG Research**

16.30 End of the meeting