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## Conference "Towards implementing European Public Sector Accounting Standards" 29-30 May 2013

Charlemagne – Room Alcide de Gasperi, Brussels

### Conference Programme - 28.05.2013

**Wednesday, 29 May 2013**

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**13:30 – 14:30** Registration

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**14:30 – 15:40** **Opening of the conference**

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**Welcome:** Walter Radermacher, EU Chief Statistician, Eurostat Director-General

**Keynote address:** Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council

**Opening address:** Algirdas Šemeta, Commissioner for Taxation, Customs, Statistics, Audit and Anti-fraud

**Opening remarks:** Walter Radermacher, EU Chief Statistician, Eurostat Director-General

**15:40 - 16:00** Break

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**SESSION 1** **The political context – sovereign debt crisis, economic governance, transparency and trust in fiscal data**

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**16:00 - 17:15**

**Chair:** Walter Radermacher, EU Chief Statistician, Eurostat Director-General

- Sharon Bowles, MEP, Chair, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON)
- Vítor Manuel da Silva Caldeira, President, European Court of Auditors (ECA)
- *The importance of high quality public sector accounting for the ECB*  
Aurel Schubert, Director General Statistics, European Central Bank (ECB)

- *Building trust and financial stability through transparency and accountability*  
Fayezul Choudhury, CEO, International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)
- *The European Union Supreme Audit Institutions' Perspective to the implementation of European Public Sector Accounting Standards – governance issues, benefits and challenges and the value of Supreme Audit Institutions' participation - Outcomes of the EU Supreme Audit Institution seminar on IPSAS and European Public Sector Accounting Standards (2013)*  
Dr. Tuomas Pöysti, Auditor General, Finland, and Jean-Raphaël Alventosa, Director of international relations, French Cour des Comptes

**17:15 – 17:30**      Questions

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**17:30 – 19:00**      Close of session and reception

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## **Thursday, 30 May 2013**

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### **SESSION 2      Fiscal transparency and public accounting**

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**09:30 - 10:45**

**Chair:** Lucio R. Pench, Director for Fiscal Policy, DG for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN)

- *Fiscal Transparency in the Wake of the Crisis*  
Richard Hughes, Division Chief - Public Financial Management I, International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- *The need for fiscal transparency and harmonised public sector accounting standards*  
Olivier Boutellis-Taft, CEO, Federation of European Accountants (FEE)
- *The need for harmonised, accruals-based European Public Sector Accounting Standards from a German perspective*  
Prof. Dr. Berit Adam, Berlin School of Economics and Law, Comparative International Governmental Accounting Research Network (CIGAR - Network)
- *Reflections on the costs and benefits of EPSAS*  
Dr. Danny S. L. Chow, Lecturer in Accounting at Durham Business School, Durham University, UK, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA)

**10:45 – 11:00**      Questions

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**11:00 – 11:30**      Break

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### **SESSION 3      Suitability of IPSAS and national experiences of reforms**

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**11:30 – 14:30**

**Chair:** Manfred Kraff – Deputy-Director General, Accounting Officer of the Commission, DG for Budget (DG BUDG)

- *IPSAS - The international financial reporting standards for the public sector*  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Bergmann, Chair, International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB)
- *Public sector accounting reform in Lithuania: experience, lessons and challenges*  
Ingrida Muckutė, Director, Accounting Methodology Department, Ministry of Finance, Lithuania
- *Accrual Accounting and Budgeting: Why and How? Austrian Reform Experiences*  
Gerhard Steger, Director General, DG for Budget and Public Finances, Austrian Federal Ministry of Finance

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**12:30 - 14:00** Lunch break

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- *French accounting reform*  
David Litvan, Accounting Officer, Deputy Director, DG of Public Finances - Ministry of Finance, France
- *Accrual accounting in the UK*  
Ian Carruthers, Policy and Technical Director, Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and Karen Sanderson, Deputy Director, Public Spending, Government Financial Reporting, HM Treasury, UK

**14:30 – 15:00** Questions

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**15:00 – 15:30** Break

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## **SESSION 4 Accounting standards, governance, the way forward**

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**15:30 – 17:00**

**Chair:** François Lequiller, Director, Government Finance Statistics, Eurostat

Round-table / Panel (including questions from the audience)

- Ugo Bassi, Director of the Capital and Companies Directorate of DG Internal Market and Services (DG MARKET)
- María Rosa Aldea Busquets, Director, Budget execution, DG for Budget (DG BUDG)
- Thomas Müller-Marqués Berger, Chair, Public Sector Committee, Fédération des Experts-comptables Européens (FEE)
- Michel Prada, Chairman the Public Sector Accounting Standard Council, France and Chairman of the OECD Public Sector Accrual Symposium
- Peter Welch, Director, Audit and audit supervision - Financial and compliance audit Directorate, European Court of Auditors (ECA)

**17:00 Closing remarks:** F. Lequiller, Director, Government Finance Statistics, Eurostat