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"Profiling the European Union in Times of Change"

How to safeguard and strengthen the EU's values, principles and institutions?

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Wednesday, June 7

20.00 Reception and welcome drinks

20.30 Dinner

Venue: Restaurant of the Hotel Pousada de Lisboa (Patio de Amalia)

Thursday, June 8

09.30 Opening Session:

Introduction to the Conference

Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister
Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Office for Spain and Portugal, Madrid

Opening Remarks

Dr. Assunção Cristas
President of CDS-PP, former Minister of Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Territorial Planning, Portugal

Sofia Alves
Head of the European Commission Representation in Portugal

10.00 First session:

The End of the Western World and the future balance of the Atlantic triangle

Chair

Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister
Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Office for Spain and Portugal, Madrid

Keynotes

Prof. Ludger Kühnhardt
Director, Center for European Integration Studies (ZEI) and Professor of Political Science at the Institute for Political Science and Sociology, University of Bonn, Germany

Dr. Frances G. Burwell
Vice President, European Union and Special Initiatives, Atlantic Council, USA

Discussants

Pablo Casado
Vice-Secretary for Communication of the Popular Party PP, Member of the National Parliament, Spain

Marton Schöberl
Director, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

Roland Freudenstein
Head of Research, Deputy Director and Policy Director of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European, Studies, Belgium

General Debate among Participants

12.30 Lunch

14.00 <u>Second session</u>:

Getting the EU fit for the new times I - Task sharing in policy making between European institutions and national governments

<u>Chair</u>

Prof. João Carlos Espada
Director and founder, Institute for Political Studies at the Catholic University of Portugal

<u>Keynotes</u>

Prof. Loukas Tsoukalis
President of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy, Greece

Prof. Thomas Christiansen
Chair in European Institutional Politics, Maastricht University, Netherlands

<u>Discussants</u>

Prof. Malgorzata Bonikowska
President, Center for International Relations, Poland

Dr. Arjen Siegmann
Senior Economist, Research Institute of CDA, Netherlands

Mikel Burzako
Director of Coordination, Basque Government, Spain

General Debate among Participants

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 **<u>Third session</u>:**

Getting the EU fit for the new times II - A new division of labor among the European Parliament and national parliaments

<u>Chair</u>

Marton Schöberl
Director, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

<u>Keynotes</u>

Miro Kovac
Member of Parliament and Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, former Foreign Minister of Croatia, Croatia

Dr. José Ramón García Hernández
Executive Secretary of International Relations of the Partido Popular, Member of Parliament, Spain

Discussants

Karl-Georg Wellmann
Member of the German Federal Parliament, Germany

Christian Ghinea
Member of the National Parliament, Romania

Dzhema Grozdanova
Member of Parliament and Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

General Debate among Participants

17.30 *End of program day 1*

20.30 Dinner

Speaker

Dr. Pedro Passos Coelho
Prime Minister of Portugal (2011 – 15), President of the Partido Socal Democrata, Portugal

Venue: Restaurant of the Hotel Pousada de Lisboa (Patio de Amalia)

Friday, June 9

09.00 **Fourth session:**

Elections in Europe 2017 and their impact on the EU and its role in international politics

Chair

Diogo Belford
International Director, Instituto Amaro da Costa (IDL), Portugal

Keynotes

Elmar Brok
Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Germany

Jean-Dominique Giuliani
President, Robert Schuman Foundation, France

Prof. Gianfranco Pasquino
Professor of Political Science, SAIS Bologna Center, John Hopkins University, Italy

Discussants

Marek Ženíšek
Member of Parliament, Member of the Committee on European Affairs and the Committee on Defence, Czech Republic

Ioannis Kefalogiannis
Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Spokesperson of Nea Demokratia, Member of the Committee on National Defense and Foreign Affairs, Greece

Francisco de Borja Lasheras
Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations, Madrid Office

General Debate among Participants

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 **Fifth session:**

Keeping enthusiasm for the European project among the younger generation - The role of the media

Chair:

Prof. Malgorzata Bonikowska
President, Center for International Relations, Poland

Keynotes

Nikolaus Nuspliger
EU Correspondent in Brussels, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Switzerland

Rui Ramos
Observador, Portugal

Discussants

Michael Stabenow
EU Correspondent in Brussels, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Germany

Dr. Ilke Toygür
Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain

Pablo Rodriguez Suanzes
EU Correspondent in Brussels, El Mundo, Spain

General Debate among Participants

13.00 **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Wilhelm Hofmeister

13.30 Lunch

Departure