

ANNUAL EU BUDGET CONFERENCE

29 APRIL 2024

LOOKING AHEAD:
THE **EU BUDGET OF THE FUTURE**

📍 De Gasperi room, Charlemagne building

MORNING

08:45 – 09:45

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:45 – 09:50

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Master of Ceremony:

Damita Pressl, Journalist

09:50 – 10:05

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The EU budget: Looking ahead

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, European Commission

10:05 – 10:20

OPENING REMARKS

Hadja Lahbib, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Affairs and Foreign Trade and the Federal Cultural Institutions, Belgium

10:20 – 10:35

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The future of the EU budget is the future of the EU

Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister, Croatia

10:35 – 12:00

PANEL I

A future proof budget - MFF 2.0

- What should be the main priorities for the next Commission and how could this be reflected in the EU budget?
- Which challenges for the future EU budget and how to address them?
- Looking at the EU as an actor in the neighbourhood and beyond, which budgetary implications and constraints?
- Are the current structure and financing set up of the budget suitable for the challenges we are facing?

Panellists:

Paulo Rangel, Minister of State and Foreign Affairs, Portugal

Enrico Letta, EU Rapporteur on the future of the Single Market, President of the Jacques Delors Institute

Jyrki Katainen, Head of Group of Public Affairs, Nordea

Fredrik Persson, President, BusinessEurope

Stéphanie Riso, Director-General for Budget, European Commission

Moderator: **Henry Foy**, Brussels Bureau Chief, Financial Times

12:00 -12:15

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Europe's Path: Supporting accession

Keynote:

Maia Sandu, President, Moldova

AFTERNOON

12:15 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 15:30

PANEL II

An EU budget for competitiveness

- How can the EU budget support effectively the EU economy and its industry in a more competitive global environment?
- How to foster growth-enhancing reforms? Can the RRF serve as a blueprint?
- How should the EU budget foster EU cohesion and resilience in the next MFF?
- How could the EU budget leverage additional investments in critical technologies?
- Are new instruments necessary to boost competitiveness, enhance skills, and reduce strategic dependencies?

15:30 -15:45

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

An EU budget for a global Europe and global challenges

15:45 – 16:00

COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 16:15

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Financing strategic EU priorities

16:15-16:30

CLOSING FIRESIDE CHAT

A legacy for the future

16:30– 18:00

NETWORKING DRINKS

Panellists:

Nadia Calviño, President, European Investment Bank

Magnus Brunner, Minister of Finance, Austria

Christian Sewing, CEO, Deutsche Bank

Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl, Director General, DIGITALEUROPE

Moderator: Silvia Amaro, Moderator, CNBC

Keynote:

Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund

Keynote:

Vincent Van Peteghem, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, in charge of the Coordination of the Fight against Fraud and the National Lottery, Belgium

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, European Commission

in conversation with

Maria Tadeo, European Correspondent



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