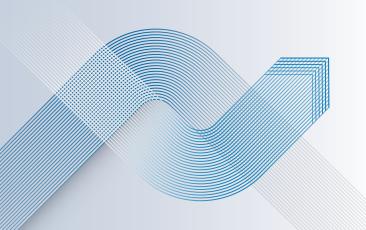
# ANNUAL EU BUDGET CONFERENCE 29 APRIL 2024

LOOKING AHEAD:
THE EU BUDGET OF THE FUTURE

Open Gasperi room, Charlemagne building



# **MORNING**

08:45 - 09:45

REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:45 - 09:50

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

09:50 - 10:05

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** 

The EU budget: Looking ahead

10:05 - 10:20

**OPENING REMARKS** 

10:20 - 10:35

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** 

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

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?

12:00 -12:15

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS** 

Europe's Path: Supporting accession

Master of Ceremony:

Damita Pressl, Journalist

**Johannes Hahn**, Commissioner for Budget and Administration, European Commission

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

Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister, Croatia

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

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











