

# ANNUAL EU BUDGET CONFERENCE

8 NOVEMBER 2021

THE EU BUDGET AND NGEU:  
**FIREWORKS OR BIG BANG?**

## MORNING

**08:45 - 09:50**

REGISTRATION

**09:50 - 10:00**

WELCOME REMARKS

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

**10:00 - 10:15**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The EU Budget at the centre of policy delivery

**Ursula von der Leyen**, President, European Commission

**10:15 - 11:15**

FIRST MORNING THEMATIC DEBATE

The EU as an issuer: challenges and opportunities

- What are the challenges of the EU as an issuer?
- How can euro denominated high rated bonds issued by the EU contribute to the completion of the capital markets union and to promote the EU beyond its borders?
- Will it lead to increasing the international role of the euro?
- What is the impact on the issuance of green and social bonds?
- What are the policy implications?

*Moderator:* **Rebecca Christie**, Bruegel Fellow  
*Panellists:* **Christian Sewing**, CEO of Deutsche Bank

**Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General for Budget, European Commission

**Sylvain Broyer**, S&P Chief Economist, EMEA

**Elena Carletti**, Professor of Finance, Bocconi University, Department of Finance

**11:15-11:30**

COFFEE BREAK

**11:30 - 12:30**

SECOND MORNING THEMATIC DEBATE

New own resources empowering the EU budget

- After four decades with limited changes, the own resources system is undergoing a substantial transformation. Why new own resources for the EU budget?
- What would be the ideal revenue composition of the EU budget?
- What impact could new own resources have on the size of future budgets and the repayment of NGEU borrowing?

*Moderator:* **Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General for Budget, European Commission

*Introductory speech:* **Nadia Calviño**<sup>1</sup>, Vice-President and Minister for Economy and Digitalization, Spain

*Panellists:* **Clément Beaune**, Minister of State for European Affairs, France

**Johan Van Overtveldt**, Member of the European Parliament - Chair of the Committee on Budget

**Cinzia Alcidi**, Director of Research, Centre for European Policy Studies

**12:30 - 14:30**

LUNCH BREAK

<sup>1</sup> Keynote speaker will stay to exchange with panel.

# AFTERNOON

**14:30 - 14:40**

## TED-STYLE TALK

“An EU budget for growth”

**Clemens Fuest**, President of the Institute for Economic Research and Director of the Center for Economic Studies University of Munich

**14:40 - 15:30**

## AFTERNOON THEMATIC DEBATE

### The evolving nature of the EU budget

- How has the EU budget changed?
- What are the most salient features?
- Is the EU budget fit for Europe’s challenge or are further transformations necessary?
- What impact does the EU budget have on growth and the climate and digital transitions after the crisis?
- How to increase synergies between Member States and EU policies for more policy impact?

*Moderator:* **Sam Fleming**, Brussels Bureau Chief, Financial Times

*In conversation with:* **Kristalina Georgieva**, IMF Managing Director; former EC Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources

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

**15:30 - 15:45**

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

EU budget: Lessons learnt from the crisis

**António Costa**, Prime Minister, Portugal

**15:45 - 15:50**

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General for Budget, European Commission

**16:00 - 17:00**

## MEET THE EXPERTS<sup>2</sup>

### TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

#### Measuring climate mainstreaming

How to measure the contribution of the EU budget to climate (and biodiversity) objectives? What are the most efficient policy tools to contribute to these objectives? What methodologies are available? How to improve the link between measurement and policy?

*Moderator:* **Ester Asin Martinez**, Director, WWF European Policy Office

*Panellists:* **Philippe Lamberts**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA Co-President

**Jon Blöndal**, Head of Budgeting and Public Management, OECD

**Diana Ürge-Vorsatz**, Vice Chair of Working Group III (Mitigation) of IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change)

**Clara De La Torre**, Deputy Director-General for Climate Action, European Commission

<sup>2</sup> In English only

### Master of Ceremony:

**Beatriz Rios**, El Economista correspondent



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