

The Value of Europe



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Dear Sir / Madam,

Europe finds itself in a historic defining phase. Our current actions in and discourse on Europe will long define our continent and its political culture. What we do now will determine what view the Germans take of Europe, how our European neighbours view Germany, and how the world sees Europe for years to come.

That is why we would like to invite you to a conference on **“The Value of Europe”** to be held in the *Weltsaal* of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin on Tuesday, *18 September 2012*.

The conference will be hosted by the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Guido Westerwelle MP. The Bertelsmann Foundation, ARTE and Deutschlandfunk are conference partners.

The conference title speaks for itself: Europe not only has a price, it also, more importantly, has a value. The conference wants to focus attention on the fact that Europe is about so much more than interest rate spreads, haircuts and rescue packages. So European intellectuals, politicians and business experts will be discussing what Europe’s value really is today. We hope that this will at the same time give fresh impetus to the debate about Europe’s future.

The conference programme is enclosed with this invitation.

Please confirm your attendance by *31 August 2012* by emailing the enclosed form to derwerteuropas@bertelsmann-stiftung.de.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the conference team at the Federal Foreign Office by emailing wert.europas@diplo.de.

Yours sincerely,
The “Value of Europe” Team

Join the debate!

On the web, via livestream, on facebook and on twitter:

We do not wish to restrict discussion of the value of Europe merely to the Weltsaal at the Federal Foreign Office. There are a number of ways in which we hope to get as many interested individuals as possible involved in the debate:

From 1 September you will have the chance to gather information and contribute to the debate on the internet at www.arte.de/werteuropa (French: www.arte.fr/valeurope). The entire conference will also be broadcast on livestream under those links.

Also from 1 September, ARTE will post reports before, during and after the conference on its Facebook page: www.facebook.com/artetv.

You can discuss conference topics and enter into dialogue with other interested parties on Twitter via the conference hashtag [#WertEuropa](https://twitter.com/#WertEuropa) (French: [#Valeurope](https://twitter.com/#Valeurope); English: [#Valueurope](https://twitter.com/#Valueurope)) from 1 September.

In the media:

Deutschlandfunk

Deutschlandfunk will be recording the panel discussion “Europe as a community of shared values: What do we stand for?” at 11.30 a.m. and broadcasting it during the “Zur Diskussion” programme at 7.15 p.m. on 19 September. In Berlin you can get Deutschlandfunk on 97.7 VHF, by cable and satellite or on livestream at deutschlandradio.de.

The panel discussion “Europe, a project for the future: What Europe do we want?” will be broadcast live at 4.00 p.m. on the “Dokumente und Debatten” channel, which you can get on 153 and 177 kHz LW, 990 kHz MW, on livestream at deutschlandradio.de or on new digital radio (DAB+).

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On the day of the conference, ARTE will be broadcasting an hour-long TV debate on the value of Europe as part of an evening looking at the subject (9.25 p.m., French: 10.00 p.m.).