BRUSSELS THINK TANK DIALOGUE – STATE OF THE UNION 2015
A NEW DEPARTURE FOR THE EU

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 28 January 2015, 9.15 – 18.00 (followed by a reception)
Venue: Residence Palace (Polak Room), Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels
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9.15 – 9.30 WELCOME ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION
Aart De Geus, Chairman and CEO, Bertelsmann Stiftung

9.30 – 10.45 SESSION 1: REVISITING ENERGY SECURITY IN TURBULENT TIMES
Introduced by
Kirsten Westphal, Senior Associate, Research Division: Global Issues, SWP – German Institute for International and Security Affairs
Thierry Deschuyteneer, Executive Secretary, GIE - Gas Infrastructure Europe
Marie Donnelly, Director, DG Energy, European Commission

Chaired by
Etienne Davignon, President, Egmont Institute, and President, Friends of Europe/Les amis de l’Europe
10.45 – 12.00  
**SESSION 2: A SINGLE EUROPEAN LABOUR MARKET: MOVING IT CLOSER?**

Introduced by

**Ruth Paserman**, Deputy Head, Cabinet of European Commissioner Marianne Thyssen

**Miroslav Beblavy**, Senior Research Fellow, CEPS - The Centre for European Policy Studies

**Gregory Claes**, Resident Scholar, Bruegel

**Anne Macey**, Chief Executive, Confrontations Europe

Chaired by

**Eric Thode**, Senior Expert, Bertelsmann Stiftung

12.15 – 13.30  
**LUNCHEON**

13.30 – 14.15  
**THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND THE INVESTMENT PLAN: DELIVERING GROWTH?**

A conversation with

**Jyrki Katainen**  
Vice President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness, European Commission

Conducted by **Daniel Gros**, Director, CEPS - The Centre for European Policy Studies, and **Aart De Geus**

14.15 – 15.30  
**SESSION 3: THREE CHALLENGES FOR TOMMORROW’S EU MIGRATION POLICY: FAIRNESS, MOBILITY AND NARRATIVES**

Introduced by

**Matthias Mayer**, Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung

**Yves Pascouau**, Director of Migration and Mobility Policies and Head of Programme European Migration and Diversity, EPC - European Policy Centre

**Shada Islam**, Director of Policy, Friends of Europe/Les amis de l’Europe

Chaired by

**Liz Collett**, Director, MPI – Migration Policy Institute Europe, and Senior Advisor to MPI’s Transatlantic Council on Migration
15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 – 18.00 **DIRECTORS’ SESSION: THE NEIGHBOURHOOD IN SHAMBLES: CAN THE EU FIX IT?**

**Pierre Defraigne**, Executive Director, Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation

**Giles Merritt**, Secretary General, Friends of Europe/Les amis de l’Europe

**Marc Otte**, Director-General, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations

**Guntram Wolff**, Director, Bruegel

**Fabian Zuleeg**, Chief Executive and Head of Programme Europe’s Political Economy, EPC - European Policy Centre

Chaired by

**Laurence Norman**, Deputy Bureau Chief, Wall Street Journal

18.00 **END OF CONFERENCE**
followed by a reception