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## 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 Claeys**, 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**