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### PROGRAMME

#### 9 May - 'Europe after Lisbon'

FORMAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

- 9.00 **Jerzy Buzek**, President of the European Parliament  
**José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission

### 1. Lisbon and Beyond

Introduction

- 9.45 **The Union at 60: The Weight of its Past on its Future Prospects after the Lisbon Treaty**  
**Joseph Weiler**, NYU

Moderator: **Josep Borrell**, President of the European University Institute

Presentations

- 10.00 **Shaping our Future through Education**  
**Androulla Vassiliou**, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth
- 10.15 **The Lisbon Treaty: Which Opportunities for Citizens?**  
**Carlo Casini**, President of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, EP
- 10.30 Coffee break – Sala d'Arme
- 11.00 **A Different Union, but not a Better One**  
**Martin Winter**, Sueddeutsche Zeitung
- 11.15 **Enlargements versus Political Deepening: a Dilemma which remains Today?**  
**Sylvie Goulard**, MEP
- 11.30 **The Lisbon Treaty - Myths and Facts about the Legislative Powers of National Parliaments**  
**Ludek Sefzig**, President of the Committee of EU Affairs - Senate of the Czech Republic
- 11.45-12.45 Discussion
- 12.45 Lunch at Palazzo Vecchio

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### 2. Europe in the Globalised World

Introduction

- 14.15 **Europe, Shaping and Being Shaped by Globalization**  
**Adrienne Héritier**, European University Institute

Moderator: **Peter Spiegel**, Financial Times

Presentations

- 14.30 **National Diplomacies and the EEAS**  
**Franco Frattini**, Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 14.45 **The Role of the EU in the Global World from the Perspective of the EU Presidency**  
**János Martonyi**, Hungarian Minister for Foreign Affairs
- 15.00 Coffee Break – Sala d’Arme
- 15.30 **The EU and US: The Burden of Global Responsibility**  
**William E. Kennard**, US Ambassador to the EU
- 15.45 **The EU Seen from China**  
**Jianmin Wu**, Chairman, Shanghai Centre for International Studies
- 16.00 **The EU Seen from Russia**  
**Alexander Grushko**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- 16.15 **Reactions and Coherence of Europe towards the Crisis, from the Balkans to Maghreb**  
**Massimo Nava**, Corriere della Sera
- 16.30-17.30 Discussion

10 May - ‘The Euro after Lisbon’

### 3. The Euro and the Global Economic Governance

Introduction

- 9.45 **Debt Crisis in the Eurozone and the Future of the Euro**  
**Paul De Grauwe**, University of Leuven
- Moderator: **Giancarlo Corsetti**, University of Cambridge/Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

Presentations

- 10.00 **The Euro needs Economic Union - but is it coming?**  
**Mario Monti**, Former Commissioner and President of Università Bocconi
- 10.15 **Monetary and Financial Stability in the Euro Area**  
**Lorenzo Bini Smaghi**, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank
- 10.30 Coffee break – Sala d’Arme
- 11.00 **Why Europe Needs Eurobonds?**  
**Erik Jones**, Johns Hopkins SAIS Bologna Center

- 11.15 **Euro Area 2.0?**  
**Zsolt Darvas**, Bruegel
- 11.30 **The State of EMU**  
**Yves Mersch**, Governor of the Central Bank of Luxembourg
- 11.45 -12.45 Discussion
- 12.45 Lunch at Palazzo Vecchio

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## 4. Growth, Employment, Financial Stability after the Crisis

Introduction

- 14.15 **Will New Financial Regulation Bring Financial Stability to the EU?**  
**Richard Portes**, London Business School, President of the Centre for Economic Policy Research
- Moderator: **Ramon Marimon**, Director of the Max Weber Programme, EUI

Presentations

- 14.30 **Europe's New Growth and Stability Agenda**  
**André Sapir**, Université Libre de Bruxelles
- 14.45 **Entrepreneurship: Turning Europe Young Again**  
**Dimitris Tsigos**, President of YES – European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs
- 15.00 Coffee Break – Sala d'Arme
- 15.30 **Controlling Risks in the Financial System**  
**Thomas F. Cooley**, Leonard N. Stern School of Business, New York University
- 15.45-16.45 Discussion

- 16.45-17.45 Formal Closure of the Conference  
**Josep Borrell**, President of the European University Institute  
**Alessandro Plateroti**, Deputy Editor of Il Sole 24 Ore