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## BRUSSELS

FONDATION UNIVERSITAIRE - HYBRID



# PROGRAMME

Venue: [Fondation Universitaire](#) - rue d'Egmont, 11 - Brussels - Belgium  
and via live streaming

[Welcome coffee: 10:00 am](#)

[Live stream connection: please connect at 10:50 am - start at 11:00 am](#)

[Link livestream: https://live.mymediazone.be/pages/elec-75th-anniversary](https://live.mymediazone.be/pages/elec-75th-anniversary)

Keynote speech from 11:00 am to 11:15 am - recorded video message by:

**President of the European Commission Mrs. Ursula von der Leyen**

Theme: “Challenges and opportunities to position Europe as a truly competitive region in the world for the XXI century”

**Keynote speech by: Mr. Olivier Guersent** - Director General DG Competition  
from 11:15 am to 11:45 am

[Round table 1 – discussion panel: from 11:45 am to 1:15 pm](#)

**Moderated by : Mr. Franz Nauschnigg** - Secretary General ELEC Austria, Task Force on Carbon Pricing in Europe

Theme: “The Green Deal – Next ESG Challenges for European Companies and Institutions”

**Keynote Speaker: Mr. Michele Crisostomo** - Chairman ENEL (recorded video message)

- **Mr. Edmond Alphandéry** - Chairman of the Task Force on Carbon Pricing in Europe & Chairman Euro 50 Group - Former Minister of Economy and Finance of France - CO2 trading: a vision to rebalance sustainability towards a net zero
- **Mrs. Beatriz Yordi Aguirre** - Director EC DG Clima - Environment framework on CO2 trading, is the EU setting the Global standards?
- **Mr. Ricardo Laiseca** - EVP Global Head of Sustainable Finance at BBVA
- **Mr. Massimo Deandreis** - General Manager S.R.M. Economic Research Center related to Intesa Sanpaolo Group. Chairman GEI - Italian Society of Business Economists

- **Mr. Javier Santacruz** - Head of Research at the Institut Agrícola Català de Sant Isidre  
- Challenges and Opportunities to transform the Agribusiness Industry

[Lunch break: from 1:15 pm to 2:00 pm \(sandwich lunch on location\)](#)

[Round table 2 – discussion panel: from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm](#)

Theme: **“ELEC’s history – ELEC today and the future of Europe: how much values matter?”**

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Bernard Snoy et d’Oppuers** - Honorary Chairman ELEC and Chairman Robert Triffin International Foundation
- **Mr. Eric Bussière** - Professor at the University of Paris IV-Sorbonne, Jean Monnet Chair in the History of European Construction.
- **Mr. Petros Fassoulas** - Secretary General of the European Movement

[Round table 3 - discussion panel: from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm](#)

Theme: **“Effective implementation of the Recovery and Resilience funds: Is the Next Generation EU Transforming the European paradigm?”**

Moderated by: **Mr. Olivier Klein** President ELEC France and CEO Banque BRED

**Keynote lecture by Mr. Enric Fernández** - Head of Strategic Planning and Research and Chief Economist at CaixaBank

- **Ms. Lucía Caudet Balzer** - Deputy Head of Cabinet of M. Thierry Breton - Institutional vision from the Commissioner’s Office
- **Mr. Enrico Giordano** - General Counsel of Chiamenti Law Firm: A vision from Italy
- **Mr. Radu Deac** - President ELEC Romania: A vision from Romania
- **Mr. Antonio Martins da Cruz** - President ELEC Portugal: A vision from Portugal
- **Mr. Maciej Dobrzyniecki** - President ELEC Poland: A vision from Poland

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- **Mr. Iliya Lingorski** - Chief Economist at the Bulgarian Development Bank - A vision from Bulgaria

[Coffee break: from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm](#)

[Round table 4 – discussion panel: from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm](#)

Theme: “**Quo Vadis Europe: Digitally, Economically, Geopolitically, ...**”

**Keynote lecture by Mr. Gerard de Graaf** - Director Digital Transformation at EC DG Connect

- **Mr. Joost van Iersel** - Senior Advisor to the European Policy Center
- **Prof. Dr. Daniela Schwarzer** - Executive director for Europe and Eurasia of the Open Society Foundations
- **Ms. Elena Flores** – Deputy Director General - DG ECFIN - Investment and International

[Closing Lecture from 6.30 to 7.00 pm](#)

**“Fiscal Policy in the EU, is it sustainable?” by Mr. Wim Boonstra** - Professor of Economic and Monetary Policy at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Former Chairman ELEC Monetary Commission and Chief Economist Rabobank

[Seated dinner on location \(on invitation only\): 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm](#)

**Keynote lecture : “Is the EU at the driving seat of the new global economic model?”**

- **M. Freddy Van den Spiegel** - Professor Free University Brussels - Financial Management - Financial Markets and Financial Institutions - Global banking
- **Mr. Jonás Fernández** - MEP - ECON and Rapporteur on Basel III