



EUROPE'S FUTURE AHEAD: OUR PROGRESSIVE ROAD-MAP

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Plenary room

The European Union is going through crucial times. After a long period of economic, political and social crises, which have exposed the structural inadequacies of the European construction, and have fed populist movements and triggered nationalist revivals all over our continent, the European Union is gradually recovering and a new willingness to bring about a substantial change in the process of European integration seems to be emerging. Progressive forces must take the lead of this process, promote a progressive way forward, shape the road-map before the European elections and produce a positive and pro-European breakthrough. With this in mind, the Foundation for European Progressive Studies is promoting a wide discussion within the framework of the 2017 PES Council to debate on the most pressing decisions that the EU is going to make in the close future, namely on the reform of the EMU, Europe's social dimension, the question of realising the SDGs, the need to address the issue of the management of migration flows and of the integration of migrants in our societies, and, last but not least, that of the strengthening of European democracy. In order to favour the dialogue with the audience, the speakers will deliver only brief statements aimed at providing some food for thought.

PROGRAMME

Opening remarks and moderation:

Ernst STETTER, Secretary General, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Speakers:

Stability, convergence, growth and employment: the goals of EMU reform

Maria João RODRIGUES, President, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Ensuring upward social convergence in the EU

László ANDOR, former European Commissioner, Director of the Department of Economic Policy at the Corvinus University (Budapest), and FEPS Non-Resident Fellow

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Realising the Sustainable Development Goals

Eveline HERFKENS, former Minister of Development Cooperation of The Netherlands

Managing migration flows and promoting integration

Gesine SCHWAN, President, Humboldt-Viadrina Governance Platform

Democracy, institutions and participation in Europe

Josep BORRELL, former President of the European Parliament, “Jean Monnet” Chair on European Economic Integration, Instituto Complutense de Estudios Internacionales, Madrid Complutense University, and Chair of FEPS Scientific Council