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International Congress 2018 BERLIN – October 17-20

More Europe, less Europe, better Europe - How can we defend the European idea?

Program*

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Wednesday, October 17 (1st day)

Within **4:00pm** Arrival in hotel: Arcotel - John F, Werderscher Markt 11, 10117 Berlin
(www.arcotelhotels.com/johnf)

Registration of participants and handover of Congress' documentation

5:00pm Visit to the Federal press conference, Schiffbauerdamm 40, 10117 Berlin,
Welcome address by **Dr. Gregor Mayntz**, Chairman of BPK

6:00pm Reception, Representation of the European Parliament
10117 Berlin, Unter den Linden 78, following Buffet
Welcome address **Frank Piplat**: Outlook on the EP-Lecture 2019

Thursday, October 18 (2nd day)

9:00am Opening of the Congress by the EJ President **Prof. Dr. Paolo Magagnotti**

Dr. Christian Kastrop, Director „Programm Europas Zukunft“,
Bertelsmann Stiftung

Special address: **Prof. Dr. Monika Grütters**, Staatsministerin für Kultur und Medien

Video-message by **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament

9:45am **Forum I – Europe : Engagement**

Dr. Linn Selle, President of EBD:

The “White Paper on the future of Europe” – discussion about the scenarios needs more participation

Céline Diebold, Projektmanagerin Bertelsmann Stiftung:
City-partnership – the basic foundation

Dr. Ansgar Burghof, Vorstand Gustav Stresemann Institut:
Learning for Europe

Elmar Brok, MEP, President Union Europäischer Förderalisten:
EP-Election 2019: Extremist parties on the rise – How to stop them?

Debate

Moderation: **Dr. Andrés Radetzky**

12:15pm Lunch break

1:00pm **Forum II – Building project : Europe**

Dr. Norbert Röttgen MdB, Vorsitzender des Auswärtigen Ausschusses des Deutschen Bundestages:
Surrounded by sources of fire – the geopolitical challenge of EU

Gunther Krichbaum MdB, Vorsitzender des Ausschusses für Angelegenheiten der Europäischen Union des Deutschen Bundestages:
Brexit and other splits – more stability is required

Manuel Sarrazin MdB, Sprecher für Osteuropapolitik der Fraktion B'90/Die Grünen:
Crises in Eastern EU – disillusionment from Bulgaria to Poland

Debate

Moderation: **Dr. Ralf Schneider**

3:00pm Coffee break

3:30pm **Berlin City Tour** (Berlin Wall-Docu-center, Ku-Damm, Reichstag, Holocaust Memorial)

6:30pm **Reception Dinner**: Representation of Baden-Württemberg, Tiergartenstr.15,
Guest Speaker **Prime Minister Winfried Kretschmann**

Friday 19, October (3rd day)

9.00am **Forum III – Europe : Standard of values**

Dr. Katarina Barley, Bundesministerin der Justiz:
Independent justice – A bulwark for protecting democracy (tbc)

Prof. Dr. Gianni Bonvicini, Institute of International Affairs, Rome:
The external action in the future of the European Union and European identity

Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MdB, Vice-Chairman of the Liberal group
im Deutschen Bundestag:
Solid public finance – for a robust Euro

Debate

Moderation: **Michael Jäger**

10.45am **Forum IV – Europe : Visions**

A stumbled Europe – how do media react? International correspondents and EJ-members talk about their own experience and responsibility

Moderation: **Dr. Hendrik Schott, VEJ-President**

Panel discussion with **Judith van de Hulsbeek** (NL) **Dr. Paolo Magagnotti** (I), **Katarzyna Pelka-Wolsztajn** (P), **Derek Scally** (IRL), **Pascal Thibaut** (F) **Marc Williére** (LU)

Jo Leinen MEP, President of European Movement International 2011-17,
Honorary President of the U.E.F:
European Union between further-so and revival

1.00pm Lunch break

2.00 pm **Forum V – Europe - Economy**

European added value - What does economy expect from Brussels?

Round table with

Rolf von Hohenhau, President Taxpayers Association Europe

Dr. Horst Heitz, Secretary-General SME Europe

Ralf Schmitz, Verband Deutscher Metallhändler

Henning Krumrey, ALBA-Group (tbc)

N.N. Representative of the Banking group BVR (tba)

Debate:

Moderation: **Rotger Kindermann**

3.30pm **Forum VI – Europe : Culture**

Sebastian Körber, Deputy Secretary-General, Institute for foreign relations:
Our cultural heritage – A lifeboat for Europe

Dr. Albert Friggieri, Ambassador of Malta to Berlin:

European culture capital 2018 La Valetta – Discovering the European genotype

Enzo Farinella

Learning from our history: The influence of Irish monks on European culture

Debate:

Moderation: **Barbara Pehi and Sabine Geller**

Short get-together with a glass of Maltese wine

5.00pm Visit of the Humboldt-Box, Berlin castle (organized by **Konrad Freytag**)

6.30pm Reception dinner, Representation of North Rhine-Westphalia, Hiroshimastr 12,
Guest Speaker **Dr. Mark Speich**, Secretary of State (till 21.30)

Saturday, October 20, (4th day)

9.30am **Peace prayer** in the Berliner Dom with organ accompaniment with the Ambassadors from
the EU countries to Berlin. (www.berlinerdom.de)

11.00am **EJ-General Assembly** in Arcotel John F (Raum „London“) – (Separate agenda)
EJ Resolution 2018, presented by **Vassil Sotirov, EJ**

Concluding remarks of EJ President **Prof. Dr. Paolo Magagnotti**

Opportunity of visiting the Brandenburg Gate-Museum, Pariser Platz 4a,
10117 Berlin (www.brandenburgertor-museum.de)

Departure early afternoon

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