

EBS PROGRAMME

2 DAYS IN BRUSSELS - 2.200 PARTICIPANTS - 200 SPEAKERS - 50 SESSIONS - 200 REPORTERS

Monday 22 May - Citizens' day

Tuesday 23 May - Business day

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EBS STRATEGIC ROUNDTABLES



AGORA



PLENARY SESSIONS



MEET THE EXPERTS



NETWORKING MOMENTS



INNOVATION HUB



Day 1 - 10:30 – 11:00 - Agora

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS FOR BETTER ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE EUROZONE?



Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue



Guntram Wolff, Bruegel, Director



Day 1 - 11:00 -11:45 - Meet the Experts

PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS FROM THE RISKS OF BREXIT



Garvan Walshe, Brexit Analytics, CEO



Day 1 - 11:00-11:30 - Innovation HUB

DISCOVERING NOVEL DRUGS BY OBSERVING HOW BACTERIA COOPERATE, COMMUNICATE AND COMPETE



Kevin Foster, University of Oxford, Professor of Evolutionary Biology, ERC Grantee



Day 1 - 11:00-12:15 - EBS Strategic Roundtables

THE FUTURE OF HEALTHCARE: “THE IMPACT OF DIGITAL”



Monique Goyens, BEUC, Director General



Thibault Helleputte, DNAlytics, CEO




Clive Needle, EuroHealthNet, Senior Policy Advisor



Xavier Prats Monné, European Commission, Director General for Health & Food Safety



Bernd Stahl, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK, Director of the Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility

Partner of the Session: EFPIA 



Day 1 - 11:00-16:00 - EBS Strategic Roundtables

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS CONFERENCE AT EBS – CSR EUROPE: “HOW PROGRESSIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES SUPPORT INCLUSIVE GROWTH & EQUALITY”



Sami Andoura, Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), Leader of the Sustainable Development Team



Hans Daems, Hitachi Europe, Group Public Affairs Officer



Etienne Davignon, CSR Europe, President



Deirde Deburca, SDG Watch Europe, Member of the Steering Committee



Camille Gira, Luxembourg, Secretary of State Sustainable development



Christophe Guibeleguiet, Globescan, Co-CEO



Florian Guillaume, Europe Tomorrow, Co-Founder



Sevan Holemans, Generation-T, Entrepreneur



Caroline Jenner, JA-YE Europe, CEO



Eveline Jonkhoff, Eurocities, Head of Circular Economy Task Force



Jyrki Katainen, European Commission, Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness



Lise Kingo, United Nations Global Compact, Executive Director



Philippe Lamberts, European Parliament, Member



Mark Langley, Project Management Institute, President and CEO



David Leyssens, The Shift, Co-Executive Officer



Frederic Pivetta, Dalberg Data Insights, Co-founder & Managing Partner



John Raspin, Frost & Sullivan, Partner



Christian Scharff, IMS Luxembourg, President



Francesco Starace, Enel, CEO

Moderated by :



Anya Sitaram, Rockhopper TV, Founder and Director

Partner of the Session: CSR Europe



Day 1 - 11:15 – 12:15 - Agora

MONEY FOR NOTHING: THE BASIC INCOME DEBATE



Olli E. Kangas, Kela, Director of Community Relations




Mark Smith, Grenoble Ecole de Management, Professor Human Resource Management



Guy Standing, Basic Income Earth Network (BIEN), Founder member and honorary co-president

 **Philippe Van Parijs**, KUL, Professor

Moderated by :

 **Chris Burns**, Euronews, Freelance Journalist



Day 1 - 11:30-12:30 - Meet the Experts

THE DIGITAL STRATEGY IN THE EUROPEAN SPACE



Jean-Claude Marcourt, Walloon Government, Vice-President, Minister of Economy, Innovation & Digital

Partner of the Session: Wallonia



Day 1 - 11:45-12:15 - Innovation HUB

HORIZON 2050: SUPER-MATERIALS FOR ZERO FOOTPRINT



Nicola Pugno, University of Trento, Professor of Solid and Structural Mechanics



Day 1 - 12:00-12:30 - Meet the Experts

UNIVERSITIES - THEIR ROLE IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Lidia Borrell-Damián, European University Association, Director Research and Innovation



Tom Flanagan, DIT Hothouse, Centre Director



Day 1 - 12:45-13:15 - Meet the Experts

THE FUTURE OF THE SINGLE MARKET

Partner of the Session: ITN Productions



Day 1 - 13:30 – 14:30 - Agora

BETWEEN FREE TRADE AND PROTECTIONISM – WHICH WAY IS THE EU GOING?



Michel Cermak, 11.11.11., Researcher & advocate



Pierre Defraigne, Madariaga - College of Europe Foundation, Executive Director



Gilles Suply, VOKA (Flanders Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Adviser for International Entrepreneurship

Moderated by :



Chris Burns, Euronews, Freelance Journalist



Day 1 - 13:45-14:15 - Innovation HUB

EXPLORING THE NANO-FLATLANDS: NEW FRONTIERS OPENED BY THE WORLD'S THINNEST MATERIALS



Valeria Nicolosi, Trinity College Dublin, Professor of Nanomaterials and Advanced Microscopy, School of Chemistry, CRANN & AMBER



Day 1 - 14:00-14:45 - Meet the Experts

FAKE NEWS



Ruby Gropas, European Political Strategy Centre, Team Leader



Jamie Shea, NATO, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges

Moderated by :



Katrina Sichel, Moderator, Communications Specialist and Presenter



Day 1 - 14:30-15:00 - Innovation HUB

GENE THERAPY CENTRE BASED ON DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGY



Deniz Kirik, Brain Repair and Imaging in Neural Systems (BRAINS), Lund University, Professor of Neuroscience, ERC Grantee



Day 1 - 14:30-15:30 - Meet the Experts

FROM ZERO TO HERO: EUROPEAN HIDDEN CHAMPIONS

Partner of the Session: Enterprise Europe Network



Day 1 - 14:45 – 15:45 - Agora

HOW CAN EUROPE FOSTER ITS START-UP AND SCALE-UP POTENTIAL?



Karen Boers, Startups.be, Director



Tom Flanagan, DIT Hothouse, Centre Director



Linda Griffin, , Head of Public Affairs King and Chair of the European Tech Alliance





Roald Sieberath, BeCentral, Venture Capitalist



Day 1 - 15:00-15:30 - Meet the Experts

GENDER & INCLUSION IN BUSINESS: TURNING DISRUPTION INTO OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN AND YOUR COMPANY

- **Robert Baker**, Mercer, Senior Partner & Global Client Director
- **Goedele van der Linden**, Mercer, Director of Government Relations for Europe



Day 1 - 15:00-16:15 - EBS Strategic Roundtables

EUROPE’S TRADE STRATEGY: NEW TRADE DEALS FOR EUROPE

- **James Bacchus**, ICC Commission on Trade and Investment Policy, Chair
- **Bernard Hoekman**, European University Institute, Director of the Research Area Global Economics
- **Cecilia Malmström**, European Commission, Commissioner for Trade
- **Pieter Timmermans**, Federation of Enterprises in Belgium, CEO

Moderated by :


- **Shada Islam**, Friends of Europe, Director Europe & Geopolitics

Partner of the Session: International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)



Day 1 - 15:15-15:45 - Innovation HUB




REFLECTIONS ON THE ACADEMIC START-UP PROCESS

- **Davide Iannuzzi**, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Professor of Physics, PHD MBA, ERC Grantee



Day 1 - 15:45-16:15 - Meet the Experts


GENDER & INCLUSION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: WHY CARE ABOUT THE GENDER BALANCE IN BUSINESS AND EDUCATION?

- **Suzanna Filipecki Martins**, European network of science centres and museums (Ecsite), Project Manager
- **Aliki Giannakopoulou**, Ellinogermaniki Agogi SA, Project Manager
- **Meie van Laar**, NEMO Science Learning Centre, Project Manager



Day 1 - 15:45-16:45 - Meet the Experts

EUROPEAN SMART CITIES





- **Nathalie Crutzen**, Smart City Institute, Director

Partner of the Session: Wallonia



Day 1 - 15:45-17:00 - EBS Strategic Roundtables

PROTECTING OUR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM: EUROPEAN SECURITY FOR COMPANIES AND CITIZENS

- **Philippe De Backer**, Belgian Government, State Secretary for Privacy, North Sea & Anti-Fraud
- **Yves-Alexandre de Montjoye**, Imperial College London, Lecturer, Assistant Professor, Head of Computational Privacy Group
- **Julian King**, European Commission, Commissioner for Security Union
- **Ondrej Vlcek**, Avast, CTO

Moderated by :




- **Stephen Fidler**, Wall Street Journal, U.K. and Brexit Editor

Partner of the Session: European Union Agency for Network and Information Security




Day 1 - 16:00 – 17:00 - Agora

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY: A NEW TOOL TO COMPETE IN A GLOBAL WORLD?

- **Arnaldo Abruzzini**, Eurochambres, CEO
- **Pierre Lionnet**, EUROSPACE, Director of Research
- **Angelos Pangratis**, European External Action Service (EEAS), Advisor HC responsible for the European Economic Diplomacy


Moderated by :

- **Chris Burns**, Euronews, Freelance Journalist



Day 1 - 16:00-16:30 - Innovation HUB


THE CAUSES OF EXTREME PRO-GROUP ACTION

- **Harvey Whitehouse**, University of Oxford, Director of the Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, ERC Grantee



Day 1 - 16:30-17:00 - Meet the Experts



GENDER & INCLUSION IN HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Núria Saladié Elías**, Pompeu Fabra University, Studies Centre on Science, Communication and Society Department of Experimental and Health Sciences



Day 1 - 17:00-18:30 - Plenary Sessions

A NEW NARRATIVE FOR EUROPE

- **Bernard Gilliot**, FEB, President
- **Emma Marcegaglia**, BUSINESSEUROPE, President

Moderated by :



Isabelle Kumar, Euronews, Reporter & Moderator



Day 1 - 18:30-19:45 - Networking Moments

NETWORKING COCKTAIL



Day 1 - 20:00-22:30 - Networking Moments

BUSINESS LEADERS' DINNER



Michaël Gillon, Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (F.R.S. FNRS), Research Associate - Founder of the TRAPPIST-1 system



Didier Reynders, Belgium, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs



Day 1 - 22:30- 00:00 - Networking Moments

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