

Workshop

The post 2013 financial perspectives: Re-thinking EU finances in times of crisis

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There is something of a paradox in what has happened with the debate on the EU budget reform: two years ago we were all intensively engaged in the context of the so-called “EU budget review”, offering ideas and proposals on how to reform EU finances. Now that the crisis has placed fiscal policy back into the public policy agenda, and that the negotiations for the post 2013 financial perspectives are approaching, the academic interest in the EU budget has faded away.

And yet, a reflexion on how to finance the EU and on how to spend the EU money is more necessary than ever. At the moment when many member states are making efforts to curb their level of public spending, do the EU budget be equally submitted to a ‘cure’ of austerity? Or we need, on the contrary, an ambitious growth-enhanced EU budget in order to help member states emerge from the crisis while bringing their public spending under control? Should we think on new ways to leverage both public and private funding for long-term strategic investment, deemed important to re-launch the EU economy? Do we have to use EU structural funding to reinforce the application of the Stability and Growth Pact? How to ensure the ‘best value for money’? How to secure adequate resources for the EU policies in the years to come?

This workshop, jointly convened by Centro Studi sul Federalismo (Turin), European Policy Center (Brussels), Istituto Affari internazionali (Rome) and Notre Europe (Paris), seeks to take a look at this and other questions concerning the role, structure and functioning of the EU budget for the coming decade.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME (06/06/2011)

Thursday 7th July

- 13.45** Registration
- 14.00-14.15** **Welcome Address**
Gianni Bonvicini, Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome)
Umberto Morelli, Centro sul Federalismo (Turin)
- 14.15** **Opening keynote address**
Antonio Vitorino, President of Notre Europe (Paris)
- 14.30- 15.45** **First Session: The EU budget in an era of austerity: setting the example or compensating for national spending cuts?**
Speaker: **Fabian Zuleeg**, EPC (Brussels)
Discussants: **Vasco Cal**, BEPA (Brussels)
Alfonso Iozzo, CSF (Turin)
- 15.45-16.00** Coffee Break
- 16.00-17.15** **Second Session: Financing long-term strategic investment in Europe: which options?**
Speaker: **Maria Teresa Salvemini**, CNEL (Rome)
Discussants: **Benedicta Marzinotto**, Bruegel (Brussels)
Stefano Micossi, ASSONIME (Rome)
- Dinner (restaurant in Turin to be determined)*



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Friday 8th July



09.00-10.15

Third Session: In search of the ‘best value for money’: re-thinking CAP and Cohesion spending

Speaker: **Eulalia Rubio**, Notre Europe (Paris)

Discussants: **Peter Becker**, SWP (Berlin)

Tamás Szemlér, ICEG European Center (Budapest)

10.15-10.30

Coffee Break

10.30-11.45

Fourth Session: Financing EU foreign and security ambitions: can we make better by spending less?

Speaker: **Fabio Liberti**, IRIS (Paris)

Discussants: **Daniel Keohane**, European Union Institute for Security Studies (Paris)

Stefano Silvestri, IAI (Rome)

11.45-12.15

Concluding Remarks

Yves Bertoncini, Notre Europe (Paris)