

PROGRAM

KAS Workshop on European Issues

The European Union at a Crossroads

Top Challenges for the Member States in the new legislative period

Date: October 29-31, 2014

Venue: Villa La Collina, Cadenabbia, Italy (<http://www.kas.de/villalacollina/>)

Wednesday October 29, 2014

Afternoon Arrival of the participants in Milan, transfers to Cadenabbia, Lake Como
19h30 Informal dinner

Thursday October 30, 2014

9h00 **Official Welcome by KAS and Introductory Remarks**
Dr. Céline-Agathe Caro, Coordinator European Policy, Konrad-Adenauer-
Stiftung, Berlin

I. Institutions

9h15 **Session 1: The EU-Institutions After the European Elections**
**New EU leaders, new balance of power between the Commission,
the Parliament and the European Council, new priorities?**

Speakers: **Dirk Gotink**, CDA Delegation (Netherlands), European
Parliament, Brussels

Dr. Federico Eichberg, Ministry of Economic Development,
Rome

Kai Wynands, Head of Unit, WG Economy and Environment,
Parliamentary Works, EPP Group in the European Parliament,
Brussels

Chair: **Bernd Hüttemann**, Secretary General, European Movement
Germany, Berlin

10h30 **Coffee break**

II. EU Domestic Affairs

10h45 **Session 2: Eurozone**

Stability of the Economic and Monetary Union, growth, employment – Challenges at EU level and in the Member States

Speakers: **Dr. George Tzogopoulos**, Researcher, ELIAMEP, Athens

Dr. Rémi Lallement, Economy and Finance Department,
French General Commission for Strategy and Forward Studies
(Prime Minister), Paris

Jan Muck Schlichting MR, Head of Unit PE 2 (EU structures,
Economic and Monetary Union), Administration of the German
Bundestag, Berlin

Dr. Martin Heipertz, Head of European Policy Division, Federal
Ministry of Finance, Berlin

Chair: **Dr. Gregor Forschbach**, Deputy Head of Unit E03 (EU
Economic Policy, Single Market, Competitiveness), Ministry of
Foreign Affairs, Berlin

12h15 **Lunch Break**

15h00 **Session 3: EU Integration**

Does the EU need a reform of its architecture? In which areas should the Member States deepen their cooperation?

Speakers: **Benjamin Haddad**, National Secretary of the UMP Party, Paris/
Research Fellow in European Affairs at the Hudson Institute,
Washington DC

Vít Dostál, Director of the Research Center, Association for
International Affairs, Prague

Dr. Stephan Hesselmann, Office of Dr. Michael Fuchs MP,
Vice-Chairman of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group, German
Bundestag, Berlin

Chair: **Dr. Maria Rotter**, Senior Advisor, Office of Gunther Krichbaum
MP, Chairman of the Committee on the Affairs of the European
Union, German Bundestag, Berlin

16h15 **Coffee Break**

III. The EU and the Citizens

16h45

Session 4: Trust in the EU Project

What is the added value of Europe for the citizens today? How to fight euroscepticism?

Speakers: **Carlos Uriarte**, President of Paneuropa Youth Spain, Member of the presidency of the International Paneuropean Union, Madrid

Linas Kojala, Statehood Study Centre/ Eastern Europe Study Centre, Vilnius

Dr. Nicolai von Ondarza, Senior Associate, Research Division EU-Integration, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

Chair: **Dr. Christina Krause**, Desk Officer Western Europe, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Berlin

18h00

End of the 1. Workshop Day

19h30

Dinner in the Historical Villa

Friday October 31, 2014

IV. Foreign and Security Policy

09h00

Session 5: EU Foreign Policy

Will the EU ever speak with one voice? How to strengthen its influence on the international stage?

Speakers: **Piotr Buras**, Director, European Council on Foreign Relations, Warsaw

Dr. Andrea Lorenzo Capussela, Policy Adviser, Milan

Mats Persson, Director, Open Europe, London

Chair: **Markus Lackamp**, Head of Team Foreign, European, Economic and Financial Policy, CDU Headquarters, Berlin

10h15

Coffee Break

10h30

Session 6: EU Security and Defense

Can the EU cope with conflicts? How to improve the transatlantic partnership?

Speakers: **Sarah Raine**, IISS Senior Consulting Fellow for Geo-economics and Strategy, IISS, London / GMF Non-resident Transatlantic Fellow, GMF, Berlin

Dr. Christian Pernhorst, Counsellor, Political Section, Permanent Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to NATO, Brussels

Dr. Barbara Kunz, Director of the project "European Dialogue", Foundation Genshagen, Genshagen

Chair: **Christian Rieck**, Senior Analyst, Global Governance Institute, Brussels/Berlin

11h45

Conclusion

12h00

Lunch

Departure from Cadenabbia