

## PROGRAMME

### LONDON EVENTS 2014

# EUROPE'S ECONOMY FROM 2014-2019: RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEW TERM

8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> April 2014

#### Workshop – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Venue: Convocation Hall, Church House, Dean's Yard, Westminster SW1P 3NZ

- 13.30            **Registration**  
Tea and Coffee
- 14.00            **Welcome:**            **Hans Blomeier**, Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung,  
London Office  
**Roland Freudenstein**, Deputy Director, Martens Centre
- 14.15            **Monetary and Fiscal Policy**  
The German Constitutional Court's decision to refer its ruling on the Outright Monetary Transactions programme of the European Central Bank to Luxembourg is the latest example of evolving arguments over the nature of monetary policy in the Eurozone. This highlights the continued split between national and European perspectives, and the contested extent to which the mandate of the ECB is sufficient to meet the challenges the Euro may face. On a wider level, the issue of variable geometry, and different schemes for taxes on a European level, are likely to re-emerge in the course of the next Parliament.
- Introduction:**        **Professor Hans Geeroms**, KU Leuven and College of Europe  
**Gabriel Glöckler**, Head of Division, Directorate General Secretariat, European Central Bank
- Moderator:**         **Professor John Ryan**, University of Cambridge
- 15:45            **Coffee**

16.15 **The Road to Competitiveness**

Large swathes of the Eurozone, and of the EU at large, have become uncompetitive. For the countries involved, the road to competitiveness is not an easy one as many of the necessary measures will run into strong opposition from vested interests and even from the citizens themselves. Labour market liberalisation, ending support for lumbering national champions, adjusting the pensionable age to demographic realities, eliminating market-distorting subsidies, bringing salaries in line with productivity; What are the most politically manageable options for regaining competitiveness?

**Introduction:** **Megan Greene**, Chief Economist, Maverick Intelligence  
**Dr Rebecca Harding**, CEO, Delta Economics

**Moderator:** **Dirk Hazell**, Deputy Chairman - British Committee,  
European People's Party

17.45 **End of first part**

**Workshop – 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

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09.00 **Registration**

Tea and Coffee

09.30 **Banking and Finance**

The move towards banking union will progress significantly in 2014, for example with the Asset Quality Review (AQR) of the ECB. This will serve to clarify the scope of the Single Supervisory Mechanism and move forward the ongoing debates on resolution and recapitalisation at a European level. These moves pose a challenge for those reluctant to sign up to further integration, particularly the UK which has a specific interest in financial services and banking.


**Introduction:** **Gergely Polner**, Head of EU Affairs, British Banker's Association  
**Dr Eoin Drea**, Research Officer, Martens Centre

**Moderator:** **Graham Bishop**, [grahambishop.com](http://grahambishop.com)

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.30 **A Stronger European Union?**

Europe must draw on its core strengths such as a social market economy, solidarity, unity in a wealth of diversity, and freedom of initiative to find common ground to grow closer together. Political union, banking union, fiscal union are all desirable, but in a sensible sequence. Political union, with the requisite common fiscal, financial and tax policies, calls for relinquishing sovereignty in favour of Brussels and a much deeper



democratic anchoring of the European institutions. Will the pressure exerted by the crisis push the EU in that direction? Or what should it aim for?

**Introduction:** **Fabian Zuleeg**, Director, European Policy Centre  
**Professor John Loughlin**, St Edmund's College,  
Cambridge

**Moderator:** **Roland Freudenstein**, Deputy Director, Martens Centre

13.00

**Finish**

## Attendees

**Ben Balliger**, Political Officer, Bow Group

**Timothy Beyer-Helm**, Adviser, European Parliament

**Graham Bishop**, [grahambishop.com](http://grahambishop.com)

**Hans-Hartwig Blomeier**, Director, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, London Office

**Phillip Blond**, Director, ResPublica

**Martyn Bond**, Visiting Professor of European Politics and Policy, Royal Holloway University

**Neil Carmichael MP**, House of Commons - Director, Modern Europe

**Sietske de Groot**, Senior EU Policy Advisor, Federation of Small Businesses

**Brendan Donnelly**, Director, Federal Trust for Education and Research

**Eoin Drea**, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

**Mark Field MP**, House of Commons

**Roland Freudenstein**, Deputy Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

**Professor Hans Geeroms**, KU Leuven and College of Europe

**Gabriel Glöckler**, Head of Division, Directorate General Secretariat, European Central Bank

**Megan Greene**, Chief Economist, Maverick Intelligence

**James Hannah**, Project Manager, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, London Office

**Dr Rebecca Harding**, CEO, Delta Economics

**Ben Harris-Quinney**, Director, Bow Group

**Dirk Hazell**, Deputy Chairman - British Committee, European People's Party

**Sara Herr**, Economic Affairs Department, German Embassy in London

**Edmund Lakin**, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy, Barclays

**Colm Lauder**, Secretary General, Young EPP

**Antonio López-Istúriz White MEP**, European People's Party

**Professor John Loughlin**, St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge

**Anna Marra**, Head of UK Representative Office, Banca d'Italia

**Vít Novotný**, Senior Research Officer, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

**Quentin Peel**, Associate Editor, Financial Times

**Gergely Polner**, Head of EU Affairs, BBA

**Branimira Radoslavova**, Policy and Public Affairs Manager, Nationwide Building Society

**Professor John Ryan**, St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge

**Gemma Slaymaker**, European People's Party

**Veronica Stiașny**, European Movement

**Bertil Wenger**, Head of International Office, CDU

**Peter Wilding**, Director, British Influence

**Fabian Zuleeg**, Director, European Policy Centre