



Seminar:

Debates on the Spanish State of Autonomies (II) – Current and future challenges The system of fiscal decentralization in Spain – Deficits and reform options

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Location

SH Villa Gadea Resort + Thalasso
Partida Villa Gadea, Altea

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 3 October

08.00 pm **Welcome**

Friday, 4 October

09.30 am **Opening Remarks**

Thomas B. Stehling, Director of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung for Spain and Portugal

José Tudela, General Secretary, Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad

10.00 am ***Session I: The reform of the Spanish fiscal system – reasons and objectives***

Introduction: **Antonio Beteta**, State Secretary for Public Administrations, Ministry of Finance and Public Administration

Panel: **Julio López Laborda**, Professor of Public Economy, University of Zaragoza

José Montilla, Senator and former President of the Generalitat of Catalonia

Ricardo Martínez Rico, President & CEO Equipo Económico, Former State Secretary for Budget

Open forum

03.30 pm ***Session II: The current German fiscal system – deficits and potential reforms***

Introduction: **Prof. Georg Milbradt**, Chairman of Forum of Federations; former Minister-President of the Free State of Saxony

Panel: **Prof. Gebhard Kirchgässner**, Swiss Institute for International Economics and Applied Economic Research (SIAW), University of St. Gallen

Máximo Buch, Minister for Economy, Industry, Tourism and Employment of Valencia

Juan Ignacio Romero Sánchez, Director General for Coordination of Competencies with the Autonomous Regions and Local Entities

Open forum

06.00 pm ***The reform of fiscal decentralisation systems in other countries - an international comparison***

Prof. Arthur Benz, University of Darmstadt

Saturday 5 October

09.00 am ***Session III: Towards a European fiscal union – consequences for the national fiscal systems***

Introduction: **Prof. Werner Weidenfeld**, Center for Applied Policy Research (C·A·P), University of Munich

Panel: **Mario Garcés Sanagustín**, Undersecretary of Development,
Government of Spain
Andrés Báez, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid
Ángel de la Fuente, Institute for Economic Analysis (IAE),
Spanish Council for Scientific Research (CSIC)
Miguel Marín, Director for Economy and Public Policy, FAES
Jesús Rodríguez Márquez, Director of Research Department,
Instituto de Estudios Fiscales (IEF)

11.00 am ***Session IV: How to move on in Spain – concepts and ideas of the political parties***

Ignacio Sánchez Amor (PSOE)
Manel Plana Farran (CiU)
Gabriel Elorriaga Pisarik (PP)
Ramón Marcos (UPyD)
Antoni Picó (CiU)
Itziar Agirre (PNV)
Alfredo Boné (PAR)