

Europe at a crossroad

Time to complete the European political unity

Friday, 16 June 2017

17.30-21.00

*Congreso de los Diputados
Sala Ernest Lluch
Calle de Floridablanca, S/N
E-28071, Madrid*

The Spinelli Group is promoting a cycle of debates in national capitals to discuss proposals on the main issues facing the European Union and emphasise the need to **complete the European political project**. After events in Brussels, Rome, Berlin and Warsaw, events are now planned in Madrid, Vienna, Budapest and Paris.

On **16 June 2017** the Spinelli Group will be visiting Madrid. On this occasion, the Spinelli Group will partner up with **Elcano Royal Institute** to invite Spanish political personalities to a public debate to discuss ideas on the transformations the EU will undergo in the coming years in order to meet current challenges and citizens' expectations, and in particular the perspective of closer political integration. The meeting will offer the occasion to examine and debate concrete proposals for the future of Europe from the recent White Paper of the European Commission, major resolutions adopted by the European Parliament this year and the road-map for the recasting of the Eurozone put forward by the Spanish Government.

The debates will be in Spanish and English, with interpretation.

Programme

17:30 **OPENING**

17:45 *Welcome greetings by*

EUGENIO NASARRE, Member of the Spanish Parliament, President of the Spanish Council of the European Movement

PABLO FAURA, President of the Unión de Europeístas y Federalistas Europeos

ALEJANDRO PEINADO GARCÍA, President of the Jóvenes Europeos Federalistas (JEF) Spain

18:00 – 19:15 **“ECONOMIC GROWTH, SECURITY, MIGRATION: WHICH EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS?”**

With interventions by

JOAQUÍN ALMUNIA, Former Vice-President of the European Commission

LUIS GARICANO, Vice-President of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party, responsible for Economy and Jobs at Ciudadanos

ELMAR BROK, Member of the European Parliament, Co-Chair of the Spinelli Group and President of the Union of European Federalists (UEF)

BRANDO BENIFEI, Member of the European Parliament, Board of The Spinelli Group

ENRIQUE CALVET CHAMBÓN, Member of the European Parliament, member of the Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists

VICTORIA CAMPS (tbc), Emerit Professor of moral and political philosophy, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona

Topics for discussion

- *How to resume plans towards fiscal and economic integration to make the monetary union stronger, more competitive and bring European economy back to grow?*
- *How to develop European security capabilities to face growing cross-border terrorist threats?*
- *How to face the migration challenge with European solutions?*
- *How to make Europe secure in today's more instable world?*

19.30 – 21:00 “EUROPE’S FUTURE AS POLITICAL PROJECT: TOWARDS A FEDERAL UNION?”

With interventions by

ÍÑIGO MÉNDEZ DE VIGO, Minister for Education, Culture and Sports, Spokesman of the Spanish Government

DANUTA HÜBNER, Chair of the European Parliament Constitutional Affairs Committee, Board of The Spinelli Group

JOSEP BORRELL, former President of the European Parliament

FERNANDO MAURA, Member of the Spanish Parliament, Spokesperson of Ciudadanos parliamentary group for European and Foreign Affairs

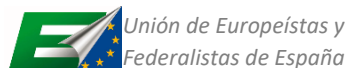
FRANCISCO ALDECOA, Professor of International Relations, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

IGNACIO MOLINA, Senior Researcher at the Elcano Royal Institute and Professor of Politics and International Relations at the Madrid's Universidad Autónoma

Topics for discussion

- *How to relaunch the European political project to consolidate the European Union following Brexit?*
- *How can diverging views among member states on the future direction of the European Union's integration be reconciled?*
- *Reforms within the EU treaties or reform of the EU Treaties?*

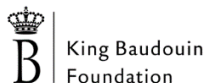
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