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WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS



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PLENARY SESSION

THE SPANISH EU PRESIDENCY:

CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE PANDEMIC AND RUSSIA'S AGGRESSION ON UKRAINE



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PARALLEL SESSION

RECLAIMING PUBLIC DEBATE AS AN EU RESPONSE TO POST-TRUTH CHALLENGES: DELIBERATION, QUALITY INFORMATION AND CITIZEN EDUCATION



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PARALLEL SESSION

THE ROLE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION COUNCIL 15 YEARS AFTER THE LISBON TREATY



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PARALLEL SESSION

EUROPEAN UNION FACING INDUSTRIAL POLICIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD

NEW WAYS OF MAINTAINING A COMPETITIVE ECONOMY AND THE SINGLE MARKET



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PARALLEL SESSION

THE ENLARGEMENT AND REFORM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



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PARALLEL SESSION

CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE



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PARALLEL SESSION

EUROPEAN DIPLOMACY 15 YEARS AFTER THE LISBON TREATY



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PLENARY SESSION

PRIORITIES OF THE UPCOMING SPANISH PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU



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CONCLUDING REMARKS



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