

The EU after the European elections

A Policy Network and European Commission Conference

Date: Thursday, 5 June, 2014

Location: City of London

Provisional Agenda

07.45 **Welcome breakfast**

08.20 Opening remarks by **Jacqueline Minor**, head of UK representation, European Commission

08.30 **Session I: EU politics after the European elections**

The European elections are likely to see a surge in anti-EU populist voting. Does it signal something fundamentally wrong about the EU? How should mainstream political forces respond?

Panellists: **Laurence Boone**, managing director and head of developed Europe Economics at Bank of America Merrill Lynch Global Research
Heather Grabbe, director, Open Society European Policy Institute
Michael Moore, UK member of parliament
Gideon Rachman, editor at *Financial Times*

Chair: **Roger Liddle**, chair, Policy Network, member of the House of Lords

10.15 **Joaquín Almunia**, vice-president of the European Commission, commissioner responsible for competition, in conversation with **Loukas Tsoukalis**, president, Hellenic Foundation of European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.15 **Session II: the race for global relevance: what policy agenda for the next European Commission?**

EU member states face the common challenge of sustaining high standards of living in a global competitive environment. How can the EU help and what should be the next Commission's priorities?

Panellists: **David Benson**, vice chairman, Risk and Regulatory Affairs, Nomura
Thomas Matussek, former German ambassador in the UK, managing director, Alfred Herrhausen Society
Shahin Vallée, adviser to the president of the European Council
Vicky Pryce, chief economic adviser, Centre for Economics and Business Research, and former joint head of the Government Economic Service

Chair: to be confirmed

12.45 The Eurozone – and Britain

Jeroen Dijsselbloem, finance minister of the Netherlands, president of the Eurogroup, in conversation with **Peter Mandelson**, president of Policy Network, former EU trade commissioner

13.30 Close & buffet lunch