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“Europe in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities”

Luxembourg, 18-19 May 2012

Programme

Friday, 18 May

10.00 – 11.00 Opening session

Introductory remarks: **Armand Clesse**, Director of the LIEIS

Opening addresses: **Mikhail Gorbachev**, President of the NPF; former President of the USSR

Jacques Delors, Founding President of Notre Europe; former President of the European Commission

Viviane Reding, Vice President of the European Commission

Jacques Santer, former Prime Minister of Luxembourg;
former President of the European Commission

11.00 – 13.00 I. Plenary session: Challenges

Panel 1: **Threats to the prevailing political and socio-economic consensus:** fragility of the social model; rise of the extreme right; erosion of the middle-class; growing inequalities; decay of the political ethos

Coffee break

Panel 2: **The eurozone crisis:** Implosion or muddling through? Saving the euro – at what price? A multi-speed EU?

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 18.00 II. Plenary session: Opportunities and possible solutions

Panel 1: **A new institutional framework for future Europe?** Back to the sources or a great leap forward? Between super state and supermarket

Coffee break

Panel 2: **A pan-European political and security community:** A common environment and energy strategy; how to involve citizens, peoples and nations in a new European Social Contract

Saturday, 19 May

9.30 – 12.30 III. Plenary session: Europe facing the world

Panel 1: **EU and the wider Europe:** reformed EU, OSCE; desirability and feasibility of regional cooperation

Coffee break

Panel 2: **Europe's New Frontier: going East and South?** Russia and the CIS, Turkey and the Mediterranean. Reaching out to the Pacific?

12.30 – 12.45 Closing

13.00 Press-conference

The conference takes place at Room M6 at the Jean Monnet Building of the European Commission, rue Albert Wehrer, Luxembourg-Kirchberg.

Simultaneous translation into English, French and Russian will be provided.