

Expert Conference

## Europe on the Move?

Towards a progressive future!

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 10.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstr. 8, Berlin, Germany

Aside from the great yearning for a new narrative for Europe, the continent is facing very specific challenges for which constructive proposals are needed. Such as these questions: What might a social Europe look like? What shape should a future Common European Defence Policy take? In what ways do we want to further develop the currency union? And what can be done to make Europe competitive in the area of digitisation?

After the opening debate with a perspective on the 2019 European elections we will compile and draw up with experts from all across Europe as specific policy recommendations as possible relating to the aforementioned policy fields. Where this is not achievable, we want to at least identify the key conflict trajectories: Who advocates what, and why? What can be accomplished in the individual policy fields in light of the forthcoming 2019 European elections?

9.30                      Registration

10.00                    Welcome  
Opening debate

### **2019 European elections – What is at stake?**

- What are the most pressing issues for the forthcoming European election campaign?
- What issues should be the focal point of the debate surrounding the EU budget?
- Against this backdrop, what lessons can be learned from past European elections?

**Franziska Brantner**, German MP, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

**Florian Eder**, Managing Editor, Politico, Brussels

**Mark Leonard**, Co-founder and Director, European Council on Foreign Relations, London

Chair: **Florian Kommer**, Senior Programme Officer European Union, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin

12.00                    Lunch

1.00                    Parallel expert groups

### **Expert Group 1: A social Europe – A Europe that works for everyone?**

- What might a progressive European social policy look like?
- What does “un Europe qui protégé” (Macron) specifically entail? Is it nothing more than concealed European protectionism?
- Is a type of transfer union/redistribution required within the EU?

**Vladimír Špidla**, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Former European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Prague

**Claire Dhéret**, Head of the Social Europe Program, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, Brussels

**Margherita Bussi**, Associate Researcher, European Trade Union Institute, Brussels

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Chair: **Anna Cavazzini**, Spokesperson BAG Europe, Alliance 90/The Greens, Berlin

**Expert Group 2: A common European defence policy – The future of European security?**

- How can the current dynamic be used to positively impact the debate surrounding the Common Defence and Security Policy?
- Where are the red lines drawn on this subject? What is worth advocating?
- Where do we stand on the subject of European arms export control? What steps would be next?

**Annegret Bendiek**, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

**Manuel Lafont Rapnouil**, Head of the Paris office, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Paris

**Christian Mölling**, Deputy Director, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

Chair: **Jana Puglierin**, Head of Program, Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

**Expert Group 3: The future of the eurozone: What is the price of European unity?**

- Would a common eurozone budget be expedient, or does it create misguided incentives?
- Does the eurozone lack democracy? Do we need something along the lines of an economic government, or with what competencies would an EU finance minister need to be vested?
- Is there a meaningful alternative to so-called euro bonds?
- What is next for the banking union?

**Guillaume Duval**, Chief Editor, Alternatives Economiques, Paris

**Ricardo Cabral**, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Madeira

**Marcin Kędzierski**, Program Director, Analysis Center Klub Jagielloński, Krakow

Chair: **Donata Riedel**, Journalist, Handelsblatt, Berlin

**Expert Group 4: Digitisation – What can be done to make Europe competitive?**

- How far is the EU in terms of its Digital Single Market?
- What is the significance of the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulation for Europe's digital economy and its competitiveness?
- Can the more stringent regulatory requirements also be beneficial?
- Can Europe develop startups and innovative solutions capable of competing on the international stage that are based on new data-protection-friendly business models?

**Valerie Mocker**, Head of Development & European Digital Policy, Nesta, London

**Marie Laenen**, Community Manager, European Startup Network, Brussels

**Walter van Holst**, Representative of Vrijschrift at European Digital Rights, Brussels

Chair: **Geraldine de Bastion**, Political Scientist and Founder of Global Innovation Gathering, Berlin

4.00	Break
4.20	Concluding debate around the main take-aways of each expert group
5.00	End of Conference

## Information

### Date and location

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### Transport connection

Bus 147 Deutsches Theater

S-Bahn S1, 2, 25, 5, 7, 75, 9 Friedrichstraße

U-Bahn U6, Oranienburger Tor

Tram M1, M6, 12 Oranienburger Tor

from central station (DB), Bus 147 > Ostbahnhof bis Deutsches Theater

### Conference languages

The opening debate will be translated simultaneously German/English. The expert groups and the concluding debate will take place in English, only.

### Cooperation

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### Entry free

### Project management and information

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