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Foreword

WELCOME TO CEPS IDEASLAB

We are delighted to welcome you to the 7th edition of CEPS Ideas Lab, 'Europe's Next Stage.' With over 200 speakers and more than 50 sessions covering 12 different topics, Ideas Lab is one of the most comprehensive high-level policy events at the heart of Europe.

As the von der Leyen Commission marks 100 days in office, it is an ideal time to reflect on the challenges facing Europe today. This year's conference will be the occasion to discuss new EU ambitions such as the Green Deal and the Digital agenda and to share thoughts on how "Europe à 27" will operate. Our programme will dive deep into several issues including innovation and technology, trade and finance, social and economic policies to name just a few. It is more important than ever for the EU to play a prominent role on the world stage. Our Ideas Lab offers an invaluable platform to spark such debates.

I hope you will enjoy the vibrant discussions in and around this year's sessions and make sure to contribute to the conversation #CEPSLab20 with us @CEPS_thinktank!

Karel Lannoo,
CEO, CEPS



About CEPS



Founded in Brussels in 1983, CEPS is Europe's leading independent think tank on EU affairs, with an exceptionally strong in-house research capacity and an extensive network of partner institutes throughout the world.

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Programme day 1

From 09:00

Registration

10:30 > 12:00

AUDITORIUM

Warm-up session:
Satisfaction with the EU and democracy in Europe

12:00 > 13:00

Light lunch

13:00 > 14:00

Official welcome and introduction
Joaquín Almunia, Chairman, Board of CEPS

AUDITORIUM

Opening plenary:
Charles Michel, President of the European Council and **Cinzia Alcidi** Head of Economic Policy Unit, CEPS, moderated by **Caroline de Gruyter**, Journalist

14:30 > 15:45

LAB SESSIONS 1

TALLINN

Digital Economy, Regulation & Innovation
>> Rebooting Better Regulation in the EU

SOLNA

Climate, Resources & Energy
>> Leveraging the circular economy for decarbonisation

BILBAO

Trade
>> Trade as a foreign policy tool: In search of the right balance

LJUBLJANA

Finance
>> Do we need a European Anti-Money Laundering Authority?

THE HAGUE

Economy
>> Territorial cohesion: Is rural versus metropole the new divide?

PARMA

Social Europe
>> European Social Citizenship: What future for a European minimum wage or unemployment insurance?

RIGA

Rights & Security
>> SAR and disembarkation in the Mediterranean:
What should 10,000 border guards do?

FRANKFURT

Institutions
>> Dynamics in the European Parliament since the end of the duopoly

STRASBOURG

Europe in the World
>> Bridging the GAP: Is the EU transforming the lives of women and girls, through its external relations?

LIBRARY

UK & the EU
>> Delivering the new EU-UK Economic Partnership

THESSALONIKI

Defence
>> European Defence Union: What is it good for?

ANGERS

Agriculture & Food
>> From Agricultural Policy to Food and Nutrition Policy

15:45 > 16:15

Coffee break

Programme day 1

16:15 > 17:30

LAB SESSIONS 2

TALLINN

Digital Economy, Regulation & Innovation

>> Space policy: Which actors in the policy space?

SOLNA

Climate, Resources & Energy

>> Does the climate-neutral continent include Russia?

BILBAO

Trade

>> Can the EU restore relevance to the WTO?

LJUBLJANA

Finance

>> EU Banking Supervision and Resolution: Challenges for small host countries

THE HAGUE

Economy

>> Public finance and growth with ultra-low rates: Are Europe's fiscal rules outdated?

PARMA

Social Europe

>> Women in power: Will it advance gender equality in Europe?

RIGA

Rights & Security

>> Interoperability of Databases: Preventing, policing and profiling

FRANKFURT

Institutions

>> Von der Leyen's Commission: An institutional assessment of the first 100 days

STRASBOURG

Europe in the World

>> Which Eastern Partnership post-2020?

LIBRARY

UK & the EU

>> Regulating financial services post-Brexit

THESSALONIKI

Defence

>> European Defence Fund: A game changer for military R&D?

ANGERS

Agriculture & Food

>> Food value chains, EU policies and sustainable development in Africa

17:30 > 20:00

Networking cocktail

18:00 > 19:00

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

AUDITORIUM

>> The long 1989 and the end of the age of imitation

TALLINN

>> The EU as a global actor – a new tool for the “geopolitical Commission”

BILBAO

>> The social contract in the 21st century

FRANKFURT

>> Finance for Innovation in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (CESEE)

Programme day 2

08:30 > 09:30

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

SOLNA

>> Erdoğan's Turkey: A strategic problem?

FRANKFURT

>> Can digital create new job opportunities for people with disabilities?

BILBAO

>> Quantifying protectionist trends for policy-makers

TALLINN

>> John Peterson and Europe

09:45 > 11:00

LAB SESSIONS 3

TALLINN

Digital Economy, Regulation & Innovation

>> Artificial Intelligence and cybersecurity: Avoiding the technology trap!

SOLNA

Climate, Resources & Energy

>> Low carbon made in Europe

BILBAO

Trade

>> Is the problem trade wars or rising protectionism?

LJUBLJANA

Finance

>> Big data and Big banks: Friends or Enemies?

THE HAGUE

Economy

>> Persistent low inflation: Does the ECB need 'to go fiscal' to succeed?

PARMA

Social Europe

>> Facing the skills challenge: What are the options?

RIGA

Rights & Security

>> The EU's rule of law dilemma in criminal justice cooperation

FRANKFURT

Institutions

>> The European Council: Towards a new institutional reality?

STRASBOURG

Europe in the World

>> The EU and the Gulf: Relations at a turning point?

LIBRARY

SPECIAL Session

>> Agenda 2030: Unleashing the Potential of Women Entrepreneurs

THESSALONIKI

Defence

>> Third country participation in European defence: yes, no, maybe?

ANGERS

EconPol Europe

>> Closing tax loopholes

11:00 > 11:30

Coffee break

Programme day 2

11:30 > 13:00

PRIME TALKS

TALLINN

>> An unchanged MFF but an ambitious Green Deal?

SOLNA

>> Sustainable Finance: Moving the Trillions?

FRANKFURT

>> The EU and the UN Global Compact on Refugees

LJUBLJANA

>> Africa home grown leadership and EU support

BILBAO

>> Black Swans: Exploring patterns of unpredictable events

THESSALONIKI

>> What potential for EU-China cooperation on geographical indications protection and how to achieve it?

THE HAGUE

>> When oceans collide: Which strategy for Europe in the wider Indo-Pacific?

13:00 > 14:00

Food lab

14:00 > 15:00

Closing plenary: **What Future for Europe?**

AUDITORIUM

Ivo Belet Deputy Head of Cabinet to Vice-President Dubravka Šuica, European Commission **Ana Zacarias** Secretary of State for European Affairs, Portuguese Government **Sophie in't Veld** Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe **Richard Youngs** Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe

15:00 > 16:30

Academic Lecture

AUDITORIUM



Speakers lab sessions

DIGITAL ECONOMY, REGULATION & INNOVATION >> TALLINN

LAB 1
Rebooting Better Regulation in the EU
Daniel Charite Deloitte Veronica Gaffey European Commission Wolfgang Hiller European Parliament Celine Kauffmann OECD Moderator: Andrea Renda CEPS

LAB 2
Space policy: Which actors in the policy space?
Pascal Claudel European Global Navigation Satellite Systems Agency (GSA) Luca Del Monte European Space Agency Maria Cristina Falvella Italian Space Agency Paraskevi Papantoniou European Commission Moderator: Felice Simonelli CEPS

LAB 3
Artificial Intelligence and cybersecurity: Avoiding the technology trap!
Joanna Bryson Hertie School of Governance Miguel Gonzalez-Sancho European Commission Marc Stoecklin IBM Research Security Matt Walmsley Vectra Moderator: Lorenzo Pupillo CEPS

CLIMATE RESOURCES & ENERGY >> SOLNA

LAB 1
Leveraging the circular economy for decarbonisation
Evalena Blomqvist Mistra Closing the loop Cliona Howie Climate-KIC Anna Jarosz-Friis European Commission Pascale Moreau H&M Manuel Sosa Skrainka Hewlett-Packard Moderator: Vasileios Rizos CEPS

LAB 2
Does the climate-neutral continent include Russia?
Clara de la Torre European Commission Tatiana Mitrova Oxford Institute for Energy Studies Gleb Ovsyannikov LUKOIL Kirsten Westphal Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) Moderator: Julian Popov European Climate Foundation

LAB 3
Low carbon made in Europe Carl De Maré ArcelorMittal Lisa Fischer E3G Artur Runge-Metzger European Commission Ed Wells HSBC Moderator: Francesco Gazzoletti FortyEight Brussels

TRADE >> BILBAO

LAB 1
Trade as a foreign policy tool: In search of the right balance Iana Dreyer Borderlex Frank Heemskerck European Round Table for Industry (ERT) Stephanie Leupold European Commission Marie-Pierre Vedrenne Member of the European Parliament Moderator: Guillaume Van der Loo CEPS

LAB 2
Can the EU restore relevance to the WTO? Christian Bluth Bertelsmann Stiftung Erland Herfindahl US Mission to the EU Edwin Vermulst VVGB Xia Xiang Mission of China to the EU Myrto Zambarta European Commission Moderator: Weinian Hu CEPS

LAB 3
Is the problem trade wars or rising protectionism?
Peter Chase The German Marshall Fund for the United States (GMF) Simon Evenett University of St Gallen Thomas Le Vaillant, European Commission Stuart Newman AMFORI Moderator: Jacques Pelkmans CEPS

FINANCE >> LJUBLIJANA

LAB 1
Do we need a European Anti-Money Laundering Authority? Andy Baldwin EY Magda Bianco Banca d'Italia Eero Heinäluoma Member of the European Parliament Moderator: Karel Lannoo CEPS

LAB 2
EU Banking Supervision and Resolution: Challenges for small host countries Boštjan Jazbec Single Resolution Board Christoph Schöföböck Erste Bank Kroatia Jo Swyngedouw National Bank of Belgium Boris Vujčić Croatian National Bank Moderator: Rym Ayadi Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA)

LAB 3
Big data & Big banks: Friends or Enemies? Elisabeth Noble European Banking Authority (EBA) Martynas Pilkis Bank of Lithuania Dolores Ramos Martinez Banco Santander Lu Zurawski ACI World Wide Moderator: Willem Pieter de Groen CEPS

ECONOMY >> THE HAGUE

LAB 1
Territorial cohesion: Is rural versus metropole the new divide? Wallis Goelen Vandebroek European Commission Raquel Ortega-Argilés University of Birmingham Dominic Ponattu German Ministry of Finance Ana Umbelino City of Torres Vedras, Portugal Moderator: Katharina Gnath Bertelsmann Stiftung

LAB 2
Public finance and growth with ultra-low rates: Are Europe's fiscal rules outdated? Christian Kastrop Bertelsmann Stiftung Isabelle Mateos y Lago BlackRock Andrew McDowell European Investment Bank (EIB) Martin Sandbu Financial Times Moderator: Cinzia Alcidi CEPS

LAB 3
Persistent low inflation: Does the ECB need 'to go fiscal' to succeed? Lucrezia Reichlin London Business School Beat Siegenthaler UBS Investment Bank Poul Thomsen International Monetary Fund Natacha Valla European Central Bank Moderator: Daniel Gros CEPS

SOCIAL EUROPE >> PARMA

LAB 1
European Social Citizenship: What future for a European minimum wage or unemployment insurance? Caroline de la Porte Copenhagen Business School Matthieu Méaulle European Trade Union Confederation Juan Menéndez-Valdés Eurofound Moderator: Frank Vandenbroucke University of Amsterdam

LAB 2
Women in power: Will it advance gender equality in Europe? Hanneke Faber Unilever Hermione Gough UK Mission to the EU Maria Jonsdottir Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland Katarina Ivanković Knežević European Commission Moderator: Corinna Horst The Brussels Binder

LAB 3
Facing the skills challenge: What are the options?
Dana Carmen Bachmann European Commission Frank Heemskerck European Round Table for Industry (ERT) Maria Lopes Saraiva Google Ann Vourc'h OECD Moderator: Sara Baiocco CEPS

RIGHTS & SECURITY >> RIGA

LAB 1

SAR and disembarkation in the Mediterranean: What should 10,000 border guards do? **Carlos Coelho** Portuguese Politician and Former MEP **Elisa de Pieri** Amnesty International **Mariana Gkliati** Leiden University **Guy Stessens** Council of the European Union *Moderator: Roberto Cortinovis* CEPS

LAB 2

Interoperability of Databases: Preventing, policing and profiling **Fanny Coudert** EDPS **Krum Garkov** eu-LISA **Clara Guerra** CNPD - Portuguese Data Protection Authority **Matthias Oel** European Commission **Niovi Vavoula** Queen Mary University of London *Moderator: Marco Stefan* CEPS

LAB 3

The EU's rule of law dilemma in criminal justice cooperation **Laure Baudrihayé-Gérard** Fair Trials Europe **Valsamis Mitsilegas** Queen Mary University of London **Siniša Rodin** Court of Justice of the European Union **Lukáš Starý** Eurojust *Moderator: Lina Vosyliute* CEPS

INSTITUTIONS >> FRANKFURT

LAB 1

Dynamics in the European Parliament since the end of the duopoly **Doru Frantescu** VoteWatch **Isabell Hoffmann** Bertelsmann Foundation **Eva Maydell** Member of the European Parliament **Ilke Toygur** Elcano Royal Institute *Moderator: Sophia Russack* CEPS

LAB 2

Von der Leyen's Commission: An institutional assessment of the first 100 days **Ilze Juhansone** European Commission **Brigid Laffan** European University Institute *Moderator: Sophia Russack* CEPS

LAB 3

The European Council: Towards a new institutional reality? **Michael Karnitschnig** European Commission **Christine Neuhold** Maastricht University **Luuk van Middelaar** Leiden University *Moderator: Wolfgang Wessels* University of Cologne

EUROPE IN THE WORLD >> STRASBOURG

LAB 1

Bridging the GAP: Is the EU transforming the lives of women and girls through its external relations? **Toni Haastrup** University of Stirling **Charlotte Isaksson** European External Action Service (EEAS) **Mmabatho Motsamai** The Afrolutionist, Botswana *Moderator: Loes Debuysere* CEPS

LAB 2

Which Eastern Partnership post-2020? **Natalie Sabanadze** Ambassador of Georgia to the EU and Benelux **Anna Westerholm** Ambassador for the Eastern Partnership of Sweden *Moderator: Veronika Movchan* Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting (IER)

LAB 3

The EU and the Gulf: Relations at a turning point? **Lamis Andoni** Freelance Journalist **Christian Koch** Bussola Institute **Gabriel Munuera Vinals** European External Action Service (EEAS) **Azedeh Zamirirad** German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) *Moderator: James Moran* CEPS

UK & THE EU >> LIBRARY

LAB 1

Delivering the new EU-UK Economic Partnership **Anu Bradford** Columbia Law School **Rolf Einar Fife** Ambassador of Norway to the EU **Stefaan De Rynck** European Commission *Moderator: Jacques Pelkmans* CEPS

LAB 2

Regulating financial services post-Brexit **Katherine Braddick** UK Treasury **Paulina Dejmek-Hack** European Commission *Moderator: Nick Collier* City of London Corporation

DEFENCE >> THESSALONIKI

LAB 1

European Defence Union: What is it good for? **Benedetta Berti** NATO **Kristine Berzina** German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) **Bram Vranken** Vredesactie *Moderator: Steven Blockmans* CEPS

LAB 2

European Defence Fund: A game changer for military R&D? **Sophia Besch** Centre for European Reform **Sylvia Kainz-Huber** European Commission **Laëtitia Sédou** European Network Against Arms Trade *Moderator: Steven Blockmans* CEPS

LAB 3

Third country participation in European defence: yes, no, maybe? **Valerie Evans** UK Ministry of Defence **Rudy Priem** United Technologies Corporation **Jana Puglierin** European Council on Foreign Relations *Moderator: Steven Blockmans* CEPS

AGRICULTURE & FOOD >> ANGERS

LAB 1

From Agricultural Policy to Food and Nutrition Policy **Hanneke Faber** Unilever **Laura Fernández Celemin** EUFIC **Mella Frewen** FoodDrinkEurope **Tassos Haniotis** European Commission **Johan Swinnen** International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) *Moderator: Giulia Meloni* CEPS

LAB 2

Food value chains, EU policies and sustainable development in Africa **Luc Christiaensen** World Bank **Leonard Mizzi** European Commission **Stephen Muchiri** Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) **Christine Wieck** University of Hohenheim & The Task Force Rural Africa (TFRA) *Moderator: Johan Swinnen* International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

SPECIAL SESSION >> LIBRARY

LAB 3

Agenda 2030: Unleashing the Potential of Women Entrepreneurs **Alexandra Almeida** European Investment Bank (EIB) **Rym Ayadi** Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA) **Itir Aykut** Aykut Investment **Lieve Creten** Deloitte Belgium **Tamako Mitarai** Kesenmuma Knitting **Bouchra Rahmouni** Policy Center for the New South **Krystel Sil Sikana** cube4steam *Moderator: Shada Islam* Friends of Europe

ECONPOL EUROPE >> ANGERS

LAB 3

Closing tax loopholes **Marko Köthenbürger** EconPol Europe, ETH Zurich **Arjan Lejour** EconPol Europe, Tilburg University and CPB **Chiara Puturato** Oxfam *Moderator: David Rinaldi* Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS)

Speakers warm-up session

Satisfaction with the EU and democracy in Europe
Agata Gostynska-Jakubowska Centre for European Reform
Sebastien Maillard Delors Institute Paris

Richard Wike PEW Research Center
Hoffmann Bertelsmann Foundation **AUDITORIUM**

Speakers food for thought

The long 1989 and the end of the age of imitation
Ivan Krastev Centre for Liberal Strategies and IWM Vienna
Moderator: Daniel Gros Director, CEPS **AUDITORIUM**

The social contract in the 21st century
Tilman Tacke McKinsey Global Institute (MGI)
Marco Morganti Banca Intesa Sanpaolo
Moderator: Sara Baiocco, CEPS
BILBAO

The EU as a global actor – a new tool for the “geopolitical Commission”
Sieglinde Gstöhl College of Europe
Klaus Jacob Freie Universität Berlin
Gaby Umbach European University Institute
Moderator: Andrea Renda
TALLINN

Finance for Innovation in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (CESEE)
Debora Revoltella European Investment Bank (EIB)
Boris Vujčić Croatian Central Bank
FRANKFURT

Speakers breakfast sessions

Erdoğan's Turkey: A strategic problem?
Senem Aydin Istanbul Policy Center and Sabanci University
Funda Tekin Institut für Europäische Politik
Moderator: Loes Debuysere CEPS **SOLNA**

Quantifying protectionist trends for policy-makers
Simon Evenett University of St Gallen
Moderator: Jacques Pelkmans CEPS **BILBAO**

Can digital create new job opportunities for people with disabilities?
Paul Mayer Atempo Group
Alejandro Moledo European Disability Forum
Luk Zelderloo European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)
Moderator: Zachary Killhoffer CEPS **FRANKFURT**

John Peterson and Europe
Jim Cloos Council of European Union
Helen Wallace London School of Economics (LSE)
Moderator: Karel Lannoo CEPS
TALLINN

Speakers prime talks

Africa home grown leadership and EU support
Suzi Barbosa Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Guinea-Bissau
Kwame Barnieh KPMG Ghana
Moubarack Lô Economic Foresight Bureau of Senegal
Mohamed Methqal Morocco International Cooperation Agency
Valentino Rossi ENEL
Moderator: Rym Ayadi Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association (EMEA)
LJUBLJANA

The EU and the UN Global Compact on Refugees
Ward Lutin European Asylum Support Office (EASO)
Sophie Magennis UNHCR
Jens Vedsted-Hansen Aarhus University
Cecilia Vejby Andersen Danish Refugee Council (DRC)
Moderator: Sergio Carrera CEPS **FRANKFURT**

Sustainable Finance: Moving the Trillions?
Magnus Billing Alecta
Gunnela Hahn Church of Sweden
Matt Orsagh CFA Institute
Martin Spolc European Commission
Moderator: Åke Iverfeldt Mistra Foundation **SOLNA**

When oceans collide: Which strategy for Europe in the wider Indo-Pacific?
Thomas Gomart Institut français des relations internationales (Ifri)
Gunnar Wiegand European External Action Service (EEAS)
Gaitri Issar Kumar Embassy of India
Moderator: Stefania Benaglia CEPS **THE HAGUE**

An unchanged MFF but an ambitious Green Deal?
Gert-Jan Koopman European Commission
Margarida Marques Member of the European Parliament
Lilyana Pavlova European Investment Bank (EIB)
Eulalia Rubio Jacques Delors Institute
Thomas Westphal German Ministry of Finance
Moderator: Jorge Núñez Ferrer CEPS **TALLINN**

What potential for EU-China cooperation on geographical indications protection and how to achieve it?
Ulrich Adam spiritsEurope
Mathilde Chareyron oriGIn
John Clarke European Commission
Bo Lyu Chinese Mission to the EU
Moderator: Johan Swinnen International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) **THESSALONIKI**

Black Swans: Exploring patterns of unpredictable events
Dimitri Simes Center for the National Interest
BILBAO

Session formats

THE KEY INGREDIENTS OF IDEAS LAB ARE INTERACTIVITY AND INFORMALITY

LAB SESSION

They form the heart of the Ideas Lab. The parallel Lab sessions start directly after the opening Plenary. Over the course of the two days, 30-35 parallel Lab sessions (distributed over 10-12 Lab parallel streams, most with 3 sessions each) discuss key issues corresponding to all dimensions of European policymaking. With an attendance of 20-50, Lab sessions are intimate enough to create a stimulating atmosphere for new ideas and concrete policy recommendations.

PLENARIES

Politicians from the rotating presidency country and the European institutions usually kick off formally with thought-provoking addresses on a live issue. The plenaries offer political leaders a platform from which to reach a pan-European audience of opinion-shapers and to show that their policies are relevant and pro-citizen. These sessions are livestreamed on ideaslab.ceps.eu.

PRIME TALKS

High-profile speakers discuss a salient European topic, followed by a moderated discussion in a more standard panel format. The audience contributes with lively comments and questions.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT/SPECIAL SESSIONS

This format in the late afternoon provides a platform for book launches or project findings of wide-ranging interest. They take place after the Lab sessions with intensive discussions and an audience of 50-200.

BREAKFASTS

Smaller, informal sessions, with a light breakfast and the chance to meet decision-makers and network.

ACADEMIC LECTURE

A renowned academic and speaker presents his/her latest thinking on the future of Europe, followed by comments from CEPS Director Daniel Gros and a Q&A session. This session is livestreamed on ideaslab.ceps.eu.





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