

TOWARDS BASEL III? “REGULATING THE BANKING SECTOR AFTER THE CRISIS”

A High-Level Roundtable co-organised by *Friends of Europe*,
the Initiative for Policy Dialogue, the Foundation for European Progressive
Studies (FEPS), and the *Financial Times*
with media partner *Europe's World*

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09.00 – 09.30

WELCOME & REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09.30 – 10.00

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, President of the Party of European Socialists and
Joseph Stiglitz, Co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia
University and Nobel Prize Winner in Economics (2001)

SESSION I

10.00-13.00

PROMOTING FINANCIAL STABILITY IN BASEL II

The healthiness of the banking and financial system remains unstable, despite massive liquidity injections and credit facilities by public institutions. This should raise questions on how to adjust Basel II agreements to prevent future systemic crises in the banking sector, and thus in the real economy. It is therefore crucial to analyse the boom-bust patterns of the Basel II agreements, the way counter-cyclical tools have been introduced and experienced in different parts of the world, and how counter-cyclical principles could be introduced into a reformed Basel II or Basel III.

Moderated by **Giles Merritt**, Secretary General of *Friends of Europe* and **Gillian Tett**, Capital Markets Editor of the *Financial Times*

PANEL:

Avinash Persaud

Chairman of Intelligence Capital Limited and Chair of the Warwick Commission

Stephany Griffith-Jones

Head of Financial Markets of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia University

Elemér Terták

Director of the Directorate 'Financial Institutions' in the European Commission Directorate General for Internal Market and Services

Stefan Walter

Secretary General of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision

A half an hour coffee break will take place from 11.30 to 12.00

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 14.45

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND REPORTING ON THE FIRST SESSION BY

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, President of the Party of European Socialists,
Joseph Stiglitz, Co-President of the Initiative for Policy Dialogue at Columbia
University and Nobel Prize Winner in Economics (2001) and
Joaquín Almunia, EU Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs

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SESSION II

14.45-16.45

DOES COUNTER-CYCLICALITY POINT TO BASEL III?

Financial institutions must be encouraged to clean up their balance sheets as a pre-requisite for rehabilitating the financial system and re-establishing stable growth worldwide. At the same time, financial regulators will have to build the necessary monetary counter-cyclical tools. In the process, the appearance of the same risks which caused the present financial crisis must be prevented.

Moderated by **Ernst Stetter**, Secretary General of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and **Gillian Tett**, Capital Markets Editor of the *Financial Times*

PANEL ON EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES:

Claudio Borio	Head of Research and Policy Analysis of the Bank for International Settlements
Alexander Kern	Senior Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge
Hans Helmut Kotz	Member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank
Arlene McCarthy MEP	Vice Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs in the European Parliament
Guy Levy Rueff	Deputy Director of Research and Policy of the Banque de France

PANEL ON EMERGING ECONOMIES PERSPECTIVES

Jonathan Fiechter	Deputy Director of the Monetary and Financial Systems Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
Arturo O'Connell	Member of the Board of Governors of the Central Bank of Argentina
Yaga Venugopal Reddy	Former Governor of the Reserve Bank of India
Cornelia Richter	Director General of the Planning and Development Department of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)

16.45

End of Roundtable

** to be confirmed*



PARTICIPANTS : 50 **discussants** will sit around the table. Their backgrounds will cover the wide array of stakeholders involved in finance, they will be policymakers, business leaders, MEPs and social partners' representatives from all over the world. Some 100 **observers** will attend the debate including media.

FORMAT : Each session will be opened by introductory discussants, delivering short, sharp remarks. Then the moderators will kick off the debate by taking comments from the discussants. **The style will be informal**, spontaneous, with no room for prepared speeches. We want roundtable participants to engage in a lively exchange of opinions. A rapporteur will write a **summary of the debate**, which will be largely disseminated.