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I welcome this important conference, organised by the Institute of International and European Affairs in coordination with my Department and the TEPSA European think tank network.

In just over a month, Ireland will assume the Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the seventh time. It is a role we look forward to undertaking again with distinction and pride.

At this crucial time for Europe, determined decisions and determined actions are required from its Leaders. Though a number of important measures to generate growth and create jobs were agreed at June's and October's European Councils, we must now make further progress through timely and effective implementation.

Above all else, I want this Presidency to be focused on delivery. Ireland will implement a number of critical agendas focusing on Banking Union, the Growth and Jobs Compact, the Single Market, the European Semester, Energy Efficiency and Transatlantic Trade. We will also respond to President Van Rompuy's EMU Report and steer negotiations on the sectoral legislation underpinning the Multi-Annual Financial Framework.

As we prepare to enter 2013 - the Year of the Citizen - the Union needs to reassert its relevance and find a more effective way to connect with its citizens. Ireland will also celebrate the 40th anniversary of membership of the EEC/EU in 2013, which will afford us the opportunity to consider just what it has meant for Ireland and its people.



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Programme



8.00 Registration Opens

8.45 Welcome

- Brendan Halligan, Chairman, Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA)
- Prof. Wolfgang Wessels, Chairman, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)

Session 1 Priorities of the Irish Presidency

Chair: Dáithí O'Ceallaigh, Director General, IIEA

8.55 ● *Keynote address*
Ruairi Quinn T.D., Minister for Education and Skills

9.20 ● *Presentation of recommendations to the Presidency from TEPSA*
- Prof. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

Session 2 Economic Governance and EMU

Chair: Brendan Halligan, Chairman, IIEA

9.30 ● *Keynote address*
Michael Noonan T.D., Minister for Finance

10.00 **Economic Governance/EMU Panel**

- *Towards a European banking and fiscal union*
Dr. Guntram Wolff, Deputy Director, Bruegel
- *Why flexibility matters: lessons from history*
Prof. Kevin O'Rourke, Chichele Professor of Economic History, University of Oxford
- *A missed opportunity for better governance? The next Multiannual Financial Framework*
Prof. Iain Begg, Professorial Research Fellow, European Institute, LSE

10.45 Q&A

11.00 **Coffee break**



Session 3 Innovation and the Digital/Energy Interface

Chair: Prof. Joyce O'Connor, Co-Chair, IIEA Digital Future Group

- 11.30 ● *Keynote address*
Pat Rabbitte T.D., Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- 12.00 **Energy and Digital Future Panel**
- *New energy system – enhanced competitiveness?*
Marie Donnelly, Director of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Innovation, European Commission
 - *Towards a smart, sustainable energy future*
Fintan Slye, Chief Executive, EirGrid
 - *Towards future sustainability*
Prof. Martin Curley, Vice-President of Intel Corporation and Director of Intel Labs Europe
- 12.45 Q&A
- 13.00 **Lunch**

Session 4 The EU in the World

Chair: Dr. Gunilla Herolf, Vice-President, Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences

- 14.00 ● *Keynote address*
Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- 14.30 Q&A
- Chair: Dáithí O'Ceallaigh, Director General, IIEA*
- 14.45 ● *Keynote address*
Eamon Gilmore T.D., An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 15.15 **Closing remarks**
- Prof. Jean-Paul Jacqué, Secretary General, TEPSA
 - Dáithí O'Ceallaigh, Director General, IIEA
- 15.30 **Conference concludes**

Biographies

Keynote Speakers

Eamon Gilmore TD

An Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade

Eamon Gilmore was appointed Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade in March 2011. He has been the Leader of the Labour Party since September 2007. First elected to the Dáil in 1989, he has been re-elected in each subsequent election. During the 1994 to 1997 Rainbow government, he served as Minister for State for the Marine. Mr. Gilmore is a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and Chairperson-in-office of the OSCE this year.

Michael Noonan TD

Minister for Finance

Michael Noonan TD was appointed Minister for Finance in March 2011. First elected to the Dáil in 1981, he has held a number of Ministerial positions, including Minister for Justice (1982-1986), Minister for Industry, Commerce and Trade (1986), Minister for Energy (1987), and Minister for Health (1994-1997). Mr. Noonan was leader of Fine Gael between February 2001 and May 2002.

Ruairi Quinn TD

Minister for Education and Skills

Ruairi Quinn was appointed Minister for Education and Skills in March 2011. He has held a number of Ministerial positions, including: Minister for Finance (1994-1997); Minister for Enterprise and Employment (1993-1994); Minister for the Public Service (1986-1987), Minister for Labour (1984-1987); and Minister of State in the Department of the Environment (1982-1983). First elected to Dáil Éireann in 1977, he also served as a Senator from 1976 to 1977 and from 1981 to 1982. He was leader of the Labour Party from 1997 to 2002 and Deputy Leader from 1990 to 1997.

Pat Rabbitte TD

Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources

Pat Rabbitte was appointed Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in March 2011. He previously served as Minister of State to the Government (1994 -1997) and as Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment with responsibility for Commerce, Science and Technology. First elected as a TD in 1989, he held a number of different portfolios in opposition and was Justice Spokesperson in the last Dáil. He was the Dáil's longest serving member of the Public Accounts Committee. Minister Rabbitte was Leader of the Labour Party from 2002 to 2007.

Maciej Popowski

Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service

Maciej Popowski was appointed Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service in 2010. He previously served as Head of Cabinet of European Parliament President, Jerzy Buzek, from 2009 to 2010 and as a Director in DG Development of the European Commission from 2008 to 2009. Mr. Popowski previously played a central role in Polish accession negotiations, serving as deputy head of Poland's representation to the EU, and, after 2004, as the first Permanent Representative of Poland to the EU's Political and Security Committee.

Panellists

Prof. Iain Begg

Professorial Research Fellow, LSE

Prof. Begg is a Professorial Research Fellow at the European Institute at LSE. He has published extensively in academic journals and served as co-editor of the Journal of Common Market Studies, the leading academic journal focusing on the study of European integration, from 1998 to 2003. He has served in many advisory roles, and is regularly called as an expert witness on EU issues by the House of Commons Treasury Committee, the House of Lords European Communities Committee and the European Parliament.

Prof. Martin G. Curley

Vice-President, Intel Labs and Director of Intel Labs Europe

Martin Curley is a Vice-President at Intel Corporation and Director of Intel Labs Europe, the company's network of more than 30 research labs, development centres and open innovation collaborations spanning the European region. Mr. Curley is also Professor of Technology and Business Innovation at NUI Maynooth and founder and co-director of the Innovation Value Institute, an industry-academic open innovation consortium.

Marie Donnelly

Director of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Innovation, European Commission

Marie Donnelly is Director of New and Renewable Sources of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Innovation in the European Commission's DG Energy. She previously served as Director of Resources and Communication in DG Employment and Social Affairs and as Head of Unit for European Social Fund Policy and for Equality Between Men and Women. Prior to this, she worked in the area of Industrial Policy in Pharmaceuticals in DG Enterprise and held the position of Industry Group Director with the Federation of Irish Chemical Industries in Ireland before joining the Commission.

Prof. Kevin O'Rourke

Chichele Professor of Economic History, University of Oxford

In 2011, Prof. O'Rourke became Chichele Professor of Economic History at the University of Oxford. Previously he served as: Professor of Economics at Trinity College Dublin (2000-2011); College Lecturer (1992-1997), and then Statutory Lecturer (1997-2000) in Economics at University College Dublin; and Assistant Professor at Columbia University (1989-1992). He holds a PhD from Harvard University. Prof. O'Rourke is currently Vice-President of the Economic History Association.

Fintan Slye

Chief Executive, EirGrid

Fintan Slye was recently appointed Chief Executive of EirGrid. He was previously the Director of Operations at EirGrid from 2007 to 2012, in which he had responsibility for the operation of the power system in Ireland and Northern Ireland, as well as for managing EirGrid and SONI's programme of work to facilitate the integration of world-leading levels of renewables on the power system. He previously worked for McKinsey and Co. in their Dublin office and, prior to this, held a number of project and management roles in ESB National Grid and ESB International.

Dr. Guntram B. Wolff

Deputy Director, Bruegel

Guntram Wolff is the Deputy Director of Bruegel – the Brussels-based economics think tank. His research focuses on the euro area economy and governance, on fiscal policy, global finance and Germany. He joined Bruegel from the European Commission, where he worked from 2008 until 2011 on the macroeconomics of the euro area and the reform of euro area governance. Prior to joining the Commission, he was an economist at the Deutsche Bundesbank, where he coordinated the research team on fiscal policy. He also worked as an adviser to the IMF.

TEPSA Speakers

Prof. Jean-Paul Jacqué

Secretary General, Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)

Prof. Jacqué has been the Secretary General of TEPSA since January 2010. Before joining TEPSA, he was Director of the Legal Service of the Council of the European Union from 1992 to 2008. Prof. Jacqué is now an Honorary Director General and Special Counsellor to the Council. Prof. Jacqué is a Professor at both the University of Strasbourg and at the College of Europe. He has been awarded the Officier de la Légion d'honneur; the Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite; the Commandeur des Palmes académiques; and the Officier de l'Ordre de la Couronne de Chêne

Prof. Dr. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas

Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

Prof. Dr. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas is Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science at Vilnius University. Prof. Vilpišauskas was Chief Economic and Social Policy Advisor to the President of Lithuania between 2004 and 2009. His areas of research interest include European economic and political integration, the impact of global and regional organisations on states' public policies, political economy of reforms and the role of state.

Prof. Wolfgang Wessels

Chairman, Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels has been the Chairman of TEPSA since 1995. He was appointed Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne in 1994 and has been the Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges and Natolin, since 1991. He received the *venia legendi* in Political Science of the University of Bonn in 1990 and in 2011 he was awarded for 'Lifetime Achievement in Contemporary European Studies' by the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES).

Chairs

Brendan Halligan

Chairman, Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA)

Brendan Halligan is the Chairman and Founder of the Institute of International and European Affairs. He has been Chair of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) since 2007, is CEO of CIPA Consulting and is on the Board of Mainstream Renewable Power. He was formerly Chairman of Bord na Móna, a member of the Seanad and Dáil Éireann, a member of the European Parliament and Secretary General of the Labour Party.

Dr. Gunilla Herolf

Vice-President, Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences

Before being appointed the Vice-President of the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences, Dr. Gunilla Herolf was Senior Researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. She is a member of the Steering Group for the LISBOAN project (Linking Interdisciplinary Integration Studies by Broadening the European Network), a Member of the Swedish Society for International Affairs, a Member of the Steering Committee of the Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission and a board member of TEPSA.

Dáithí O'Ceallaigh

Director General, Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA)

Dáithí O'Ceallaigh is Director General of the Institute of International and European Affairs. He is also Chairman of the Press Council of Ireland, former Irish Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva (2007-2009), former Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom (2001-2007) and former Irish Ambassador to Finland and Estonia (1993-1998).

Prof. Joyce O'Connor

President Emeritus, National College of Ireland

Joyce O'Connor is the founding President and President Emeritus of the National College of Ireland (NCI). She founded the Social Research Centre in the University of Limerick and the Social Policy Centre at NCI. She has worked extensively in education and research nationally and internationally. She has also chaired a number of Government Agencies including the Further Education and Training Awards Council (FETAC) and The Digital Hub Development Agency.



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