



EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS

"How to raise growth in the Euro area?"

A debate with National Parliaments

Brussels, 20-21 February 2006

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Monday, 20 February 2006: 20:00-22:00

*19:00 Reception desk opens: entry of ASP building
(Venue: **Members restaurant**, ASP building Groundfloor; simultaneous interpretation available in EN/FR)

PART I:

"The monetary pillar and its contribution to price stability and growth"

- 19:30 Serving of cocktail
20:00 Welcome by **Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles**, President of the European Parliament (*tbc*)
Dinner-Debate with **Mr Jean-Claude Trichet**, President of the European Central Bank
(*confirmed*)

Tuesday, 21 February 2006: 9:00-13:00

*8:00 Reception desk opens: entry of PHS building
(Venue: Room **PHS-3C050**; simultaneous interpretation available in all EU official languages)

PART II:

"The fiscal and economic policy pillar: fostering growth through structural reforms, increased investments, further policy coordination and budgetary discipline"

- 9:00 Welcome by **Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles**, President of the European Parliament (*tbc*)
9:10 Introduction by **Mrs. Pervenche Berès**, Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
9:20 Presentation by **Mr Joaquín Almunia**, Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Commission (*confirmed*)
9:40 Open debate¹ between National Parliamentarians and European Parliament Members
10:15 Presentation by **Mr Jean-Philippe Cotis**, chief economist of the OECD (*confirmed*)
Presentation by **Mr Jean Pisani-Ferry**, director of the Bruegel economic thinktank (*confirmed*)
10:45 Open debate¹ between National Parliamentarians and European Parliament Members

¹ During the discussion, to allow a maximum number of parliamentarians to contribute, speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes per contribution. Members requesting the floor are kindly asked to inform the chair by raising a blue card placed on each desk.

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PART III:

"Towards further political integration?: the lack of growth, a challenge for the institutional structure of the euro area"

- 11:30 Presentation by **Mr Jean-Claude Juncker**, Chairman of the Eurogroup, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg (*tbc*)
- 11:45 Open¹ debate between National Parliamentarians and European Parliament Members
- 12:40 Conclusions and summary of proceedings by **Mrs. Pervenche Berès**
- 13:00 Closing of meeting

On the sidelines:

- Full briefing provided in each official EU language with national contributions and summary
- Coffee will be served during the meeting
- Press stand: possibility of addressing the press after meeting
- A press release drafted by Mrs Berès will be sent to the media after the meeting
- All information available at: http://www.europarl.eu.int/comparl/econ/hearings/20060220/default_en.htm
- **IMPORTANT!** The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs hosts its quarterly monetary dialogue with the ECB President Mr. Trichet on 20 February from 17:00-19:00 (room PHS C3050), just before the start of the dinner. Those National Parliamentarians arriving early and wishing to follow the audition are welcome to do so. Please notify the secretariat beforehand: mpuente@europarl.eu.int

Practical information:

- **Registration must be made by email** through the secretariat of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs: scasella@europarl.eu.int, or mpuente@europarl.eu.int
- Access badges will be prepared on the basis of the list of registered participants and distributed at the entrance of the Altiero Spinelli building on Monday 20 February from 19:00-20:00 and at the entrance of the Paul-Henri Spaak building from 8:00-9:00 on Tuesday 21 February.
- Participants are requested to reconfirm their participation at the Dinner-Debate by email at least three days before the Meeting.

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