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## **Programme “Passion for Europe” (La Pairelle, 2023)**

### **The European past, present and future: an experience of transcending boundaries**

A series of crises pose a significant challenge to Europe and the world, today - the war in Ukraine, the energy crisis, disruptive technological developments; and in a longer term: climate change, migration, the discord of nations. So far, European integration has produced a long period of peace and prosperity in the European Union. Rooted in European History, the founding fathers' vision of Europe was based on Christian values such as solidarity, subsidiarity, personalism. Pope Francis has called for 'memory transfusion' entailing to rediscover a Christian inspiration for Europe, also as a trustee of the universal common good. The growing interdependence of nations requires cooperation and trust, hence places of dialogue in which divisions, both between nations and within nations, can be overcome. Passionate about the European project, and looking to the future with hope, we propose to consider transcending boundaries, as experimented in border regions and European networks; and to discuss visions for the future of Europe, our common destiny, leading to the possible revision of the European treaties based on Christian inspiration.

### **FRIDAY, 22th September 2023**

**4:00 pm:** Welcome-coffee, booklets, room check-in

#### **5:00 pm: Introductory session**

### **The European past, present and future: an experience of transcending boundaries**

**Keynote speech by Daniel Calleja, Head of the Legal Service, European Commission**

**Moderator: Marie de Saint Chéron**

#### **6:00 pm - 6:45pm : Group Session**

Exchange in multi-national groups

**6:45 pm - 7:30 pm:** Dinner (*hand washing dishes by participants*)

**8:00 pm:** Social networking at the library's bar (with a taste of various Belgium beers)



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## **SATURDAY, 23th September 2023**

**7:30 am:** Lauds in the Crypt (optional)

**7:30 am - 8:45 am:** Breakfast

**9:00 am - 10:30 am: Session 1**

**The European model: an experience of transcending boundaries**

**Moderator: Jean Peyrony, DG, Cross-Border Operational Mission**

**Speakers:**

**Karl-Heinz Lambertz, President of the Association of European Border Regions**

**Victoria Martin de la Torre, Press officer of the S&D Group in the European Parliament**

**10:30 am:** Break

**10:45 am - 12:15 pm: Group Session**

**12:20 pm - 1:30 pm:** Lunch (*+ hand washing dishes by participants*)

**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm: Session 2**

**What lessons can we learn from the medieval model?**

**Moderator: Gyula Ocskay, Secretary General, Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives (CESCI)**

**Speakers:**

**Prof. Jan Zielonka, University of Oxford**

**Fr. Ferenc Patsch SJ, Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome**

**3:30 pm:** Break

**4:00 pm - 5:00 pm:**

**Back to the Carbon Age? The EU and the energy crisis: making the Green Deal unrealistic?**

**Keynote speech by Philippe Lamberts, MEP the Greens**

**5:00 pm:** Break



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**5:15 pm - 6:30 pm: Group Session**

**6:45 pm – 7:30 pm:** Dinner (*hand washing dishes by participants*)

**8:00 pm: Evening piano concert in the Crypt**

Some musical tastes of the European cultural heritage

**Maxence Pilchen, pianist**

*Maxence Pilchen's vast repertoire, which includes both solo and orchestra work, along with his interpretations of Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Stravinsky, Albert Roussel or Prokofiev, have earned him critical acclaim in the musical world. He has also participated in the creation and execution of many contemporary works. Thanks to this wide ranging repertoire, he has won many other international distinctions in cities such as Porto, Barcelona, Rome and Epinal.*

**SUNDAY, 24th September 2023**

**7:15 am:** Mass in the Crypt

**8:00 am - 8:45 am:** Breakfast

**9:00 am - 10:30 am: Session 3**

**The Europe Future: an experience of transcending boundaries**

**Moderator: Jean Peyrony**

**Speakers:**

**Rev. Julian Davies**

**Domenico Rossetti di Valdalbero, European Commission**

**10:30 am:** Break

**11:00 am - 12:15 pm:** wrap-up session in plenary: exchange on main conclusions and a draft contribution from La Pairelle 2023

**12:20 pm - 1:30 pm:** Lunch (*+ hand washing dishes by participants*)

**2:00 pm:** Departure