

# Programme “Passion for Europe” (La Pairelle, 2022)

## EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY IN A TIME OF CONFUSION



### FRIDAY, 16th September 2022

**1:30 pm:** Welcome-coffee, booklets, room check-in

**2:15 pm: Introductory session**

**THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN TRUTH AND VIOLENCE**

**Keynote speech by**

- **Herman van Rompuy** former President of the European Council

**Moderator:**

**Marie de Saint Chéron**, European and Multilateral Affairs Director at Safran

**3:00 pm – 3:45 pm:** Open debate in plenary with the **Keynote speaker**

**3:45 pm:** Break

**4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Opening session**

**THE EUROPEAN UNION THROUGH THE STORMS: THE ASSETS OF ROOTS AND VALUES**

**Moderator:**

**Andreas Kolodziejak**, Economist at the European Commission

**Speakers:**

- **Sébastien Maillard**, Director of the Institut Jacques Delors
- **Victoria Martin de la Torre**, Press officer of the S&D Group in the European Parliament and author of the book “Europe, a Leap into the Unknown: A Journey Back in Time to Meet the Founders of the European Union”

**5:15 pm – 6:30 pm: 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)

## SATURDAY, 17th September 2022

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

**7:30 am – 8:45 am:** Breakfast

**9:00 am – 10:30 am: Session 1**

**CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY: GROWING ISOLATION, FADING VALUES, TENSIONS IN DEMOCRACIES**

**Moderator:**

**Olivier de Boysson**, Chief economist emerging countries at Societe Generale

**Speakers:**

- **Clemens Ladenburger**, Deputy Director-General of the EU Commission's legal Department
- **Sigrid Marz**, Board member of the "Union Internationale Chrétienne des Dirigeants d'Entreprise – UNIAPAC"

**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**

**OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND DISINFORMATION**

**Moderator:**

**Henning vom Stein**, Director of the Otone European Affairs Brussels

**Speakers:**

- **Paul F. Nemitz**, Principal Advisor in the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers of the European Commission
- **Fr Paolo Benanti T.O.R.**, Professor of Moral Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University
- **Jamina Jugo**, ELP fellow, PhD Cand. in Political Science at the University of Goettingen

**3:30 pm:** Break

**4.00 pm – 5:00 pm:**

**A VISION OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON THE CHALLENGES OF EUROPE**

**Speaker**

- **Msrgr. Franco Coppola**, Apostolic Nuncio to Belgium and Luxembourg

**5:00 pm:** Break

**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, 18th September 2022**

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

**8:00 am – 8:45 am:** Breakfast

**9:00 am – 10:30 am: Session 3**

**STRENGTHENING EU DEMOCRACY: CROSS-BORDER INSTITUTIONS, CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION, TRANSNATIONAL ELECTORAL LISTS ETC.**

**Moderator:**

**Jean Peyrony**, General Director, Transfrontier Operational Mission

**Speakers:**

- **Andreas Kolodziejak**, Economist at the European Commission
- **Gyula Ocskay**, General Secretary, CESC (Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives)
- **A member of the Common Secretariat of the “Conference on the Future of Europe”** at 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 2022

**Moderator:**

**Botond Felody**, Director of the European Leadership Program of JESC (Jesuit European Social Centre)

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

**2:00 pm:** Departure