

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)
- **Marie-France Rodier**, Policy officer at European Commission, in representation of the Common Secretariat of the "Conference on the Future of Europe"

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:

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

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

2:00 pm: Departure