

The single European currency in the face of globalisation and the economic crisis

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Teatr Kamienica
Aleja Solidarności 93, Warsaw

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Programme:

9.00 - 9.30 Registration and coffee

9.30 - 9.40 Welcome and introduction

- Paweł Świeboda, President of the Board, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy
- Mariusz Grendowicz, President of the Board, BRE Bank

9.40 – 10.20 Opening speeches

- Prof. Jacek Rostowski, Polish Finance Minister
- Prof. Dariusz Filar, Monetary Policy Council, National Bank of Poland
- Prof. Hans-Helmut Kotz, Member of the Board, Deutsche Bundesbank

10.20 – 12.00 Session One

The single European currency 10 years later. The economic crisis and further euro zone enlargement.

The session will look at 10 years of the euro zone's functioning in the context of globalisation and the ongoing economic crisis. Key topics include the euro's impact on growth, competitiveness, the single market as well as economic and political integration of the EU. Other issues to address are tensions within the monetary union, weak political coordination and the functioning of the Stability and Growth Pact in the face of the EU's looming fiscal crisis. The session will also discuss whether the monetary union had an impact on real convergence among euro zone members, whether Maastrich criteria need reviewing and prospects for euro zone enlargement.

Moderacja: Adam Jasser, Director of Programmes, demosEUROPA

- Ludwik Kotecki, Deputy Finance Minister of Poland
- Mark Allen, International Monetary Fund
- Wolfgang Merz, Division chief for the ECOFIN, Eurogroup and Economic and Monetary Union, German Finance Ministry
- Miroslav Beblavy, President, Slovak Governance Institute
- Daniela Schwarzer, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

12.00 – 12.30 Coffee Break

12.30 – 14.10 Session Two

The Euro in the global economy and new financial architecture emerging from the crisis.

The session will sum up recent developments in the global economy and on the

world currency markets and assess the impact of the crisis on the international position of the dollar and the euro. Would fiscal federalism strengthen or weaken the single European currency versus the dollar? The session will also reflect on the possible scenarios for the new global economic order in the context of recent discussions about the need for a new reserve currency and the role of the emerging economic powers such as India and China.

Moderacja: Dr Cezary Wójcik, Warsaw School of Economics

- Ryszard Petru, Chief Economist, BRE Bank
- Iain Begg, Professor, London School of Economics
- Cinzia Alcidi, Center for Policy Studies, Brussels
- Prof. Witold Orłowski, Chief Economist, PriceWaterhouseCoopers
- Representative of the European Commission

14.10 – 14.20 Concluding remarks

- Peter Hengstenberg, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Representation in Poland

14.20 Buffet

Language: Polish and English, simultaneous translation will be provided

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