

THE EU AFTER THE BRITISH REFERENDUM

THE 2016 EUROPEAN STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE JACQUES DELORS INSTITUTE

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The EU Summit organised on 16 September 2016 in Bratislava not only recognised the will of a majority of British people to leave the EU and the necessity for the 27 other Member States to better identify the political foundations connecting them. The Summit ended with a statement of principle reiterating their attachment to and membership within the EU, and with a "roadmap" which notably outlines the need to better assure the security of Europeans. It is in this context and in the perspective of the Summit to be held on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome that we are organising two round tables of our 2016 ESC.

The purpose of the first round table is to better define what constitutes Europe's identity in the globalization process. Europeans officially see themselves as united by a development model which combines democracy, economic efficiency, and social cohesion. Is this identity seen elsewhere? Are other signs of European identity visible? Are they necessary? Can we, and should we, rekindle Europe through identity?

The second round table is intended to examine the conditions under which Europe's diplomatic, military, police, and judicial responses to the internal and external threats it faces (Islamist terrorism, war in Syria, chaos in Libya, Russian aggression, etc.) can contribute to reviving the European construction. A quarter-century after the Treaty of Maastricht, can collective security become a mobilising objective for EU countries, even after the departure of the United Kingdom and the planned withdrawal of the USA?

PROGRAMME

12:30 > 14:00 – Lunch

14:00 > 16:00 – European identity in Globalisation

Lakhdar BRAHIMI, former Algerian Minister of Foreign Affairs, former High-Representative of the United Nations

Margrethe VESTAGER, Commissioner for Competition, former Danish minister

Debate introduced and moderated by **Pascal LAMY**, President Emeritus of the Jacques Delors Institute, former WTO Director-General

16:00 > 16:15 – Coffee break

16:15 > 18:15 – Reinforcing Europe's collective security

Etienne DAVIGNON, President of Friends of Europe, former Vice-President of the European Commission, Belgian Minister of State

Élisabeth GUIGOU, President of the Foreign Affairs Committee at the French National Assembly, former adviser to François Mitterrand

Debate introduced and moderated by **Nicole GNESOTTO**, Vice-President of the Jacques Delors Institute, Professor at the CNAM, President of the IHEDN

18:15 > 19:00 – Adoption of a common declaration

Yves BERTONCINI, Director of the Jacques Delors Institute

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