

DIALOGUES ON L'EUROPE

26 mai 2016 – 11h45 > 17h30 - Friche la Belle de Mai, 41 Rue Jobin, 13003 Marseille

Europe is facing turbulent times. In recent years, the European Union has been challenged by different major crises. Due to these hardships, relations between the European partners have suffered significantly, which results in a lack of mutual understanding, cooperation, and sometimes even in resentful feelings. This makes a constructive collaboration for a shared European future even more difficult.

In order to counter this development, and to establish and support a shared understanding of our common challenges, the Berlin-based think tank **Das Progressive Zentrum**, in cooperation with the **German Foreign Office**, has initiated the Project “**Dialogue on Europe: Rebuilding trust and redefining Europe in tough times**”. In the course of this project, representatives from the civil society from France, Greece, Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Germany will enter into a constructive dialogue to discuss common European issues and to develop new political ideas, which will be spread into the public and political sphere eventually.

This two-year-long dialogue has started its bilateral stage with the first [#EuropeanTownHall](#) Meetings in [Athens](#), [Lisbon](#) and [Rome](#) involving the keenest minds and thought leaders in the country from all walks of public life. Our next meeting will take place in [Marseille](#) on Thursday, 26 May 2016, in cooperation with the **Institut Jacques Delors** and the **Friche la Belle de Mai**. The event offers a valuable opportunity for participants to cooperatively identify and discuss how challenges in the fields of **Sustainable Growth**, **Migration and Integration**, **Social Cohesion** and **Populism** can best be addressed.

The Town Hall Meeting is moderated by **Isabelle MARAS**, Associate Researcher, Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)

11:45 – Welcoming of the participants & lunch

12:30 > 13:00 - Welcoming remarks

- **Dominic SCHWICKERT**, Director, Das Progressive Zentrum
- **Yves BERTONCINI**, Director, Jacques Delors Institute

13:00 > 15h - Workshops in preparation of the public discussion

Sustainable Growth (special focus on investment policy and energy policy) facilitated by

- **Sabrina SCHULZ**, Policy Fellow, Das Progressive Zentrum, and Director, Berlin office of E3G – Third Generation Environmentalism
- **Thomas PELLERIN-CARLIN**, Research Fellow, European Energy Policy, Jacques Delors Institute

Migration and Integration (special focus on refugees) facilitated by

- **Maria SKÓRA**, Senior Project Manager, Das Progressive Zentrum, and European Growth Initiative Programme Director, HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance
- **Romain FOUART**, PhD Candidate in EU immigration law, CERIC, Université Aix-Marseille

Social Cohesion (special focus on youth unemployment) facilitated by

- **Fiona D. WOLLENSACK**, Freelance Sustainability Consultant
- **Sofia FERNANDES**, Senior Research Fellow, Economic and social affairs, Jacques Delors Institute

Populism (special focus on euroscepticism) facilitated by

- **Hanno BURMESTER**, Policy Fellow, Das Progressive Zentrum, and organizational developer, Das Resultat
- **Joël GOMBIN**, Political Scientist, CURAPP/UPJV and CHERPA/IEP Aix-en-Provence, and Fellow of the Observatoire des radicalités politiques, Fondation Jean Jaurès

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 > 17h00 - Public discussion

- **Michael ROTH**, Minister of State for Europe, German Foreign Office

17:00 - Closing remarks

17:30 Reception

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