



2013 BRUSSELS ECONOMIC FORUM - GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKERS

SESSION II: TOWARDS A GENUINE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION
ROUND TABLE: FISCAL AND ECONOMIC UNION

The purpose of this document is to help speakers to prepare their interventions and inform them about technical requirements for the 19 June Brussels Economic Forum.

1. FORMAT

The total duration of the first panel discussion is fixed to 1h 15 minutes. The objective is to achieve an interactive debate. **Dan O'Brien**, Irish Times, will moderate the discussion.

An introductory statement will be delivered by Sharon Bowles, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs. The initial round of interventions will provide the panellists with an opportunity to convey their key messages, without exceeding **5 minutes each** (the introductory speaker will be allotted 8 minutes). Thereafter, the moderator will prompt the speakers to comment on particular parts of other panellists' statements. Panellists are invited to limit the length of their interventions in favour of the debate and interaction. For the same reason, speakers are encouraged not to use PowerPoint presentations.

The last **20 minutes** will be allocated to a question & answer session with the audience.

2. FOCUS

Under the overall heading of "**TOWARDS A GENUINE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION**", the specific angle on which you may wish to focus your interventions is:

How is the battle for support for this core EU project among citizens evolving? What steps are needed to reinforce democratic accountability and legitimacy in the medium run (in time for the next European elections) and in the longer run (as part of a wider settlement on the future of EMU)? Your views on the challenge of communicating and gaining understanding among populations on the benefits - but also the requirements - of an economic and monetary union.

However, you can also agree in advance with the moderator **Dan O'Brien** (danobrien@irishtimes.com) on a different angle or focus. If you wish to make a statement or convey a particular message, please inform the contact person at the bottom of this document by **12 June 2013** at the latest.

For each panel topic, DG ECFIN will prepare a **Policy Brief** to serve as background and input for the panel debate. The Policy Briefs will be sent to you ahead of the Forum.

The other panel participants are:

- **Marco Buti**, Director General, DG ECFIN
- **Anders Åslund**, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics
- **Carlo Cottarelli**, Director Fiscal Affairs Dept., IMF
- **Charles Wyplosz**, Professor, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies

3. FORUM VIDEO INTERVIEWS

At this year's BEF, a short video clip will be produced by our contractor GOPA-Cartermill (www.gopa-cartermill.com). To this end, interviews will be conducted at the conference with selected speakers. The aim of this clip is to present the BEF in general and the issues it addresses this year in particular.

We would very much appreciate if you would agree to such a short possible interview on the day of the conference, at a time convenient for you. If you agree, you will be contacted by Gopa Cartermill concerning the necessary details.

4. PRACTICAL ASPECTS

There will be simultaneous interpretation into and from **English, French and German**. You may, if you wish, use any of these languages. The use of visual aids is not recommended in order to stimulate interactive exchanges. Should you use visual aids, please contact Agnese Brancatelli (agnese.brancatelli@ec.europa.eu) with a copy to the contractor Gopa Cartermill BEF2013@gopa-cartermill.com by **12 June 2013** at the latest. Please make sure your e-mail has in fact reached the European Commission by requesting a delivery notification.

The sessions will be web streamed live.

Wireless internet connection will be available in the main conference room.

5. CONTACT

For any questions related to your participation at the conference, please contact Jens Matthiessen (jens.matthiessen@ec.europa.eu; +32 (0)2 299 34 96).

