



**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT**  
**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND MONETARY AFFAIRS**

*"How to raise growth in the Euro area?"*

*A debate with National Parliaments*

*Brussels, 20-21 February 2006*

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

*(updated 17.01.2006, 10:00)*

**Monday, 20 February 2006: 20:00-22:00**

\*19:00 Reception desk opens: entry of ASP building  
(Venue: Members restaurant, ASP building Groundfloor; simultaneous interpretation available in EN/FR)

**PART I:**

*"The monetary pillar and its contribution to price stability and growth"*

19:30 Serving of cocktail  
20:00 Welcome by **Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles**, President of the European Parliament (*tbc*)  
Dinner-Debate with **Mr Jean-Claude Trichet**, President of the European Central Bank (*confirmed*)

**Tuesday, 21 February 2006: 9:00-13:00**

\*8:00 Reception desk opens: entry of PHS building  
(Venue: Room PHS-3C050; simultaneous interpretation available in all EU official languages)

**PART II:**

*"The fiscal and economic policy pillar: fostering growth through structural reforms, increased investments, further policy coordination and budgetary discipline"*

9:00 Welcome by **Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles**, President of the European Parliament (*tbc*)  
9:10 Introduction by **Mrs. Pervenche Berès**, Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs  
9:20 Presentation by **Mr Joaquín Almunia**, Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs, European Commission (*confirmed*)  
9:40-11:30

Open debate<sup>1</sup> between National Parliamentarians and European Parliament Members  
Presentation by **Mr Jeremy Rifkin**, president of the Foundation on Economic Trends (*tbc*)  
Presentation by **Mr Jean-Philippe Cotis**, chief economist of the OECD (*confirmed*)  
Presentation by **Mr Jean Pisani-Ferry**, director of the Bruegel economic thinktank (*confirmed*)

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### PART III:

*"Towards further political integration?: the lack of growth, a challenge for the institutional structure of the euro area"*

- 11:30 Presentation by **Mr Jean-Claude Juncker**, Chairman of the Eurogroup, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg (*tbc*)  
11:45 Open<sup>2</sup> debate between National Parliamentarians and European Parliament Members  
12:40 Conclusions and summary of proceedings by **Mrs. Pervenche Berès**  
13:00 Closing of meeting

#### On the sidelines:

- Full briefing provided in each official EU language with national contributions and summary
- Coffee will be served during the meeting
- Press stand: possibility of addressing the press after meeting
- A press release drafted by Mrs Berès will be sent to the media after the meeting
- All information available at:  
[http://www.europarl.eu.int/comparl/econ/hearings/20060220/default\\_en.htm](http://www.europarl.eu.int/comparl/econ/hearings/20060220/default_en.htm)
- **IMPORTANT!** The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs hosts its quarterly monetary dialogue with the ECB President Mr. Trichet on 20 February from 17:00-19:00 (room PHS C3050), just be-

<sup>1</sup> During the discussion, to allow a maximum number of parliamentarians to contribute, speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes per contribution. Members requesting the floor are kindly asked to inform the chair by raising a blue card placed on each desk.

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fore the start of the dinner. Those National Parliamentarians arriving early and wishing to follow the audition are welcome to do so. **Please notify the secretariat beforehand:** [mpuente@europarl.eu.int](mailto:mpuente@europarl.eu.int)

**Practical information:**

- **Registration must be made by email** through the secretariat of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs: [scasella@europarl.eu.int](mailto:scasella@europarl.eu.int), or [mpuente@europarl.eu.int](mailto:mpuente@europarl.eu.int)
- **Access badges will be prepared on the basis of the list of registered participants and distributed at the entrance of the Altiero Spinelli building on Monday 20 February from 19:00-20:00 and at the entrance of the Paul-Henri Spaak building from 8:00-9:00 on Tuesday 21 February.**
- **Participants are requested to reconfirm their participation at the Dinner-Debate by email at least three days before the Meeting.**