



The Brussels Tax Forum
Le Forum Fiscal de Bruxelles
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PROGRAMME

(preliminary)

Tax Policy under a Common Currency

Brussels, Charlemagne building
March 5th and 6th, 2012



Monday 5th March 2012

13.00 Registration opening
14.00 Welcome coffee

Opening Session

14.30-14.45 Opening of the Conference by **Algirdas Šemeta**, EU Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud
14.45-15.00 Opening Speech by **Thor Möger Pedersen**, Danish Minister for Taxation
15.00-15.15 Opening Speech by **Sharon Bowles**, Chairwoman of the European Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs
15.15-15.55 Coffee break

Session: Fiscal imbalances and consolidation

Chair: TBA

15.55-16.00 Introduction by the Chair

16.00-16.45 *Economic and fiscal challenges to the EMU*, by **André Sapir**,
Universite' Libre de Bruxelles and Bruegel

16.45 -17.25 *Fiscal imbalances and consolidation: the role of taxation*, (TBC)

17.25 -17.55 Questions and discussion with the floor

17.55-18:00 Conclusions by the Chair

18.00 Cocktail for participants



Tuesday 6th March 2012

- 8.00 Registration
8.30 Welcome coffee
- 9.00-9.20 Opening Speech by **László Andor**, EU Commissioner for
Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Morning session: taxes and competitiveness with a fixed exchange rate

- Chair: TBA
- 9.20-10.00 *Fiscal devaluations through the labour-consumption tax mix*, by
Emmanuel Farhi, Harvard University (TBC)
- 10.00-10.30 Coffee break
- 10.30-11.10 *Monetary and fiscal policy aspects of indirect tax changes in a
monetary union*, by **Anna Lipinska**, Federal Reserve Board
- 11.10-11.50 *Improving competitiveness through fiscal devaluation, the case of
Portugal*, by **Francesco Franco**, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
- 11.50-12.25 Questions and discussion with the floor
- 12.25-12.30 Conclusions by the Chair
- 12.30-14.00 Buffet lunch for participants



Afternoon session: fiscal architecture and tax assignment under a single currency

- Chair: TBA
- 14.00-14.30 *Tax policies and fiscal institutions for a currency union*, by **Thiess Büttner**, Ifo Institute and Friedrich-Alexander-Universität
- 14.30-15.00 *Fiscal reforms and the political economy of the EU*, by **Massimo Bordignon**, Catholic University of Milan
- 15.00-15.30 Coffee break
- 15.30-16.15 Questions and discussion with the floor
- 16.15-16.30 Conclusions by **Algirdas Šemeta**, EU Commissioner for Taxation and Customs Union, Audit and Anti-Fraud
- 16.30 Close