



European Commission Conference

The Blueprint for a deep and genuine EMU:

*Debating the future economic, monetary,
banking and political union*

Brussels, Tuesday 7 May 2013

I have great pleasure in inviting you to be represented at a major one-day European Commission conference in Brussels on **Tuesday 7 May** which will debate the "Blueprint for a deep and genuine EMU".

In publishing the 'Blueprint' in November 2012, the European Commission demonstrated its commitment to advancing the debate on the future of economic and monetary union. It led the way by providing a vision for a strong and stable architecture in the financial, fiscal, economic and political domains.

At this conference, European leaders and stakeholders will outline and debate in depth the Blueprint's principles and vision. We will discuss what it means for the citizens of Europe and how best we can ensure not only that they understand the key questions, but also how the process can be supported by a reinforcing of democratic accountability in Europe.

The conference programme, a draft of which can be found following the link below*, will feature key speakers from Member State governments, the European Parliament, national parliaments and other stakeholders. It will focus on economic governance, banking union and the question of democratic legitimacy and accountability. The President of the European Commission, José Manuel Barroso will deliver the keynote opening speech. This will be followed by a round table discussion with the Vice-President of the European Commission, Olli Rehn, the Chairman of the Eurogroup, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, and the Finance Minister of Portugal, Vitor Gaspar.

There are key questions and topical issues being debated at the conference and we believe it is important that there is good representation from the national parliament. We hope, therefore, that you will be in a position to nominate up to two elected representatives from your chamber. In this way, we hope that the views of national Members of Parliament will be heard clearly.

We would be most grateful if you could indicate the names of your chosen representatives by **Monday 29 April** by using this registration link:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fmi/scic/BLEUPRINT-EMU-13/start.php>.

Should you wish further information on the conference at this stage, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Graeme Carter graeme.carter@ec.europa.eu.

On an administrative point, the conference will take place in the **Charlemagne** building of the Commission, 170, rue de la Loi, Brussels 1040.

In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming your representatives on Tuesday 7 May.

With kind regards,

Jean-Claude Thébault

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*Draft conference programme: http://ec.europa.eu/bepa/expertise/conferences/index_en.htm