

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Growth, jobs and rights: will the European Union rise to the occasion?

***Sala della Regina, Palazzo Montecitorio
Italian Chamber of Deputies
Rome, 13-14 March 2014***

PROGRAMME

Thursday 13th March 2014

14.30 – 15.45 Arrival of delegations

16.00 – 17.00 **Opening session**

Laura BOLDRINI, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies

Evangelos-Vasileios MEIMARAKIS, President of the Hellenic Parliament

Pietro GRASSO, President of the Italian Senate

In the presence of the President of the Italian Republic, Giorgio NAPOLITANO

17.00 **Session I: Overcoming the crisis: promoting robust and sustainable growth based on sound employment (*chairperson: Ioannis Dragasakis, Vice President of the Hellenic Parliament*)**

Keynote Speakers

Romano PRODI, former President of the European Commission

Yves LETERME, Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Mariana MAZZUCATO, Professor in the Economics of Innovation, Sussex University

Carlo PETRINI, President of Slow Food

Debate

To be followed by Dinner preceded by remarks from *Antonio MARTINO*, President of the Italian Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (*Deputies' Restaurant - Palazzo Montecitorio*)

Friday 14th March 2014

- 9.00 – 9.30** **Guided tour of Palazzo Montecitorio** (*pre-registered participants only*)
- 9.45 – 12.15** **Session II: Ensuring respect for fundamental rights in European Union member states** (*chairperson: Sandro Gozi, Head of the Italian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe*)
- Keynote speakers**
- Nils MUIŽNIEKS*, Human Rights Commissioner of the Council of Europe
- Morten KJÆRUM*, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
- Armin VON BOGDANDY*, Director of the Heidelberg Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
- Irene KHAN*, Director-General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
- Debate**
- 12.15 – 13.00** **Closing remarks**
- Matteo RENZI*, President of the Italian Council of Ministers
- Laura BOLDRINI*, President of the Italian Chamber of Deputies
- 13.00 – 14.30** Buffet lunch (*Deputies' Restaurant – Palazzo Montecitorio*)
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