



INVITATION

The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS) and the Centre for European Studies (CES) have the pleasure of inviting you to a conference on:

From Reform to Growth: Germany as an Example for Europe?

Wednesday, 12 February 2014

06.45pm until 08.30pm

Registration from 6.15pm

Venue:

Hotel Stanhope, Rue du Commerce 9, 1000 Brussels

Programme

06.15 pm REGISTRATION AND LIGHT SNACKS

06.45 pm OPENING AND WELCOME

Tomi HUHTANEN

Director, CES

06.50 pm KEY NOTE SPEECH

Markus FERBER, MEP

Chairman CSU Group,
Board member HSS

07.10 pm PANEL DEBATE

Prof. Dr. Rolf CAESAR

University of Hohenheim
Stuttgart, Germany

Martina DALIĆ, PhD

Member of Parliament, Croatia

Piotr BURAS

Head of Warsaw Office
European Council on Foreign Relations

MODERATION

Vít NOVOTNÝ, PhD

Senior Research Officer, CES

08.30 pm END OF CONFERENCE

– Reception –

Conference Languages: German and English
(Simultaneous interpretation will be provided)

Background

With economic recession in many member states, a high level of unemployment and European competitiveness at risk, the EU is facing its biggest crisis ever. Many member states found themselves caught in a vicious circle of banks too big to fail and costly state efforts to stabilise the financial sector. Heading into decisive European elections in May 2014, the European institutions have to strive for effectiveness and legitimacy in order to ensure citizens' consent to the major integration projects. These include establishing a strong banking supervision and implementing the European semester to improve coordination of economic and budget policies. Closer cooperation between member states and sound economic governance structures are essential for bringing Europe back to growth and sustainable finances.

As the causes of the crisis have been different from country to country, tackling the economic challenges is first of all a national responsibility. In this regard, the German economic and social model is attracting attention of policymakers who note Germany's success in maintaining employment during the years of the crisis, its export performance and overall economic strength. Observers point to the German system of the social dialogue between the government, trade unions and employers, the country's labour market reforms and its education model. Are these policies applicable elsewhere? If yes, what have been the barriers to learning lessons from Germany? If the German lessons cannot be transferred, what alternative economic and social models can we find in Europe that other countries can adopt or adapt to?

To discuss these questions, the conference brings together scholars and analysts from various EU member states with policy makers in the European Parliament. The HSS and CES want to contribute to this important discussion, and warmly invite you to this event.

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