



## EU- CELAC Economic Forum- Channels for a joint future

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*The political, economic and cultural links between the EU and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States are many and established. It is worth noting that the EU has more association agreements with this region than with any other in the world, having signed comprehensive agreements with CARIFORUM, the Central American countries, Mexico, Chile, Peru, Colombia and Ecuador, and is working towards a conclusion of negotiations with MERCOSUR. This close relationship is significant, specially understood in the context of a multipolar world where the geopolitical balance created after the World War II is changing, offering the EU and the a unique opportunity to rethink and strengthen their strategic ties.*

*This new geopolitical scenario, together with the Digital Revolution, will have significant effects on the development of Latin America and the Caribbean, considering trade, migration and technological channels. These aspects represent common opportunities and challenges for both societies and economies. The EU- CELAC Economic Forum will explore those policies that will contribute to further engagement between both regions.*

*It is hoped that the forum outcomes will feed into the CELAC-EU summit which will take place on October 26-27, in San Salvador.*

### PROGRAMME

Welcome Remarks:     Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel  
                                 Emilio Lamo de Espinosa, President, Elcano  
                                 Bert Hoffmann, Head of Berlin Office, GIGA

#### Session I. - A discussion with:

Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the European Commission  
Enrique V. Iglesias, former Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Cooperation Secretariat and President, IDB

Chair:                     Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel

#### Session II. GEOPOLITICAL Channel: EU- CELAC trade and investment relations in a changing and multipolar world

Chair:                     Bert Hoffmann, Honorary Professor at Freie Universität Berlin

Keynote:                Eduardo Levy Yeyati, Dean, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT) School of Government and Coordinating Director of the Argentina 2030 Program of the Presidency of the Nation

Panel:                    Darío Chirú, Ambassador of Panama to the EU, representing SICA  
                                 Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-General on Development  
                                 Everton Vargas, Ambassador of Brasil to the EU, representing Mercosur



**Session III. PEOPLE Channel:** Diaspora and migration as a path for knowledge transfer

- Chair: Anna Barrera, Programme Manager - Generation and Transfer of Knowledge at the Service of the Bi-regional Partnership, EU-LAC Foundation.
- Keynote: Felipe González, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants
- Panel: Luicy Pedroza, Research Fellow and Speaker Research Team, GIGA Institute of Latin American Studies  
Mario Soares, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee- EESC  
Dylan Vernon, Ambassador of Belize to the EU

**Session IV. TECHNOLOGY Channel:** The challenges of the digital world- Security, privacy and public finance

- Chair: Angel Badillo, Senior Analyst, Elcano
- Keynote: Pablo Bello, Executive Director of the Inter-American Association of Telecom Operators (ASIT) and former Vice-Secretary of Telecommunications in the Chilean government (tbc)
- Panel: Trinidad Jimenez, Head Public Affairs Global Strategy, Telefonica and former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Spain  
European Commission, DG CONNECT (tbc)

**Closing speech:**

Guillermo Fernández de Soto, Corporate Director for Europe, CAF and former Secretary General of the Andean Community of Nations