



**Regione Toscana**

## **THE EU AND THE WORLD: NEW CHALLENGES AND TRENDS**

### **Twenty-seven ideas from the Erasmus generation**

University of Florence, Faculty of Political Science Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence,  
University of Florence 31 May – 1 June 2012

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 'Erasmus' programme, the Faculty of Political Science 'Cesare Alfieri' and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence of the University of Florence are organizing a conference for a group of Erasmus students coming from all EU Member countries and European Parliamentary Members. The event is under the high patronage of the European Parliament and is supported by the parliamentary groups of the European People's Party and the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats. The European Documentation Centre of the University of Florence and the national Agency of the Lifelong Learning Program have also provided their collaboration.

The purpose of the conference is to allow a group of students coming from all over Europe to present specific proposals and discuss their views on the European integration process with representatives of EU institutions. The event is a follow up to the series of nine conferences on "The Costs of Non Europe" that the Faculty of Political Science organized last year. The results of the conferences were officially presented and discussed with Giuliano Amato during the first Festival of Europe jointly promoted in May 2011 by the European University Institute, the city of Florence, the University and other local Institutions. As a result, the University of Florence has committed to a transnational initiative on the future of the European Union aimed at involving European universities and particularly Erasmus students.

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## Conference draft program

**May 31, 2012**

Polo delle Scienze Sociali -Auditorium

### 9.30: Welcome & Opening Session

Prof.ssa Franca Alacevich- Dean of the Faculty of Political Science

Prof.ssa Valeria Fargion – Jean Monnet Chair

### 10.00-10.30

Philippe Schmitter – Emeritus Professor Stanford University and European University Institute

"The Euro-Crisis: Will it be a good one or a bad one?"

### 10.30-11.00

Coffee break

### Ore 11.00 – 13.00

Parallel sessions . Discussion of the position papers presented by the different national teams and identification of the relevant Rapporteurs

### 13-14.30

Lunch Break

### 14.30-16.30

Plenary Session - Presentations by the Rapporteurs and general debate

Chair: Roberto Castaldi

Contributions by Prof. Laura Leonardi, Prof. Rossella Bardazzi, Prof. Giorgio Natalicchi

### 16.30-17.00

Coffee break

### 17.00-17.30

Prof. Marcello Verga – University of Florence

“Public discourse on the European Identity”

**June 1, 2012**

Polo delle Scienze Sociali -Auditorium

9.15: Welcome & Opening Session - Prof. Alberto Tesi, Rector of the University of Florence  
Pasquale Baldocci, Former Italian Ambassador, Institute of Forecasting Studies and International Research (ISPRI)

“A new vision for the European Union”

### 9.45-11.00

#### **First session**

“United in Diversity. Core Premises for 21 Century Europeaness”

Chair: Rosa de Pasquale, Member of the Italian Parliament

MEP Niccolò Rinaldi (ALDE) reacts to the Position Papers by the National Teams of Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Spain, Sweden

### 11.00-11.15

Coffee break

### 11.15-12.40

#### **Second session**

“Exit Strategies from the Euro-crisis”

Chair: Massimiliano Guderzo, University of Florence

MEP Leonardo Domenici (S&D) reacts to the Position Papers by the National Teams of

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Cyprus, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Lithuania, UK

12.40-13.00

Prof. Urban Strandberg- Centre of European Studies (CES) University of Gothenburg  
“Universities’ role and responsibilities in the European Integration Process”

13.00-14.00

Lunch break

14.00-15.15

**Third session**

“Towards a Pan-European Educational System”

Chair Annick Magnier, University of Florence

MEP Luigi Berlinguer (S&D) and Flora Imberciadori (national Agency of the Lifelong Learning Program) reacts to the Position Papers by the National Teams of Austria, Bulgaria, Latvia, Poland, Romania

15.15-16.45

**Fourth session**

“Politics, Institutional Innovations and European Citizenship”

Chair: Valeria Fargion, University of Florence

Pavel Trantina (European Economic and Social Committee) and MEP Carlo Casini (EPP) react to the Position Papers by the National Teams of Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia

16.45-17.00

Coffee break

17.00-18.00

**Fifth session**

“Europe in a Multi-polar World”

Chair: Marco Mayer, University of Florence

MEP Paolo Bartolozzi (EPP) reacts to the Position Papers by the National Teams of France, Greece, Slovakia

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