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Thursday, 26 October 2023

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| TBC | Transfer from hotels to the Senate. <i>Organisation vehicles</i> |
| 09:00-11:00 | Registration of participants from national Parliaments. Reception of delegations. <i>Sala Europa Hall</i> |
| 09:45-10:45 | Political groups meetings. <i>Rooms TBC</i> |
| 11:00-11:30 | Opening session of the conference. <i>Hemicycle.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Welcoming speech by His Excellency the President of the Senate.– Speech by a member of the European Parliament (TBC) |
| 11:30-13:15 | First session: THE CHALLENGES OF GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT. <i>In 2022, the European Commission issued a Communication (based on public consultation with different stakeholders and the member states) in which future guidelines of EU economic governance framework and its reform were set out, achieving simpler, more transparent and more efficient regulation, with greater national participation. This aimed to reduce the high levels of public debt in a realistic, gradual and sustained way, improving inclusive economic growth through strategic investments. To address the challenges and the reform of the Government of the European Union, it is key to take the international context and the world economic context into account.</i> Debate. |
| 13:30-15:00 | Lunch provided by the Spanish Parliament. <i>Senate Restaurant.</i> |

- 15:00-15:30 **Group photo**
Plaza de la Marina Española
- 15:30-17:15 **Second session: ARCHITECTURE OF THE NEW GOVERNANCE: MEDIUM-TERM STRUCTURAL BUDGET PLANS AND THE SPECIFIC NET EXPENDITURE PATH FOR EACH COUNTRY. SUSTAINABILITY OF DEBT AND FISCAL PRUDENCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION**
- Under the new Governance rules, Member States would have greater room for manoeuvre in setting their budgetary adjustment path, reinforcing national sovereignty over their fiscal paths. Economic policy decisions are subject to voluntary coordination at the European level, with the result that decisions or economic developments in one member country strongly affect the other member states and can produce a contagion effect. To guarantee macroeconomic stability and the good function of the EMU, a fiscal discipline framework that promotes the sustainability of finances is essential.*
- Debate.
- End of the first day.
- 17:15 **Transfer to hotels.**
Organisation vehicles
- TBC **Transfer from hotels to dining location.**
Organisation vehicles
- 20:00-22:30 **Dinner provided by His Excellency the President of the Senate of Spain.**
Hotel Wellington, calle de Velázquez 8, 28001 Madrid

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| 27 October 2023 |
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- TBC **Transfer from hotels to the Senate**
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- 09.00 -10:45 **Third session: INTEGRATION OF THE SOCIAL DIMENSION IN ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE**
- The concept of a socially strong Europe is based on people and their wellbeing, given that it is one of the most egalitarian societies in the world, with the highest standards for working conditions and social protection. Sustainable competitiveness is at the centre of market social sustainability, with the aim of achieving a sustainable and inclusive model of growth, in which an innovative and qualified active population is key, capable of adapting to the environmental and digital double transition.*
- Hemicycle*



Debate.

11:00-11:30

Coffee break:

11:30–13:15

Fourth session: OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY

International openness is a keystone of the European Union, inherent to the economic and social progress achieved since its creation. However, the effects of globalisation have brought to light the dangers of the Union's strategic dependency on third countries, which threaten citizens' wellbeing and the competitiveness of European companies. These vulnerabilities may worsen within the framework of complex international order, with the emergence of new conflicts and the impact of climate change, which is why it is necessary to establish a strategic European autonomy that does not lean towards protectionism.

Debate.

13:15-13:45

Closing session.

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Speech by Her Excellency the President of the Congress of Deputies.

14:00-16:00

Cocktail Lunch provided by the Spanish Parliament.

Patio de los Naranjos in the Senate

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Transfer to hotels.

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