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**Wednesday, 25 October 2023**

15:00-19:00      **Registration of participants from national parliaments.**  
*Delegates' hotels*

Registration of participants will also be available on Thursday, October 26, from 08:30 to 11:00 at the entrance of the Senate located on calle Bailén, 3.

**Thursday 26 October 2023**

08:45              **Transfer from delegates' hotels to the Senate for those taking part in meetings of the Secretariat and political groups**  
*Organiser's vehicles*

9:45-10:45      **Political groups' meetings.**  
*Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) – Room Manuel Giménez Abad*  
*Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament - Room Manuel Broseta Pont*  
*Renew Europe Group – Room 20.003*

10:15              **Transfer from delegates' hotels to the Senate for the remaining Conference participants**  
*Organiser's vehicles*

10:55              **Group photo**  
*Hemicycle*

11:00-11:25      **Conference opening session.**  
*Hemicycle*

- Welcome address by the Senate President, the Right Honourable Mr Pedro Rollán Ojeda.
- Speech by the Right Honourable Mr Celso Delgado Arce, deputy of the Cortes Generales.

- 11:30-13:15
- Speech by the Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Ms Irene Tinagli.
- First session: THE CHALLENGES OF GOVERNANCE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT.**

*In 2022, the European Commission approved a Communication (based on public consultation with different stakeholders and the member states) in which it has set out future guidance on the EU's economic governance framework and its reform, aimed at achieving simpler, more transparent and effective regulation, with greater national ownership, and reducing high public debt ratios in a realistic, gradual and sustained manner, as well as enhancing inclusive economic growth via strategic investments. In addressing the challenges and reform of EU Governance, it is essential to take into account the international context and the global economic situation.*

Chaired and moderated by the Right Honourable Mr Celso Delgado Arce, deputy of the Cortes Generales.

- Speech by Mr Fabrizio Balassone, EU Commissioner for Economic Affairs' Head of Office.
- Speech by the Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, Ms Irene Tinagli.
- Speech by Mr Enrique Feás from the Elcano Royal Institute.

Debate.

- 13:30-15:30
- Lunch hosted by the Cortes Generales.**  
*Senate - Salón de Pasos Perdidos*

- 15:30-17:15
- Second session: ARCHITECTURE OF THE NEW GOVERNANCE: THE STRUCTURAL MEDIUM-TERM BUDGETARY PLANS AND SPECIFIC NET EXPENDITURE PATHWAYS FOR EACH COUNTRY. DEBT SUSTAINABILITY AND FISCAL PRUDENCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION**

*Under the new Governance rules, member states would have more room for manoeuvre in setting their individual fiscal adjustment pathways, reinforcing national sovereignty over their selected fiscal routes. Economic policy decisions are subject to voluntary coordination at European level, with the result that one member state's decisions or economic developments strongly affect other member states and can be contagious.*

*A framework of fiscal discipline that promotes sustainable finances is essential to ensure macroeconomic stability and the smooth functioning of the EMU.*

Chaired and moderated by the Right Honourable Mr Francisco Javier Márquez Sánchez, senator of the Cortes Generales.

- Speech by the Director of International Economics and the Euro Area of Banco de España, Mr Javier Pérez.
- Speech by Ms Esther de Lange, rapporteur on the economic governance reform proposal, Member of the European Parliament.
- Speech by Mr Pim Lescauwaet, Senior Cabinet Expert of the Executive Vice-President for an Economy that works for People.

Debate.

End of the first day.

- 17:15 **Transfer to delegates' hotels.**  
*Organiser's vehicles*
- 19:30 **Transfer from delegates' hotels to the venue for dinner.**  
*Organiser's vehicles*
- 20:00-22:30 **Dinner hosted by the Cortes Generales.**  
*Hotel Wellington, Calle de Velázquez 8, 28001 Madrid*
- 19:30 **Transfer to delegates' hotels.**  
*Organiser's vehicles*

<b>Friday 27 October 2023</b>
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- 8:30 **Transfer from delegates' hotels to the Senate**  
*Organiser's vehicles*
- 09.00–10:45 **Third session: INTEGRATING THE SOCIAL PILLAR INTO ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE**  
*The concept of a strong social Europe is based on people and their well-being, as it is one of the most egalitarian societies in the world, with the highest standards in terms of working conditions and social protection. Sustainable competitiveness is at the heart of the social market economy, in order to achieve a sustainable and inclusive model for growth, and key to which is an innovative and skilled workforce that is capable of adapting to the dual ecological and digital transition.*  
*Hemicycle*

Chaired and moderated by the Right Honourable Ms María Amparo Marco Gual, senator of the Cortes Generales.

- Speech by the Chair of Spain's Economic and Social Council, Mr Antón Costas Comesaña.
- Speech by Ms Margarida Marques, rapporteur on the economic governance reform proposal, Vice President of the Budget Committee of the European Parliament.
- Speech by Mr Joris Vandenbroucke, Member of the Chambre des représentants of Belgium.

Debate.

11:00-11:30

**Coffee break.**

*Sala Europa Hall*

11:30–13:15

**Fourth session: OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY.**

*International openness is a fundamental pillar of the European Union, and is inherent in the economic and social progress achieved since its creation. However, the effects of globalisation have highlighted the dangers of the Union's strategic dependence on third countries, demonstrating weaknesses and the risk of shortcomings, which threaten the well-being of citizens and the competitiveness of European companies. These vulnerabilities could worsen under the complex international order, with the emergence of new conflicts and the impact of climate change,. It is therefore necessary to establish a European strategic autonomy that does not lean towards protectionism.*

Chaired and moderated by the Right Honourable Mr Javier Alfonso Cendón, deputy of the Cortes Generales.

- Speech by the Vice-President of the European Commission in charge of strategic foresight, Mr Maros Sefcovic (video).
- Speech by the Spanish Government's Secretary of State for the Economy and Business Support, the Right Honourable Mr Gonzalo García Andrés.
- Speech by the Chair of Spain's National Commission on Markets and Competition, the Right Honourable Ms Cani Fernández Vicién.

Debate.



13:15-13:45

**Closing session.**

- Speech by the Right Honourable Mr Javier Alfonso Cendón, deputy of the Cortes Generales.
- Speech by the President of the Congress of Deputies, the Right Honourable Ms Francina Armengol Socias.

14:00-16:00

**Lunch and cocktail hosted by the Cortes Generales.**

*Senate - Patio de los Naranjos*

16:15

**Return to delegates' hotels.**

*Organiser's vehicles*