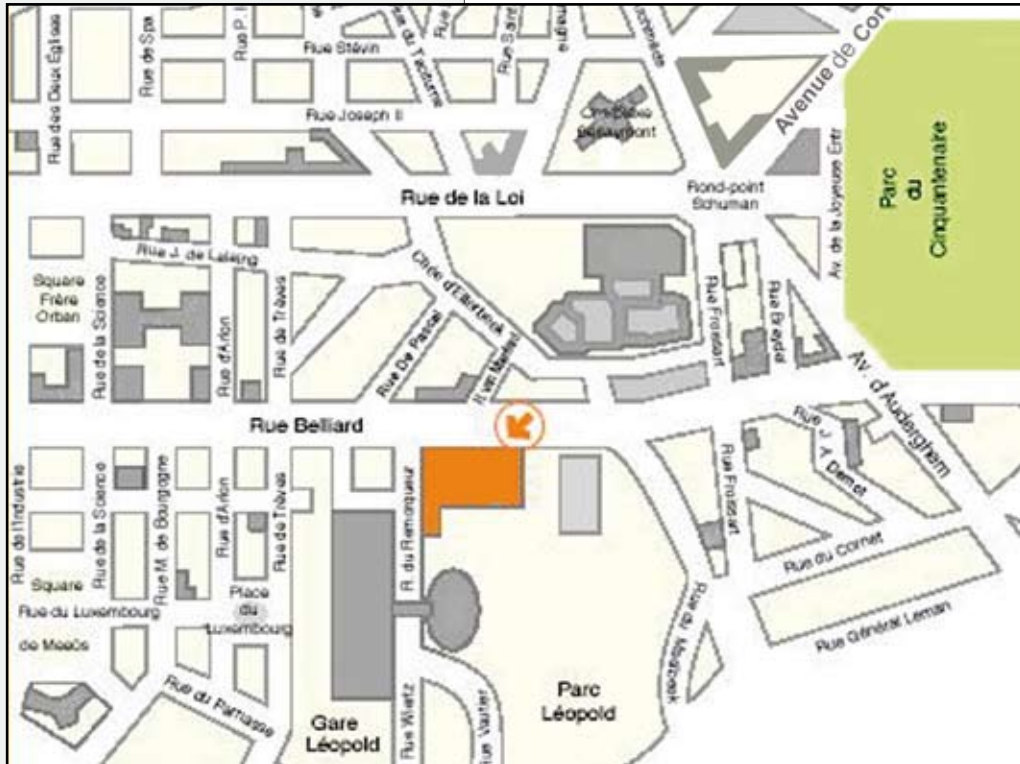


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10.15 am

## WELCOME ADDRESSES

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**Hans-Werner Sinn**

President, Ifo Institute, Munich

**Gerhard Stahl**

Secretary General, Committee of the Regions,  
Brussels

10.30 am

## INTRODUCTORY DEBATE

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**Financial and Economic Crisis:  
Causes and Consequences**

Keynote Address

**Joaquín Almunia**

Commissioner for Economic and Monetary Affairs,  
European Commission, Brussels

**Hans-Werner Sinn**

President, Ifo Institute, Munich

Discussion

12.15 pm

Lunch

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1.15 pm

## PANEL 1

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**Stagflation Ahead?  
Output Slump and Excess Inflation in Europe**

**Pervenche Berès**

Chairwoman of the Committee on Economic  
and Monetary Affairs, European Parliament, Brussels

**Kai Carstensen**

Head, Business Cycle Analyses and  
Surveys Department, Ifo Institute, Munich

Discussion

2.45 pm

Coffee Break

3.00 pm

## PANEL 2

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**European Tax Policy — Taxation of Multinationals**

**Robert Verrue**

Director General, Taxation and Customs Union  
Directorate-General,  
European Commission, Brussels

**Thiess Buettner**

Head, Public Finance Department, Ifo Institute, Munich

Discussion

4.00 pm

Concluding Remarks

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**Hans-Werner Sinn**

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