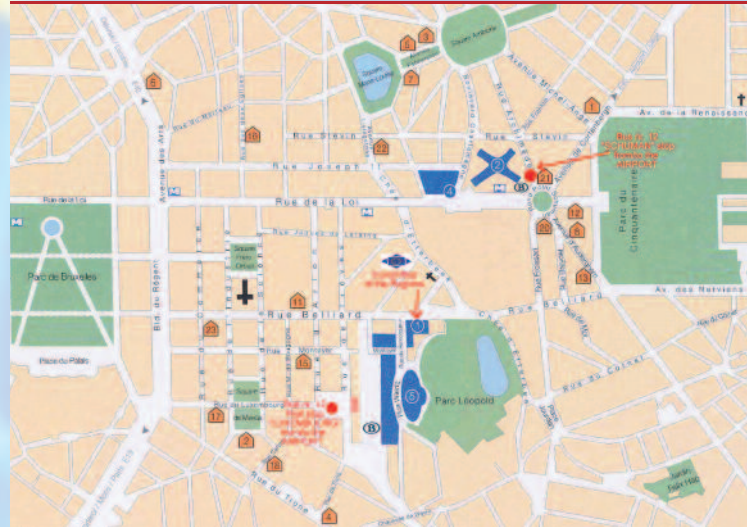


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### 3.00 pm WELCOME ADDRESS

**Mercedes Bresso**

President of the Committee of the Regions, Brussels

### 3.10 pm KEYNOTE SPEECH

**The European Balance of Payment Crisis**

**Hans-Werner Sinn**

President, Ifo Institute, Munich

### 4.00 pm PANEL 1

**The Bailout – ECB, EFSF, ESM,  
and what comes next?**

Chair

**Gerhard Stahl**

Secretary-General, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

Panel

**Peter B. Sørensen**

University of Copenhagen

**Frank Smets**

Director-General for Research at the ECB

**Manfred J. M. Neumann**

Prof. em. University of Bonn

**Klaus Gretschmann**

Former Director-General, Council of the EU

**Hans-Werner Sinn**

President, Ifo Institute, Munich

### 5.30 pm PANEL 2

**European Climate Policy between Fukushima  
and China's Energy Surge**

Chair

**Gerhard Stahl**

Secretary-General, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

Introduction

**Karen Pittel**

Head of Energy, Environment, and Exhaustible  
Resources, Ifo Institute, Munich

Panel

**Susanne Dröge**

German Institute for International and Security Affairs  
(SWP), Berlin

**Christian Egenhofer**

Senior Researcher, Centre of European Policy Studies,  
Brussels

**Stefaan Vergote**

Head of Unit "Strategy and Economic Assessment",  
Directorate-General for Climate Action, European  
Commission, Brussels

### 7.00 pm COCKTAIL RECEPTION

What are the conditions needed to make the EMU a lasting success? Which type of economic governance do we need? Will Europe move towards a transfer union because the GIPS countries will not be able to stand on their own feet? How credible is the strategy of exiting the bailout operations? Must the ECB be redefined? These will be the main topics addressed by the first panel.

The second panel will discuss the chances for and limits to European climate policy and will raise the question of whether Europe needs a centrally coordinated energy policy.