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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs is pleased to invite you to participate in the second "**Brussels Economic Forum**" to be held in Brussels on **2 and 3 May 2001**. The purpose of this Forum is to stimulate the debate on economic policy at European level. As you will see from the enclosed programme, this year's edition will address several of Europe's economic issues, namely the economic outlook for 2001 and 2002, the Commission's economic policy guidelines, the co-ordination of economic policies, and the challenges of the "new economy".

I sincerely hope that you will be able to participate in this event. I would appreciate if you could inform us of your participation before April 13, by returning the attached form.

Yours faithfully,

Giovanni RAVASIO

# THE BRUSSELS ECONOMIC FORUM

2 - 3 MAY, 2001 (Building "Charlemagne", Room S3)

*Wednesday, 2 May 2001*

**13.00-14.30** Registration of participants

**14.30-15.00** Opening address by **Pedro SOLBES**, Member of the Commission responsible for Economic and Monetary Affairs

**Session I**  
**The Economic Outlook and the Broad  
Economic Policy Guidelines of the Community**  
**Chair : Sir Samuel BRITTAN, The Financial Times**

**15.00-15.30** The Commission's Spring forecasts and economic policy guidelines  
Director General, DG Economic and Financial affairs

**15.30-15.45** Prof. **Mario DRAGHI**, Director General, Ministero del Tesoro, Italy  
Chairman of the Economic and Financial Committee

**15.45-16.00** **Christa RANDZIO-PLATH**, Chairwoman, Committee on Economic and Monetary  
Affairs, European Parliament

**16.00-16.30** Coffee break

**16.30-18.00** Round table discussion

Participants: - Prof. **John FITZGERALD**, Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin  
- Prof. **Jean-Paul FITOUSSI**, President, Observatoire Français des  
Conjonctures Economiques, Paris  
- Dr. **Thomas MAYER**, Senior Economist, Goldman Sachs International  
- Prof. **Sven HEGELUND**, State Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Sweden

*Thursday, 3 May 2001*

**Session II**  
**Coordination of Economic Policies**  
**Chair : Pedro SOLBES, Member of the Commission responsible for Economic  
and Monetary Affairs**

**09.30 - 10.00** Prof. **Willem BUITER**, Cambridge University

**10.00 - 10.15** Prof. **Francesco GIAVAZZI**, Bocconi University, Milan

**10.15 - 10.30** Prof. **Dr. Jürgen von HAGEN**, Zentrum für Europäische, Integrationsforschung, Bonn

**10.30 - 11.00** General discussion

**11.00 - 11.30** Coffee break

**11.30 - 12.00** **Didier REYNDERS**, Finance Minister of Belgium, Current Chairman of the Eurogroup

**12.00 - 12.15** To be determined

**12.15 - 12.30** Karl von WOGAU, Member of the European Parliament

**12.30 - 13.00** General discussion

**13.00 - 14.30** Buffet lunch

**Session III**  
**The New Economy: Myths, Reality and Challenges for Europe**  
**Chair : To be determined**

**14.30 - 15.00** Prof. **Martin BAILY**, Former Chairman of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisors

**15.00 - 15.15** **Jean-Philippe COTIS**, Directeur de la Prévision, Ministère de l'Economie et des  
Finances, Paris, Chairman-designate of the Economic Policy Committee

**15.15 - 15.30** Dr. **José VIÑALS**, Director General, Banco de España

**15.30 - 16.00** General discussion

**16.00 - 16.30** **Suvi-Anne SIIMES**, Minister at the Ministry of Finance, Finland

**16.30 - 16.45** To be determined

**16.45 - 17.00** **Closing address:** Prof. **Romano PRODI**, President of the Commission