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EU Post-COVID recovery based on cohesion principles and values

Tuesday 1 June 2021 15.00-17.30
via ZOOM

According to the International Monetary Fund Europe's economy should rebound in 2021, but predicts an uneven European economic recovery. The European Union is facing great and structural challenges to move towards a greener, more digital, inclusive and competitive economy and society but also needs to address inequalities and target regions most affected by the economic recession. What role can cohesion principles and values play in ensuring a fair and sustainable recovery?

PROGRAMME

15.00-15.10 **Opening remarks by [Hans-Gert Pöttering](#)** - President of the EP Former Members' Association.

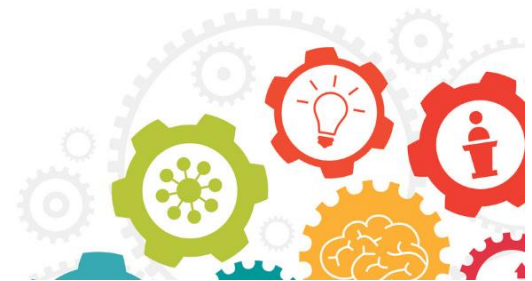
15.10-15.50 **Panel discussion - "Uneven European Economic Recovery?"**

Keynote Speaker [Mikel Landabaso](#) - Director of Growth and Innovation at the Joint Research Center of the European Commission.

Speaker [Konrad Niklewicz](#) - Visiting Fellow at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

Speaker [Saïd El Khadraoui](#) - Former MEP and Special adviser to the Foundation of European Progressive Studies on the European Green Deal

Moderator: Brian MAGUIRE - Journalist.



15.50-16.00 **Break**

16.00-16.40 *In conversation with [Professor George Papaconstantinou](#) - “How to align EU spending to its political priorities and common goals preserving cohesion value”*

[Professor George Papaconstantinou](#) - Chair at the EUI School of Transnational Governance and Director of the School's executive education programme. Professor of International Political Economy.

And

Brian MAGUIRE - Journalist.

16.40-17.20 **Q&A with the audience**

17.20-17.30 **Conclusions**

Simultaneous interpretation will be available in English and French

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