



Deutscher Bundestag

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**Interparliamentary Conference on Stability, Economic Coordination  
and Governance in the European Union, 11 to 13 October 2020**  
Draft Programme

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**Sunday, 11 October 2020**

Delegations arrive and register at the conference hotels

**Monday, 12 October 2020**

**Venue: Berlin, Reichstag Building**

10.30 –  
10.45 hrs  
Plenary Chamber

**Conference opened** by Dr Wolfgang **Schäuble**, President of the German Bundestag

10.45 –  
12.30 hrs  
Plenary Chamber

Plenary session I:  
**New partnership: will monetary policy now receive the requested fiscal support?**

Keynote statements:

- Isabel **Schnabel**, Member of the Executive Board of the ECB
- Olaf **Scholz**, Federal Minister of Finance

*Potential topics: Monetary policy's tools and limitations. Fiscal policy's tools and tasks. What can and must fiscal policy do? A paradigm shift in fiscal policy: what has changed since the financial and sovereign-debt crisis? What are the potential impacts of expansive fiscal policy on the ECB's strategy?*

12.30 –  
14.30 hrs

Lunch  
Time slot for meetings of the political groups

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14.30 – 15.45 hrs Parliamentary group meeting room	<p>Discussion forum 1: <b>Digitalisation of the financial sector</b></p> <p>Keynote statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Burkhard <b>Balz</b>, Member of the Executive Board of the Deutsche Bundesbank (tbc.)</li><li>• Chris <b>Bartz</b>, Chair of the Fintech Council at the Federal Ministry of Finance</li><li>• Jan <b>Ceyssens</b>, Head of Unit “Digital Finance”, Directorate-General FISMA, European Commission</li><li>• Philipp <b>Paech</b>, Associate Professor of Law at London School of Economics</li></ul> <p>Moderation: tbd.</p> <p><i>Potential topics: Digital finance strategy, FinTech action plan and regulation of crypto-assets: assessment of the new Commission proposals. Is Europe ready for competition with China and the USA in the field of digital finance? How can we regulate Libra, Bitcoin &amp; Co. and what do non-sovereign currencies mean for monetary policy and European banks? Apple, Google &amp; Co. in the financial sector: what are the challenges for competition, innovation and European banks?</i></p>
In parallel Parliamentary group meeting room	<p>Discussion forum 2: <b>Green Deal for Europe</b></p> <p>Keynote statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claudia <b>Kemfert</b>, Head of the department Energy, Transportation, Environment at the German Institute of Economic Research (tbc.)</li><li>• Joanna <b>Maćkowiak-Pandera</b>, President Forum Energii</li></ul> <p>Moderation: tbd.</p> <p><i>Potential topics: Is the European Green Deal too ambitious, or not courageous enough? How can we ensure that citizens are included in and embraced during this transformation? What challenges and risks might the Green Deal's implementation phase bring?</i></p>
15.45 – 16.15 hrs	Coffee break
16.15 – 18.00 hrs Plenary Chamber	<p>Plenary session II: <b>Europe in recovery – what are the next steps?</b></p> <p>Keynote statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peter <b>Altmaier</b>, Federal Minister of Economic Affairs and Energy (tbc.)</li><li>• Valdis <b>Dombrovskis</b>, Executive Vice-President of the EU Commission</li></ul> <p><i>Potential topics: What are the new priorities in the Multiannual Financial Framework and where are the biggest cuts? How to allocate Next Generation EU's substantial resources rapidly and in a targeted fashion? Did it take the Corona crisis to revive a spirit of solidarity within the EU? How to ensure that all Member States still return to budgetary stability and sustainable growth?</i></p>
Thereafter	Working dinner in the Reichstag Building

**Tuesday, 13 October 2020**

**Venue: Berlin, Reichstag Building**

09.00 – 10.30 hrs Plenary Chamber	<p>Plenary session III: <b>Lessons from the Corona crisis: trade, supply chains and investments in the EU put to test</b></p> <p>Keynote statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Guy <b>Ryder</b>, Director General of the International Labour Organization</li><li>• Sabine <b>Weyand</b>, Director General Trade, European Commission</li></ul> <p><i>Possible topics: Impact on international trade, investment flows and supply chains. Manufacturing "essential" goods within the EU. Future of "new-generation" trade and investment agreements (e.g. Mercosur). Increasing number of trade restrictions and chances of keeping a multilateral trade system alive. Distortion of competition due to subsidies in third countries. Sustainable supply chains.</i></p>
10.30 – 11.00 hrs	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.45 hrs Plenary Chamber	<p>Plenary session IV: <b>The future of the European fiscal rules: are they still constructive?</b></p> <p>Keynote statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paschal <b>Donohoe</b>, President of the Eurogroup (tbc.)</li><li>• Paolo <b>Gentiloni</b>, EU Commissioner for Economy (tbc.)</li><li>• Klaus <b>Regling</b>, Managing Director of the ESM</li></ul> <p><i>Potential topics: Do the European fiscal rules still pass a reality test? Are the rules still relevant today? How to return to the rulebook? Necessity to change methods, indicators and rules on expenditure (moving away from structural deficit, golden rule for investments, Stability and Growth Pact, review of the Six-Pack and Two-Pack)?</i></p>
Thereafter	Summary of the main outcomes and outlook
12.45 – 13.00 hrs	<b>Conclusion</b> of the conference by Minister-President Reiner <b>Haseloff</b> , designated President of the Bundesrat (tbc.)
13.00 – 14.00 hrs	Lunch
14.00 hrs	Delegations depart