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MORNING PROGRAMME

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WORDS OF WELCOME

09:00 – 09:10

Prof. Dr. Thomas Prefi, *Chairman of the Charlemagne Prize Foundation*
Dr. Jürgen Linden, *Chairman of the Board of Directors*

PANEL:

09:15 – 10:10

Europe's Economy Post-COVID: A Crisis of European Solidarity?

The German Constitutional Court's PSPP ruling as reignited the debate regarding the EU's financial emergency instruments and the underlying question of solidarity between Member States. In the midst of this discussion, the European Commission proposed and the European Council later adopted "Next Generation EU" – a programme of loans and grants for Member States financed by shared EU debt. This demonstrates an unprecedented level of European solidarity. Some Member States, however, have expressed concerns regarding the lack of control of how the money is spent. Can the Union implement a conditionality and control mechanism to solve this problem? How can the right balance between solidarity and accountability be struck? And does "Next Generation EU" have the potential to change the sense of solidarity in the EU in the long term?

KEYNOTE

09:15 – 09:30

Christos Staikouras, *Greek Minister of Finance*

DISCUSSION

09:30 – 10:00

Moderation: Hans-Jürgen Moritz, *Focus Online*

Marija Kolak, *President of the National Association of German Cooperative Banks (BVR)*

Prof. Dr. Hans-Werner Sinn, *German Economist, Former President of the Institute for Economic Research (ifo)*

Chevalier Yves Noël, *Chairman of the Board of Directors of NMC S.A.*

Rolf-Dieter Krause, *German Television Journalist and Former Head of the ARD Studio in Brussels*

VIRTUAL Q&A

10:00 – 10:10

VIRTUAL NETWORKING

10:15 - 10:30

PRESENTATION:

10:30 – 11:00

Pitching the Final Research Results

Charlemagne Prize Fellows 2019/20

- Prof. Dr. Federico Fabbrini, *Full Professor of European Law at the School of Law & Government of DCU and Principal of the DCU Brexit Institute*
'The Conference on the Future of Europe: A New Model to Reform the EU?'
- Marie Walter-Franke, *PhD Candidate at the Otto-Suhr Institute of Political Science, Berlin and Research Fellow at the Jacques Delors Centre at the Hertie School, Berlin*
'Less policing, more policies. A "fresh" design for the EU's asylum system'
- Dr. María Victoria-Mas, *Assistant Professor of Journalism at the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya*
'Misinformation about the COVID-19 Crisis: Learnings to build democratic resilience in the EU'
- Georgia Petropoulou, *M.A. Graduate International Relations and Security*
'Proposing a Connectivity Strategy towards the EU Enlargement of the Western Balkans'

THEMATIC COFFEE-LOUNGES

11:00 - 11:45

Public Discussion of the Research Results



DAY PROGRAMME

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GREETINGS

11:50 - 11:53

BY ARMIN LASCHET, MINISTER PRESIDENT OF NORTH RHINE-WESTPHALIA

GREETINGS LIVE FROM AACHEN

11:50 - 11:59

BY SIBYLLE KEUPEN, LADY MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AACHEN

PANEL:

12:00 - 12:50

Overcoming Inner-European Discrepancies

2020 marks the 70th anniversary not only of the Schuman Declaration, one of the corner stones of European integration, but also the Karlspreis which is awarded to pioneers of this integration process. These anniversaries coincide with what is probably one of the most challenging periods in the history of European integration: a global pandemic with unprecedented economic, political and social consequences. However, it was particularly in such times of crisis that today's Union was shaped. Which lessons for the current situation can be drawn from 70 years of European integration? How can we not only meet the challenges but transform them into chances for the European Union? What institutional reforms will then be necessary?

KEYNOTE

12:00 – 12:15

Klaus Iohannis, President of Romania, Charlemagne Prize Laureate 2020

DISCUSSION

12:15 – 12:40

Moderation: Ralph Sina, EU Correspondent and Head of the WDR/NDR Radio Studio in Brussels

Prof. Dr. Luuk van Middelaar, Dutch Historian and Political Philosopher, Member of the Dutch Advisory Council on International Affairs

Viviane Reding, Luxembourgish Politician, Former EU Commissioner and MEP, Advisor for the Transatlantic Think-Tank European Horizons

VIRTUAL Q&A

12:40 - 12:50

INTERVIEW:

13:00 – 13:30

Europe's Geopolitical Role: Responsibilities in Global Progress

"A more united, responsible and powerful European external action policy" – this is one of the core aims of the German Council Presidency. However, experience shows that particularly in highly politicised foreign policy questions, Member States are often unable to speak with one voice. The EU is therefore often criticised of reacting too late and indecisively. Which role should the European Union take on in an increasingly non-polar world? How should it (re-)define its position vis-à-vis other major players such as China, Russia and the US? What challenges does the transatlantic relationship face after the US elections?

DISCUSSANTS TBC.



CLOSING REMARKS

13:35 - 13:50

Introducing the Charlemagne Prize Fellows 2020/21

VIRTUAL NETWORKING

14:00 - 16:00