



Seminar in preparation for the CELAC-UE Summit of Heads of State and Government

Organized by the Egmont Institute, in collaboration with IRELAC
Egmont Palace, 14th April 2015, 8bis Place du Petit Sablon – 1000 Brussels

8h30 Registration

9h00 Welcome address by Viscount Etienne DAVIGNON, President, Egmont

The main challenges of the EU-CELAC Summit of Brussels 2015.

- Keynote speech by H.E. Mr. Didier REYNDERS, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs,
- Statements by:
 - H.E. Ms. Ilze JUHANSONE, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the EU, Representing the EU Presidency,
 - Mr. Christian LEFFLER, Managing Director Americas, European External Action Service,
 - H.E. Mr. Carlos APPELGREN BALBONTÍN, Ambassador of Chile

10.00 ***Economic opportunities in the EU/CELAC region and the cooperative strategy with the CELAC Countries.***

Mr. Arnaldo ABRUZZINI, General Secretary, EUROCHAMBRES
Mr. Pierre DEFRAIGNE, Executive Director, Madariaga-College of Europe Foundation

Moderator: Mr. Christian GHYMERS, President, IRELAC

Debate

11h00 Coffee Break

11.30 ***Prospects for a Euro – Latin American & Caribbean common space for higher education, research and innovation.***

Prof. Dr. Magda VINCX, Policy Coordinator for Internationalisation, Rectorate Ghent University

The prospects of the implementation of policies for social integration in the framework of the alliance EU-CELAC.

Mr. Gerald KARLSHAUSEN, researcher, CONCORD (European NGO)

Moderator: Christiane DAEM, L'Observatoire des Changements sociaux en Amérique Latine (LOCAL) Paris

Debate

13.00 Concluding remarks by Mr. Geert MUYLLE, Director General, Directorate General of Bilateral Affairs, FPS Foreign Affairs