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The Franco-German couple – leadership *malgré nous et vous?* Franco-German relationship seen from the outside*

17-18 February 2011

Fondation Universitaire, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels (metro Trône)

Workshop Programme

Thursday 17 February 2011

Fondation Universitaire, Salle Francqui

13:45 Registration and coffee

14:00 Welcome address

Mirte van den Berge, *TEPSA Executive Director, Brussels*

Anja Thomas, *Research Associate, Programme Director THESEUS, Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, Cologne*

14:15 Introductory discussion: the Franco-German couple in the historical context of EU integration and its importance within the EU Institutions

Joachim Schild, *Professor, Chair in Comparative Government and Politics, University of Trier, Trier*

15:00 Panel 1: the Franco-German couple and the future economic governance and fiscal coordination in the EU

Brendan Donnelly (chair), *Director Federal Trust, London*

Iain Begg, *Professional Research Fellow, London School of Economics (LSE), London*

Jean-Victor Louis, *Honorary member of the TEPSA Board, Brussels*

Ramunas Vilpišauskas, *Director, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius*

Shane Fitzgerald, *Researcher, Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA), Dublin*

16:30 Coffee Break

16:45 Panel 2: France and Germany and enlargement policy and external action

Gunilla Herolf (chair), *Senior researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Stockholm*

Katrin Böttger, *Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin*

Atila Eralp, *Director, Center for European Studies (CES), Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara*

Elfriede Regelsberger, *Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin*

Michele Comelli, *Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome*

18:15 Wrap up session

Daniel Vernet, *Editor-in-Chief 'Boulevard Extérieur' and former Director International Relations 'Le Monde', Paris*

19:00 Dinner Speech at the German Permanent Representation

Rue Jacques de Lalaing 8-14

Speech by Roland Schäfer, *'Gesandter', Deputy Head of political affairs, German Permanent Representation to the EU, Brussels*

Comments by Representative of the French Permanent Representation (tbc)

Friday 18 February 2011

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9:30 Panel 3: France and Germany and the reform of the EU budget

Daniel Vernet (chair), *Editor-in-Chief 'Boulevard Extérieur' and former Director International Relations 'Le Monde', Paris*

Karlis Bukovskis, *Research fellow, Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIIA), Riga*

Brendan Donnelly, *Director Federal Trust, London*

Mojmir Mrak, *Researcher, University of Economics, Ljubljana*

Zsuzsanna Biedermann, *Junior research fellow, Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (IWE), Budapest*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 Roundtable: Franco-German couple leadership over time

Gianni Bonvicini (chair), *Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome*

Jean Paul Jacqué, *TEPSA Secretary General, Brussels*

Wolfgang Wessels, *TEPSA Chairperson and Jean Monnet Chair Professor, Department of Political Science and European Studies, University of Cologne, Cologne*

Renaud Dehousse (tbc), *Director Centre d'études européennes de Sciences Po, Paris*

Vit Benes, *Researcher, Institute of International Relations (IIR), Prague*

12:45 Concluding Remarks

Wolfgang Wessels, *TEPSA Chairperson and Jean Monnet Chair Professor, Department of Political Science and European Studies, University of Cologne, Cologne*

13:00 Walking Lunch

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