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The future of taxation: inequality and growth in the global economy

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17 March – Hemicycle of the European Parliament

8.00 – 9.00 Welcome breakfast and registration

9.00 – 9.10 Welcome and introduction by Master of Ceremony

9.10 – 9.30 Introductory remarks:

- **Katarina Barley MEP** *Vice-President in charge of National Parliaments*
- **Pasquale Tridico MEP** *Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters*
- **Gerassimos Thomas** *Director-General of the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission*

9.30 – 9.40 Keynote speech

- **Makis Keravnos** *Minister of Finance, Cyprus **

9.40 – 9.50 Keynote speech

The state of play of OECD negotiations on Pillar One and Two

- **Mathias Cormann**, *Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development*

9.50 – 10.45 Panel 1 The EU at a crossroads between international tax cooperation and strategic autonomy in taxing digital activities

Moderator: **Pascal Saint-Amans**, *Bruegel Senior Fellow*

- **Evelyn Regner MEP** *Member of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters*
- **Ron Estes**, *Representative for the 4th congressional district of Kansas, U.S. House of Representatives **
- **Julia Jirmann**, *Expert, Tax Justice Network*
- **Christian Kaeser**, *Global Head of Tax and Corporate Vice-President, Siemens*

10.45 – 11.15 Networking coffee break

11:15 – 12.10 Panel 2 **From Pillar Two to a side-by-side approach: what future lies ahead after the G7/G20 agreement?**

Moderator: **Francesco Saraceno**, Deputy Director, Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques

- **Tim Power**, Chair, OECD Committee of Fiscal Affairs; Deputy Director for Business and International Tax, UK *
- **Raluca Enache**, Head of EU Tax Centre, KPMG
- **Zorka Milin**, Policy Director, FACT Coalition

12.10 – 13.40 Lunch break

13.40 – 14.50 “Nobel Prize in economics” conversation

The future of taxation: global fairness and growth in a new economic era

Welcome address: **Roberta Metsola**, President, European Parliament

Moderator: **Pasquale Tridico**, MEP, Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters

- **Joseph Stiglitz** 2001 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel
- **Philippe Aghion**, 2025 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel

14.50 – 15.20 Networking coffee break

15.20 – 16.20 Panel 3 **Tax measures to fight the housing crisis**

Introductory remarks: **Irene Tinagli MEP** Chair of the Special Committee on the Housing Crisis in the European Union

Moderator: **Matthew Baldwin**, Task Force Housing, European Commission

- **Michalis Hadjipantela MEP** Member of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters
- **Esther Lynch** General Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation

16.20 – 17.15 Panel 4

How can taxation boost the savings and investments union?

Moderator: **Martin Bresson** Public Affairs Director, Invest Europe

- **Debora Revoltella** Chief Economist, European Investment Bank
- **Jörg Asmussen**, CEO German Insurance Federation *
- **Daniela Gabor**, Professor of Economics, University of London *

17.15 – 17.25 Concluding speech

- **Wopke Hoekstra** European Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero, Clean Growth and Taxation *

17:25 – 17:45 Conclusions:

- **Pasquale Tridico** MEP, Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters,
- **Gerassimos Thomas** Director-General of the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, European Commission

17:45 – 19.00 Networking cocktail