

PROGRESSIVE ECONOMY ANNUAL FORUM

INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION: AT THE HEART OF EUROPEAN RECOVERY

European Parliament, Brussels - Tuesday 31 May 2016, 13.00 - 16.00, JAN 4Q2 (József Antall Building)

The mild recovery that took its first timid steps in 2015 is primarily driven by low energy prices and by expansionary monetary policies. It therefore remains fragile, with persisting deflationary risks and high private and public debt. Notwithstanding the new approach taken by the European Commission, the core of which is the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the EU still lags behind when it comes to investment and innovation. Without these two elements, there is no recovery. The Progressive Economy Annual Forum will look into the interaction between investment, innovation and growth, and the role played by the entrepreneurial state in promoting them.

PROGRAMME

13:00-13:10 Introductory speech by **Gianni Pittella**, President of the S&D Group

13:10-13:35 Keynote and Q&A with **Frans Timmermans**, First Vice-President of the European Commission

13:35-13:45 S&D call for re-launching the Europe 2020 Strategy: presentation by **Maria João Rodrigues**, Vice-President of the S&D Group for economic and social policies

13:45-14:05 Award of the winners of the Call for Papers 2016, presented by **Peter Bofinger**

14:05-15:15 High-level panel debate on investment and innovation for sustainable development:

- **Peter Bofinger**, Professor of Economics, Money and International Economic Relations at the University of Würzburg and Member of the German Government's Council of Economic Advisors
- **Louka Katseli**, Non-Executive Chairman of National Bank of Greece and Member of the Progressive Economy Scientific Board
- **Paul Mquette**, Minister-President of Wallonia and Mayor of Charleroi
- **Maria João Rodrigues**, Vice-President of the S&D Group

15:15-16:00 **The Entrepreneurial State: socializing risks and rewards** - keynote and Q&A with **Mariana Mazzucato**, Member of the Progressive Economy Scientific Board and holder of the RM Phillips chair in the Economics of Innovation at the Science Policy Research Unit in the University of Sussex

The Forum will be moderated by **Jacki Davis**, Meade Davis Communications.
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