



Concept paper

The future of Europe: Variable Geometry: how can unity be preserved in an increasingly diversified world?

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Context and aims

As a response to the economic crisis in the EU, a reconfigured Europe is emerging. The conference will analyse how a geometrically variable EU will develop, look at alternatives, such as federalist visions, and discuss whether European unity can be preserved in an increasingly diversified EU

- Bringing together experts to discuss possible scenarios for the future of Europe
- Analysing how policy makers should respond to these developments

Proposed themes for discussion

The conference will focus on the implications for key policy areas:

- The single market, especially financial services, fiscal and bank regulation
- Foreign policy
- Institutional development, democratic legitimacy and accountability
- Global competitiveness

It will address the impact on external views of the EU (the G-2-, BRICS, investors) and look at how the EU can exert more influence in the changing global economic order.

Participation

- Officials with policy and delivery responsibility in this area
- Leading figures on EU Policy from academia, think tanks and media
- Business representatives

Format and venue

A two day residential conference held under the 'Wilton Park Protocol' at Wilton Park, Wiston House, West Sussex.

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