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60 years of the Treaty of Rome

Future of Europe: Changing times, lasting values

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*"[We are] determined to lay the foundations of an
ever-closer union among the peoples of Europe."
Treaty of Rome, 25 March 1957*

14:30 **Briefing for participants**

15:00 **Musical introduction:** Push Up Brass Band

15:05 **Welcome and keynote: Treaty of Rome and the future of Europe**

Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament

Moderation: Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President of the European Parliament

Interventions: Members of the European Parliament representing the political groups

15:15 **Youth unemployment: Working for a Europe with job opportunities for all**

The journey from education to employment has turned into a never-ending search for the first job. How can the European Union and its member states work for a Europe free of youth unemployment? How can EU investments and programmes help get young people across Europe into work?

Kick-off: Tina Hočevár, Board member, European Youth Forum

Reactions by two Members of the European Parliament

Questions and answers

15:35 **Globalisation: Calling for a fair share**

Globalisation has been a dynamic factor for an increasingly connected world economy, but it does not work for all. Can Europe shape globalisation and ensure a fair share of the benefits? How to build up bargaining power in times of a new economic nationalism? Should Europe take the lead on free and fair trade?

Kick-off: Natalia Alonso, Head, Oxfam International EU Advocacy Office

Reactions by two Members of the European Parliament

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15:55 **An EU of 27 member states: Preparing Europe for a new future**

The British vote to leave the European Union poses profound questions not only for the future of the UK but for the EU as a whole. Will the British decision destabilise or revitalise the European Union? How can we make a European Union of 27 stronger, up to the challenges of our time? Where are common solutions most urgent?

Kick-off: Céline Geissmann, Vice-President and International Officer, Young Europeans France (JEF)

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16:15 **Security: Protecting citizens in turbulent times**

In a world in flux, and facing terrorism and organised crime, the protection of Europeans and European values is a major challenge. What is the best way to stop terrorists and counter violent attacks aimed at our way of life? How can European countries work better together to meet these threats? Are Europe's alliances strong enough to face the dangers of an increasingly uncertain world?

Kick-off: Rajan Basra, Research Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR), King's College London

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16:35 **Climate change: Protecting our planet**

We only have one planet, and we need to work together to protect it. Should Europe take the lead on climate action and become a clean-energy superpower? How can the European Union and its member states use the planet's limited resources in a sustainable way?

Kick-off: Magda Stoczkiewicz, Director, Friends of the Earth Europe

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16:55 **Closing by Moderator:** Mairead McGuinness, Vice-President of the European Parliament

17:00 **Musical closing:** European Anthem