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# The EU Budget: How Europe Can Deliver

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**Aart De Geus** is chairman and CEO of the Bertelsmann Stiftung. In 2007, he was named deputy secretary-general of the OECD. From 2002 to 2007 he served as Dutch minister of social affairs and employment under Prime Minister Balkenende.



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**Petri Sarvamaa** is the first vice-chair of the European Parliament Committee on Budgets as well as the EPP coordinator in the Committee on Budgetary Control. He is also chair of the Kokoomus (Finnish National Coalition Party) agriculture delegation.



**Achim Wambach** is the president of ZEW and a professor of economics at the University of Mannheim. He is chairman of the German Monopolies Commission as well as a member of the state government of Baden-Württemberg's Advisory Board for Sustainable Development.



**Silke Wettach** is an EU correspondent for the German weekly business magazine „Wirtschaftswoche“. She has received numerous accolades for her work as a journalist, including the Ludwig Erhard Stiftung's award for young journalists and a grant from the U.S. State Department. She holds a master's degree in economics.



## The EU Budget: How Europe Can Deliver

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Negotiations on an upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) are proving to be more difficult than ever. There is a clear argument that policy areas which actually provide European added value like defence or immigration need more resources. At the same time, the loss of a substantial net payer with the exit of the United Kingdom will further tighten budget constraints. Against this backdrop, a new study conducted by the Bertelsmann Stiftung and ZEW has explored new ways of dividing the responsibilities for various policy areas between the Union and the Member States which would have substantial implications for the structure of the budget. The study identifies policy areas for which there is a clear case both for and against additional European financing.

In this Lunch Debate, we will present key insights on how the framework of responsibilities within the EU may look like in the future. We will discuss how the budget should be adjusted to meet the emerging challenges facing Europe and also shed light on potential sources of political resistance to these plans.

»» 12:00 **Lunch**

»» 12:30 **Welcome Address**

**Johannes Jung**, Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU

### **Introduction**

**Aart De Geus**, Bertelsmann Stiftung

### **Keynote**

**Günther H. Oettinger**, EU Commission

### **Presentation**

**Friedrich Heinemann**, ZEW

### **Debate with Speakers and Audience**

**Aart De Geus**, Bertelsmann Stiftung

**Stefan Lehner**, EU Commission

**Petri Sarvamaa**, European Parliament

**Achim Wambach**, ZEW

**Moderation:** Silke Wettach, Wirtschaftswoche

# ZEW Lunch Debate Series



## »» **About the ZEW Lunch Debate Series**

With the ZEW Lunch Debates we aim to encourage discussion on current economic challenges in Europe. The debates shed light on different aspects of the crisis that have a particular impact on economic growth, welfare, social inclusion, and quality of life. Events in this series provide a platform for open and spirited debate. In each debate, a ZEW economist delivers an introductory statement and external experts provide their responses. The audience is then invited to contribute their expertise.

## »» **Upcoming Lunch Debate**

› Reforming the Eurozone: Prospects and Challenges

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The Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW) in Mannheim is one of Germany's leading economic research institutes and enjoys a strong reputation throughout Europe. The institute conducts research of the highest quality and provides science-based economic policy advice. ZEW is a member of the Leibniz Association and covers a broad spectrum of research areas from innovation policy, to labour markets, to fiscal and monetary governance, to environmental economics and energy policy. In 2016 the institute celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



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