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# Chances and Risks of a European Unemployment Benefit Scheme

Venue: Representation of the State of  
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The Great Recession and the European debt crisis have reignited the debate about deeper fiscal integration in the Eurozone. Supporters of further integration argue that fiscal risk sharing is necessary to increase the resilience of the European economy against macroeconomic shocks. As early as in 2012, the Four Presidents' Report noted that fiscal integration might take the form of a common unemployment insurance system. In spring 2017, the European Commission will present a White Paper outlining further steps needed to complete the European Monetary Union.

This Lunch Debate will focus on the potentials of a European Unemployment Benefit Scheme (EUBS) as an instrument for fiscal stabilisation. Is such an integration measure still feasible and desired following the Brexit vote? How should a EUBS be designed in order to preserve incentives at the national level and to avoid permanent transfers?

» 12:00 **Lunch**

» 12:30 **Welcome Address**

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

### **Introduction**

**Nicole Hoffmeister-Kraut**, Minister of Economic Affairs, Labour and Housing of the State of Baden-Württemberg

### **Presentation: “Chances and Risks of a European Unemployment Benefit Scheme.”**

**Mathias Dolls**, ZEW

### **Panel Debate and Debate with the Audience**

**László Andor**, Corvinus University

**Torsten Arnsward**, BMF

**Fabien Dell**, EU COM

**Mathias Dolls**, ZEW

**Moderation: Maithreyi Seetharaman**

# ZEW Lunch Debate Series



## »» About the ZEW Lunch Debate Series

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