



Moderator: Wolfgang Petzold, Deputy director of Communication, European Committee of the Regions.

12:00-12:30 – Briefing

- Briefing and updates on the CofEU, by Wolfgang Petzold, Deputy director of Communication, European Committee of the Regions;
Q&A
- Briefing on the work of the High-Level Group by Inês Roseta, Strategic planning, foresight and inter-institutional relations.
Q&A

12:30-14:00 – Meeting with the High Level Group on European Democracy

OPENING

Welcome and presentation of the work of the HLG by **Herman Van Rompuy**, Chair of the High Level Group and President Emeritus of the European Council.

DEBATES

WHAT DOES EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY MEAN TO YOU?

- **Androulla Vassiliou**, Member of the HLG, Vice President of Europa Nostra and Member of the High Council of the European University Institute, Former EU Commissioner for Health and for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth;
- **Joaquin Almunia**, Member of the HLG, Chairman of the CEPS board of directors, Former European Commissioner for Competition and Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Debate

HOW CAN THE HOUSE OF EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY BE STRENGTHENED AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF CITIZENS BE ENHANCED?

- **Rebecca Harms**, Member of the HLG, Member of the Sustainability Council of Volkswagen, Former Member of the European Parliament;
- **Tomasz Grosse**, Member of the HLG, Professor, University of Warsaw.

Debate

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE DIGITAL WORLD IN DEMOCRACY, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND LRAs?

- **Silja Markkula**, Member of the HLG, President of the European Youth Forum, Member of the COFE plenary;
- **Maria João Rodrigues**, Member of the HLG, President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Former Minister and Member of European Parliament.

Debate

CLOSING

Closing remarks by **Silja Markkula**, Member of the HLG, President of the European Youth Forum, Member of the COFE plenary.