

Programme for Think Europa Festival 2014 "The Future of Europe"

**A conference with visions, engagement, culture, good food
and a lot of crisis solutions - *for Europe***

Copenhagen 8. November 2014
**Venue: Carlsberg Business Museum, Valby Langgade 1,
2500 Valby.**

Organized by Think Tank EUROPA

09:00 – 09:30	Registration with breakfast and coffee
09:30 – 10:00	<p>A new vision for a stronger and more united Europe <i>25 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of the Cold War, Europe is faced with big challenges from climate change, global competition, migration and new nationalism. Europe needs a new strong vision and new political skills to overcome the risks of fragmentation?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening speech by European Commissioner for Climate Action from 2010-2014, Connie Hedegaard
10:00 – 11:00	<p>The Future of Europe? <i>The European Union is at a historic crossroads, but could a two-speed Europe be a solution to the current crisis? One of the main architects behind the union treaties from Maastricht to Lisbon, Jean-Claude Piris, challenges us for a more profound debate.</i></p> <p>Keynote speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Claude Piris, Author and former Legal Counsel of the European Council and EU Council of Ministers (1988-2010). <p>Roundtable debate with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean-Claude Piris, Author and former Legal Counsel of the European Council and EU Council of Ministers (1988-2010) • Marlene Wind, professor, University of Copenhagen • Poul Skytte Christoffersen, former Ambassador
11:00 – 11:10	Pause with coffee and fruit
11:10 – 12:00	<p>The Nordic vs. The European Cuisine. <i>New explosions of creativity at the European food scene are reinventing the idea of food and gastronomic experiences, but where are we heading?</i></p>

	<p><i>With the wave of New Nordic food, a number of Danish chefs are claiming their places in the internationally renowned Michelin Guide. But can we mix New Nordic and European Cuisine into a new gastronomic adventure?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anita Klemensen, Michelin starred chef, Den Røde Cottage • Bo Lindegaard, chef and founder of KOMBO
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Lunch <i>Enjoy delicious food in the great halls of the Carlsberg museum</i></p>
13:00 – 13:45	<p>How to solve Europe’s long growth crisis - and how to save the euro? <i>The economic debate on austerity and the need for new investments is on the rise in a Europe still struggling to overcome the debt crisis, but how do we avoid years of stagnation and deflation? And what are the possible solutions to the political and economic challenges?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speaker: Professor Hans-Werner Sinn, president of the Ifo institute
13:45 – 14:30	<p>Roundtable discussion with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hans-Werner Sinn, professor and president of the Ifo institute • Niels Thygesen, professor emeritus, University of Copenhagen • Philipp Schröder, professor in economics, Aarhus University. • Per Callesen, Governor, Danmarks Nationalbank
14:30 – 14:45	Pause
14:45 – 15:45	<p>The Agreement - How to get a deal and how can EU make a difference? <i>European diplomacy has been challenged in a number of regional and ethnic conflicts since the end of the Berlin Wall. But diplomacy can make a big difference. A film by the Danish film director Karen Stokkendal Poulsen got behind the curtain of diplomatic talks between Serbia, Kosovo and EU in 2012, where the EU diplomat, Robert Cooper found a way out of the dilemmas. A reflective debate about the film, the magic of diplomacy and skills of dealmaking. Can we use some of the experiences from the Balkans to deal with the current crisis between Ukraine and Russia?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Stokkendal Poulsen, film director, • Robert Cooper, British EU-diplomat • Jonas Parello-Plesner, Minister Counsellor at Denmark's embassy in Washington
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break and fruits

<p>16:00 – 17:00</p>	<p>Literature as the big lubricant in European History. <i>Nordic coolness and European multitudes - Scandinavian literature and films have gained great popularity in the rest of Europe in the past couple of decades. Four Scandinavian authors discuss how Nordic literature relates to the European question and can it overcome nationalistic sentiments and create a new intercultural language of common sentiments?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Göran Rosenberg, Sweden • Jens Christian Grøndahl, author, Denmark • Eiríkur Órn Norðahl, Author Iceland • Sissel Jo-Gazan, Author Denmark/Germany <p>The debate is moderated by TV-host, Adrian Hughes.</p>
<p>17:00 – 17:15</p>	<p><i>Yes, We live in Europe</i> <i>Concluding speech by Bjarke Møller, Executive director, Tænketanken EUROPA</i></p>
<p>17:15 – 18:00</p>	<p><i>Networking and closing of conference with beer, wine and soda.</i></p>

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