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Still time to reform the Euro Area?

A debate on the Greens/EFA proposals

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- How can the EMU be transformed to be made more resilient? What about the Member States outside the Euro area?
- What does actually mean a fiscal and banking union?
- Can our economic model be adapted to support the climate objectives?
- What powers should exert the EU on national economic and budgetary powers?
- Is the democratic deficit inherent to the structure of the Eurozone?
- Should the social dimension of EMU be restricted to the mobility of workers?
- Should the ECB evolve?
- Against the background of Brexit and national elections, is there scope to reform the Euro area?

14h30

Introduction

Philippe Lamberts, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group

14h35

Keynote

Wolfgang Munchau (associate editor of the Financial Times and director of Eurointelligence)

14h55

José Leandro (Principal Adviser on EMU to the President of the European Commission)

- One year after the release of the 5 Presidents' report, where are we now?
- Given the electoral background in some Member States, rising euro-skepticism that diverts from further integration and the attention focused on Brexit, has the reform of the EMU put in the fridge until 2019?

15h10

Discussion

15h15

Panel I

- **Wolfgang Munchau** (Financial Times, Eurointelligence)
- **José Leandro** (Principal Adviser on EMU to the President of the European Commission)
- **Frank Vandenbroucke** (former Belgian Minister of Social Affairs, professor at KuLeuven and University of Amsterdam)
- **Zoltan Pogatsa** (professor at University of Western Hungary)

15h55

Panel II

- **Sebasten Godinot** (WWF, European Policy Officer)
- **Veronica Nilsson** (ETUC, Confederal Secretary)
- **Gerhard Huemer** (UEAPME, Director of Economic and Fiscal Policy)

16h25

Exchange with the audience

16h50

Conclusions

Philippe Lamberts, Co-President of the Greens/EFA Group

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