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EUROPEAN ELECTIONS & CITIZENSHIP

Sabino Arana Foundation - Bilbao
25 March 2014, Tuesday

8.45 Welcome.

9.00 Seminar opens.

- **Juan M^a Atutxa**. Chair of Sabino Arana Fundazioa

- **Andoni Ortuzar**. Chair of the Governing Council of the Basque National Party and Deputy Chair of the

EDP

9.15 Introduction

- **Giulia Massotti**. Representative of the IED

9.30 First panel discussion:

“Democratic legitimacy of the Union. Reasons for citizens’ disaffection relative to the European political project”.

- **Moderator: Izaskun Bilbao**. Member of the European Parliament

- **Speakers:**

- **Luigi Cocilovo**. Vice Secretary General of the EDP (European Democratic Party), former MEP and Vice president of the European Parliament..

- **Graham Watson**. Chairman of the ALDE Party (Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe).

- **Ander Gurrutxaga**. Professor of sociology at the University of the Basque Country and Director of the “Change, Innovation & Complexity” laboratory of the University of the Basque Country

10.30 Discussion.

11.15 **Group photo. Coffee break.**

11.45 Second panel discussion:

“Key issues on the European agenda: Banking Union, competitiveness and sustainability of the welfare state. Technologization and employment”.

- **Moderator: Mikel Antón**. Member of the Board of Directors of the IED

- **Speakers:**

- **Manfred Nolte**. Professor at the Deusto Business School (Deusto University) and Member of Alboan. **“Banking Union: exceeding the design flaws of the Eurozone”.**

- **Alberto Alberdi Larizgoitia**. Head of the Economics Studies Unit, General Directorate of Economy and Planning – Basque Government.

12.30 Discussion.

13.00 Third panel discussion:

“Key approaches to address the current scenario”. The Europe we are advancing towards”.

- **Moderator: Giulia Massotti**. Representative of the IED

- **Speakers:**

- **Jose Ramón Bengoetxea**. Professor of European Law, Legal Theory, Sociology and Law Philosophy, UPV/EHU.

- **Izaskun Bilbao**. Member of the European Parliament

13.45 Discussion.

14.15 **End of seminar.
Brunch.**

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