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Panellists: short biography

PANEL I: THE CURRENT SITUATION; MYTHS & REALITIES



Mr **Peter Wilding** is the Founder and Director of British Influence. In 20-years of working in European affairs he has practiced and lectured as a solicitor in EU law, been Head of Media for the Conservative Party in the European Parliament, and Director of Cabinet DN, a Brussels public affairs consultancy. He regularly blogs about EU affairs for the Huffington Post UK, has written for The Guardian and the Observer, and has appeared on the BBC News Channel, Sky News, The Daily Politics and The One Show.

Professor **Michael Doherty** is Head of the Department of Law at Maynooth University. He is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin (LL.B), Queens' College Cambridge (LL.M) and the Honourable Society of King's Inns (called to the Irish Bar in 2002). He lectures and researches in the areas of employment and labour law, industrial relations law and policy, and EU law. He has published widely in national and international outlets on these topics and has presented his work at numerous domestic and international conferences. Professor Doherty has worked on a number of projects for the European Commission and the European Parliament, as part of European-wide research networks, and was co-investigator on a major, EU-funded project on public procurement. His recent work has focused on the impact of the economic and social crisis on employment rights in the EU.



PANEL II THE WIDER EU PERSPECTIVE



Mr **Martin Ehl** works as reporter for Czech economic daily *Hospodářské noviny* since 2001; and in January of 2006 he was appointed as Chief International Editor. Furthermore, Mr Ehl has worked in various Czech written media since 1992. Since April of 2011 his regular column on Central Europe appears in English language Internet magazine “Transitions Online” (www.tol.cz), for this column he was awarded “Writing for Central Europe” prize in Austria in 2012. He cooperates with British *Monocle* 24 Internet radio station and with public Czech TV and public Czech radio. His area of expertise covers Central Europe, economic and business development in Central Europe, Security Policy, Transatlantic Relations, and Balkans. In 1999 he was a Research Fellow at Institute of International Relations, Prague; 2001-2006 lecturer at University of West Bohemia Pilsen, and Metropolitan University, Prague, among others.

Mr **Yasen Georgiev** is an Executive Director at the Economic Policy Institute, Sofia (EPI). He is also Coordinator for Bulgaria of the Marshall Memorial Fellowship, a leadership program of the German Marshall Fund (GMF) of the United States. Before starting at EPI as Research Fellow in 2006, Mr Georgiev worked at the Ministry of Defence for the Republic of Bulgaria and Beiersdorf Bulgaria. In 2010-2011, he was selected to participate in the Carl Friedrich Goerdeler-Kolleg for Good Governance, a nine-month fellowship programme of the Robert Bosch Foundation (Germany) for young executives working in the public sector in Central and South Eastern Europe. Mr Georgiev graduated in International Relations at the International Economics and Politics Faculty of the University of National and World Economy, Sofia and in Business Administration/Strategic Management at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of the Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski.





Mr **Alexandre Rogalski**, is a former journalist, translator and French MP Assistant. Between 2006-2014 he was an administrator in the European Commission (Directorate-general CONNECT). Since 2014, Mr Rogalski has been an administrator in the European Parliament in the area of the cohesion policy. He is also co-founder and an active member of the Network PL, an

association of the Polish people working in international organisations.

PANEL III THE UK REFERENDUM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR FREE MOVEMENT



Mr **John Bruton** Former Prime Minister (Taoiseach) of Ireland from 1994 to 1997. Mr John Bruton has also served as Minister for Finance (twice) Minister for Industry and Energy, and as Minister for Industry, Trade, Commerce and Tourism in the 1980's. He was a Parliamentary Secretary from 1973 to 1977. He was first elected to Dail Eireann in 1969 and served continuously as a member until 2004. From 2004 to 2009, he was EU Ambassador to the United States. From 2010 to 2015, he was President of IFSC Ireland. Currently, Mr Bruton is a member of the boards of Ingersoll Rand, of the Irish Diaspora Loan Origination Fund and of Smart Invest Ltd. He is also a member of the board of the Centre for European Policy Studies, of Cooperation Ireland, and of the Club de Madrid. He is a Distinguished Fellow at the Centre for Transatlantic Relations in Washington DC and was a visiting fellow at the European Institute in the London School of Economics. Mr Bruton graduated from University College Dublin with a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics and politics in 1968, before studying to become a barrister. He was called to the Bar of Ireland in 1972. He holds Honorary Degrees from Memorial University of Newfoundland, the University of Missouri, and the National University of Ireland.

Mr **Dick Roche**, Former Minister for European Affairs at Department of the Taoiseach and Department of Foreign Affairs (2002 – 2004, 2007 – 2008 and 2008 - 2011). Mr Dick Roche has also held several non-political positions such as Lecturer in Public Administration and European Institutions and Policy at University College Dublin and his current position as a Public Affairs Consultant specializing in European affairs and public policy. Mr Roche previously led the highly successful Nice II Referendum Campaign and played a leading role in the Irish Government's 2008 and 2009 Lisbon Treaty Referendum campaigns, headed Ireland's delegation at the Convention on the Future of Europe, that led the Irish Delegation to the Assembly of the Western European Union and the Government delegation to the Forum on Europe and was responsible for the preparation of Ireland's much acclaimed 2004 European Union Presidency. Mr Roche's work in Europe is widely recognised internationally.

