Political Leadership in the EU

Panel discussion with various representatives of the EU institutions organized by Ingeborg Tömmel, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Osnabrück, Germany, and Amy Verdun, Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam, University of Victoria, Canada.

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European Committee of the Regions (CoR), Jacques Delors Building (JDE) - room JDE 70 99-101, rue Belliard, Brussels

This event will present and discuss research findings on various aspects of political leadership in the EU: the performance of individual leaders, the strategic choices of EU institutions, and the role of individuals and institutions in specific circumstances and issue areas. Main issues for discussion are: Is the European Union "leaderless" or, else, does it have too many leaders? What are the opportunities and constraints for exercising leadership at European level? What is the impact of supranational and intergovernmental leadership on the course of integration? To what extent can individual leaders put their footprint on EU affairs? Target audiences include CoR members, officials of EU institutions, Permanent Representations of the Member States, representatives from regional offices, interest groups and civil society organisations as well as academics. *The event will be followed by a reception.*

Programme

- Welcome and introduction
- Presentation of the main findings of the research project on political leadership in the EU
- Comment on and discussion of the research findings by representatives of EU institutions
- Discussion with the audience
- Conclusions
- Reception

Research Team

- Prof. Dr. Ingeborg Tömmel, University of Osnabrück, Germany;
- Prof. Dr. Amy Verdun, University of Victoria, Canada.

Representatives of EU Institutions

- Prof. Dr. Christian Calliess, Law professor and legal advisor to the European Political Strategy Centre of the Commission President;
- Richard Corbett, Member of the European Parliament;
- Dr. Alison Weston, European External Action Service;
- Jo Leinen, Member of the European Parliament (tbc).

Chair

• Wolfgang Petzold, Deputy Director, European Committee of the Regions.

Registration: <u>http://cor.europa.eu/en/events/Pages/Political-Leadership-in-the-</u>EU.aspx

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