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"Liberalism = Liberty governed by the Rule of Law"
Annette Godart van der Kroon

Invitation

Lunch debate "Future Federalism for Europe: Some Concrete Proposals"

October 1st, 2020

12.30 pm - 2.30 pm Holland House Rue d'Arlon 20, 1050 Brussels

1st Floor

*Please note that the lunch is to
be paid by the participant:*

Non-members of LVMI: 40.00€

Members of the LVMI: 30.00€

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Program

12.30 pm **Registration and Lunch**

1.00 pm **Opening words by Annette Godart-van der Kroon**, President LVMI

1.10 pm **Federico Reho**,

Strategic Coordinator and Research Officer at Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels and author of "A Hayekian federalism for the EU: some concrete proposals".

Moderator: Lieven Taillie

Chairman of AEJ Association of European Journalists

2.00 pm **Discussions**

3.00 pm **Closing Remarks**

Topic Explanation

This project aims to revive a tradition of decentralised and competitive federalism in European integration, and to apply its teachings to current European challenges. For convenience, this tradition is here associated with the name of the Nobel-prize winning economist Friedrich Hayek. However, a sizable group of liberal, conservative and Christian democratic thinkers, including such prominent names as Ludwig Erhard, Luigi Einaudi and Wilhelm Röpke, defended some variations of it. Their federation was not a strong and intrusive central government, but a limited framework for continental openness, dealing with core federal functions: defence, foreign policy and the four freedoms of the internal market. By contrast, in Spinelli's model of European integration, unfortunately the best known and most influential, both the federal government and the federated entities are programmatically intrusive and centralised.

The debate on the future of the EU has so far been polarised between a progressive centralist vision that is reminiscent of Spinellian federalism and a populist vision that questions the very existence of supranational institutions. The goal of this publication is to show that a third way between these two extremes is possible, one that combines limited continental unity with national autonomy, decentralisation and competition.

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The Ludwig von Mises Institute-Europe was officially established on October 12th, 2002 as a nonpartisan think-tank fostering an open and free society. It bears the name of Ludwig von Mises, one of the most prominent liberal economists of the whole XX century, and one of the main representatives of the Austrian School of Economics.

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- **Teaching** young professionals and students from all over the world about classical liberalism in addition to the workings of the European Union;
- **Connecting** world-wide liberals and organizations at national and international levels.

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