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Press release of the Bridge Forum Dialogue conference “The Future of the European Union”

The Bridge Forum Dialogue organised a conference under the title: “***The Future of the European Union***”, on 22 March 2022. The speaker was Pierre Moscovici, First President of the French “Cour des Comptes”. The event was hosted at the Hemicycle (Luxembourg Congrès), at the Kirchberg-Plateau.

Mr Klaus-Heiner Lehne, Vice-President of the Bridge Forum Dialogue and President of the European Court of Auditors, chaired the conference and introduced the subject and the speaker.

A large and distinguished audience gathered for this event, including representatives from the European institutions and bodies, members of the corps diplomatique, numerous public authorities and actors of the academic, economic and social sphere as well as students.

The presentation was followed by a stimulating questions and answers session.

Mr Moscovici explained how in the present dramatic circumstances of war in Ukraine, Europe has, more than ever, to be united.

Peace and freedom are basic pillars of our Union.

The EU has to defend and promote its democratic values, by pursuing the different means which have been used so far, such as sanctions and targeted measures in the economic field. Both the EU and NATO need to be strengthened.

We need a strong political Europe, with more effective Defence, Energy and External policies, with also a stronger Economic and Monetary Union, as the hard core of our Union. This requires a federal budget with own resources, benefiting from more tax revenues.

Mr Moscovici quoted Winston Churchill: “Never waste a good crisis”.

Detailed information on this Conference will be made available on the website of the Bridge Forum Dialogue a.s.b.l.: www.forum-dialogue.lu.



Photo: from left to right:

Mr Klaus-Heiner Lehne, President of the European Court of Auditors and Vice-President of the Bridge Forum Dialogue

Mr Pierre Moscovici, First President of the French Cour des comptes