

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR **PRESIDENT PEDRO PIRES** – FORMER PRESIDENT OF CAPE VERDE AND WINNER OF THE 2011 MO IBRAHIM PRICE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN AFRICAN LEADERSHIP, ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE OF THE UNION, FLORENCE, 9 AND 10 MAY

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## Tuesday 8 May

18.35 Arrival of President **Pedro Pires** at Florence Peretola Airport on Flight AZ 1679 from Rome.

Transfer to the hotel by private chauffeured car.

## Wednesday 9 May

08.30 Transfer from the hotel to **Palazzo Vecchio**, venue of The State of the Union, by private chauffeured car.

08.45 Arrival at Palazzo Vecchio. A staff member from EUI will be present the whole day to give all the speakers support and will take care of the seating (front row seats reserved) in the **Salone dei Cinquecento**.

08.45-18.00 **Sala degli Otto** (next to the Salone dei Cinquecento) will be at the speakers' disposal and a coffee point will be available.

08.45-18.00 **Salone dei Duecento**: Room for press meetings and interviews with official Media Partners of The State of the Union (Financial Times, Il Sole 24 Ore, ANSA, Bloomberg and Reuters). Press corners will be placed in the room.

09.00 Official Opening of The State of the Union in the **Salone dei Cinquecento**. Welcome and opening remarks by **Josep Borrell**, **Matteo Renzi** and **Mario Monti**.

13.00-14.30 Private Lunch at **Sala di Lorenzo** (speakers and invited guests).

14.30 Seating at the speakers' table for the opening of Session 2 - Panel 1

14.30-16.00 Session 2 - Panel 1 **What is New in the World and Why does it Matter for the EU?** - Intervention by President **Pedro Pires** (title to be confirmed)

16.00-18.30 Press meetings and interviews with official Media Partners of The State of the Union (Financial Times, Il Sole 24 Ore, ANSA, Bloomberg and Reuters). Press corners will be placed in the **Salone dei Duecento**.

18.30 Transfer from **Palazzo Vecchio** to the hotel

20.30 Transfer from the hotel to the GALA DINNER

21.00 Gala Dinner at the **BADIA FIESOLANA** – Via dei Roccettini, 9 - San Domenico di Fiesole (Florence), Headquarters of the European University Institute

23.00 – 24.00 Transfer from the Badia Fiesolana to the hotel

**Thursday 10 May**

TBD Departure from the hotel to Florence Peretola Airport by private chauffeured car

11.35 Departure on Flight AZ 1678 to Rome

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# THE STATE OF THE UNION

9/10 MAY 2012  
SALONE DEI CINQUECENTO  
PALAZZO VECCHIO  
FLORENCE

## INFORMATION FOR SPEAKERS

### THE CONFERENCE

The STATE OF THE UNION conference is an annual event for high-level reflection on the European Union organised by the European University Institute (EUI). Now in its second year, the conference brings together leading academics, policy-makers, and business and opinion leaders to discuss the current situation and future prospects of the European Union.

### CONFERENCE WEBSITE AND PROGRAMME

News and updated programme information about the event can be found at:  
<http://stateoftheunion.eui.eu/>

### SESSIONS AND PANELS

The first day of the conference (9 May) is divided into two sessions: 'Economic Governance for Europe' and 'The EU in a New World'. The second day (10 May) focuses entirely on 'EU Energy Policy'.

On 9 May, each session consists of two panels. In the session 'The EU in a New World', you will speak in the panel 'What Is New in the World and Why Does It Matter for the EU?'. Your panel will be opened with an introductory report which sets the agenda for the discussion and highlights the challenges to be discussed. This opening report has been prepared by the academic coordinator of your panel, Professor Miguel Maduro and will be forwarded to you in the next days.

Your presentation should consist of a brief, approximately five-minute reaction to the introductory report. After all panellists have presented their reactions, a moderated debate will follow (David Tweed from *Bloomberg Television* will serve as moderator of your panel). Finally, the audience will be invited to ask questions.

### MEDIA PARTNERS AND PRESS MEETINGS

Press meetings and interviews with official Media Partners of the STATE OF THE UNION (*Financial Times*, *Il Sole 24 Ore*, *ANSA*, *Bloomberg TV* and *Reuters*) will be organised by our Communications Service in dedicated press corners.

### GALA DINNER

As you have been informed, a Gala Dinner will take place on the evening of 9 May at the historic Badia Fiesolana (the seat of the EUI). A formal invitation will be sent to you by regular post, and we very much hope that you will be able to attend.

### LOGISTICS

Ms. Susanna Bergmann is in contact with you and your office to organise all elements related to your trip and accommodation. In case of any additional questions or needs, contact her anytime: [Susanna.Bergman@eui.eu](mailto:Susanna.Bergman@eui.eu) Furthermore, we will soon forward you an individual programme for your agenda.

For all other questions, please contact the STATE OF THE UNION Secretariat: [sou@eui.eu](mailto:sou@eui.eu)