



ELEC International Annual Round Table Debate on the Future of Europe

“The way forward after the 2024 European elections: challenges and opportunities.”

Date: November 30th, 2023 from 5 pm to 7 pm

Venue: University Foundation (salle Francqui 1st floor) - rue d'Egmont 11 – BE-1000 Brussels

The aim of the debate is to have an exchange on the main challenges and opportunities, which the EU is facing nowadays and in the foreseeable future. What role would the EU play in a multipolar global geopolitical landscape? Is the EU's internal market robust enough? Enlargement and decision-making process in the EU, is unanimity still the best optimal outcome? How centric is the European citizen in the EU decision making process?

PROGRAMME

5 pm -5.15 pm: **Introduction** by **M. Bernard SNOY** - Honorary President ELEC-LECE and President of the Robert Triffin Foundation

5.30 pm **Keynote speech** by **M. Karel LANNOO** - CEO- Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Moderator: **M. Javier Arias** - President ELEC/LECE International

ROUND DEBATE PANNEL

M. Paolo Garonna - Professor of Political Economy at the LUISS Guido Carli University of Rome and President of ELEC Italy

Ms. Nairy Merheje – Advocate & Founding Partner Der Arakelian-Merheje LLC Cyprus

M. Andreas Andreas Grünbichler - President ELEC Austria

M. Maciej Dobrzyniecki - President ELEC Poland (to be confirmed)

M. Philippe Jurgensen – Honorary President ELEC France – President Economic and Social Commission ELEC France

M. François Baudu – Secretary General ELEC/LECE International

7 pm – 7.30 pm: **Cocktail** in the bar of the University Foundation (ground floor)

7.30 pm – 9.30 pm: **Seated dinner** at the restaurant the University Foundation (ground floor)*

Keynote Speech by **M. Steven Vanackere** - Vice Governor of the National Bank of Belgium (NBB)
"What the National Bank of Belgium can report on the upcoming EU Presidency"

*Seated dinner on personal invitation only

Hybrid format:

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