

A COMPREHENSIVE REFORM PACKAGE FOR THE EU

On Thursday 18 January 2018, at 9:30–11:00

At the Seminar Hall

Arkadiankatu 23, entrance H (inner courtyard), Helsinki

After a turbulent decade, a growing economy and the victories of pro-European forces in France and elsewhere have returned a sense of optimism to the European Union. In order to prepare the EU for future storms, a number of far-reaching reforms have been proposed. These touch upon asylum policy, Eurozone governance and European security. The window of opportunity for undertaking such reforms is narrow, and the recent years of crises have left deep divides between and within EU member states. How can the EU build trust and repair the collateral damages caused by the crises? Is a comprehensive reform package possible, and what kind of compromises would it require? How can the EU deal with the challenge of authoritarian populism?

Opening remarks and Chair: **Teija Tiilikainen**, Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Speakers: **Janis A. Emmanouilidis**, Director of Studies, European Policy Centre

Petteri Orpo, Minister of Finance of Finland

Comments: **Juha Jokela**, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

The seminar marks the launch of the report *Re-energising Europe: A Package deal for the EU27*. The report is a culmination of five years of work, and reflects more than 120 national and transnational debates across Europe under the New Pact for Europe initiative steered by King Baudouin Foundation, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Open Society Initiative for Europe and the European Policy Centre. The Finnish Institute of International Affairs is one of the national partners of the initiative and coordinated the work of the Finnish National Reflection Group. A link to the report: https://www.newpactforeurope.eu/news/2017/npe_3rd_report.php



Petteri Orpo has been the Minister of Finance of Finland since June 2016. Previously he has served as Minister of the Interior (2015–2016) and as Minister of Agriculture and Forestry (2014–2015). He has been a Member of Parliament since 2007. Minister Orpo has been the chair of the National Coalition Party since 2016. He holds a Master's Degree from the University of Turku.



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