



IDEASLAB

Peace and prosperity for Europe:
An impossible dream?

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CEPS Ideas Lab 2022 will be an interactive one-day event bringing together the 'Next Generation' of Europeans with more seasoned experts in EU policymaking across many different fields. The underpinning theme is how can the EU re-establish peace and prosperity. More than two years into a global pandemic and now with a major war that's erupted in Europe's neighbourhood on top, the need for a united union is stronger than ever.

The culmination of the day will be an interactive discussion between a high-level European policymaker with our CEPS Young Thinkers on how the EU can re-establish peace and prosperity in this new and dangerous world.

This discussion will be preceded by three dedicated sessions dealing with today's key challenges: soaring energy prices, an unprecedented wave of refugees caused by the war in Ukraine and the rapidly evolving threat to Europe's security.

We will also examine the state of public opinion and how Europeans are reacting to such monumental changes that are occurring and evolving at lightning speed.



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09H00 - 10H30

Registration

10H30 - 12H00

Lab sessions

Strengthening the EU as a global governance actor: lessons from the pandemic and the war in Ukraine



Does EU Migration Diplomacy Work?



Future scenarios for global health security governance: how do we break the cycle of 'panic and neglect'?



Inequalities in the time of Covid



Social investment in the EU: policy shift or smoke and mirrors?



Violent extremism in enabling environments: Why local resilience is more robust than we think and how we can go about supporting it

12H00 - 13H00

Lunch

13H00 - 13H15

Message from Joaquin Almunia, Chairperson, CEPS

13H15 - 14H45

What do Europeans expect from the EU now: What do recent elections and opinion polls tell us? (in cooperation with Bertelsmann Stiftung)

14H45 - 15H15

Coffee break

15H15 - 17H00

Food for Thought

Europe's next refugee crisis



The implications of soaring energy prices and how to address them



The global geopolitical implications of the Ukraine war

17H00 - 18H00

Spotlight Session: Peace and prosperity for all of Europe - an impossible dream?