



Third Plus Europe Conference

Madrid, Caixa Forum

16 and 17 May 2016

Plus Europe Association

The Plus Europe Association is a citizen network linked to the business and entrepreneurial sector based in Barcelona. Our aim is to develop more civic participation in European governance. We work to create a strong civic alliance to position the European citizens at the centre of a democratic European governance and EU integration process and therefore collaborate with European institutions, professional associations, chambers of commerce and civic entities. Every two years we organize a large conference (Plus Europe Conference) and moreover, we arrange workshops and an event series called Business Forum Working Lunch with policymakers to link citizens and companies to EU politics and institutions.

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The Plus Europe Conference offers a space to learn about and discuss current political issues. Given the strong business perspective of the Plus Europe Association, one main focus is traditionally on economic and financial governance topics. The first edition of the Plus Europe Conference took place in the Casa Llotja, Barcelona on 2 February 2013, the second edition in the Committee of the Regions, Brussels, on 12 and 13 May 2014.

The Third Plus Europe Conference will take place in the Caixa Forum, Madrid, on 16 and 17 May 2016. The conference will be flanked by a youth event. 50 young people from all over Europe are provided a scholarship to participate at the conference and gain a wider perspective on European citizenship and pressing political issues. Up to 325 participants are expected in total.

An innovation of the Third Plus Europe Conference is the overall topic of the first day (16 May 2016) which is fully dedicated to “water”, from an EU, political, consumer, business and development perspective. The water issue is a particularly important one, not only for Spain that already lacks a good water supply and water infrastructure in some of its regions today, but in a global perspective, and is expected to get even more urgent in the future, due to climate and environmental changes. At the same time, the access to clean water is not only crucial for everyone and considered to be a human right, but also for industries (especially of the agro-alimentary sector). The focus on “water” shall be strengthened in the coming years by offering one conference per year exclusively centred on this topic.

The second conference day (17 May) addresses public governance topics, following the tradition of the event and its strong link to the business sector. The sessions on this day will be about the banking union, the capital markets union, new collaboration models between companies, micro companies and self-employed and youth employment.

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