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## WORKSHOP

# EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EU BUDGET

Scientific Organiser: **Alfredo De Feo** | EP/EUI

Sala del Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana  
via dei Roccettini, 9 – San Domenico di Fiesole

1 - 2 October 2015

## ■ RATIONALE

The EU budget represents only 1% of GNI but its impact on the economy is higher due to its leverage effects. How could the EU Budget be more focused on results, strengthening its efficiency and effectiveness? The improvement of the quality of expenditure is the challenge of the next few years. The workshop will try to provide an answer starting from the experience of beneficiaries of EU funds and the comments of academics and practitioners.

## ■ PROGRAMME

### 1 October 2015

14.15-14.30 Welcome

**Joseph Weiler**

Opening: **Kristalina Georgieva**

Chair: **Joseph Weiler**

14.30-15.15 **Keynote speech**

**Pier Carlo Padoan**

Debate

15.15- 16.15 **Panel I – How EU contributions are perceived by beneficiaries**

Chair: **Carlos Closa**

**Hans-Jörg König**

**Ludovica Agrò**

**Giada Mennuti**

**David Stefano Zolesi**

Debate

16.15- 16.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.30-18.30 **Panel II – EU budget as an added value**

How can efficiency be measured? Is the money going where it is intended to go? Are the policy objectives reached? Is the implementation correctly managed and monitored? How can ex-post impact assessment influence legislation?

Chair: **Brigid Laffan**

Keynote speech

**Kristalina Georgieva**

Speakers: **Giacomo Benedetto**

**Eulalia Rubio**

Discussant: **Michael Shackleton**

Debate

18.30 **COCKTAIL**

## **2 October 2015**

09.30-11.15 **Panel III – Better spending: can the EU budget be more effective?**

How can EU budgets contribute further to the economic recovery? How can the budget support the reform of EU policies? Does the EU budget support development of SMEs? What can be done to make public spending more productive? How is the EU budget perceived by beneficiaries?

Chair: **Alfredo De Feo**

Speakers: **Jorge Nunez Ferrer**

**Iain Begg**

Discussant: **Alexander G. Welzl**

11.15-11.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30-12.30 **Panel IV – Which steps to improve budgetary efficiency**

Chair: **Adrienne Héritier**

Keynote speech: **Kevin Cardiff**

Discussants: **Tatjana Evas**

**Silvano Presa**

12.30-13.15 Debate

13.15 Conclusion

**Brigid Laffan**

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