



## FEPS 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AUTUMN ACADEMY 2025

### For a Europe of peace, prosperity and progress

	SUNDAY, 30 <sup>TH</sup> November 2025
	<b>Check-in</b>
	<b>OPENING SESSION at</b> <b>La Place 33, Pl. du Châtelain 33 D, 1050 Ixelles</b>
19:00	<b>FEPS AAA Opening</b>
19:15	<b>FEPS AAA Bingo</b>
19:30	<b>Reception</b>
20:00	<b>Inauguration of the 6<sup>th</sup> FEPS Annual Autumn Academy</b> <b>RED SOFA DISCUSSION:</b> <b>Never for granted! Europe then, Europe now, Europe tomorrow.</b> <i>The key lessons from the European integration for the turbulent times</i> <b>Lina Galvez</b> , S&D MEP, Chair of FEMM Committee and Chair of the FEPS Scientific Council <b>Zita Gurmai</b> , President PES Women <b>Tomáš Petříček</b> , Director of Progressive Analytical Centre <b>Irja Vaateri</b> , YES Secretary General  Moderation: <b>Ania Skrzypek</b> , FEPS Director for Research and Training

	MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025 – FEPS Office
	<b>A RESILIENT EUROPE IN THE ERA OF MULTIPLICITY</b> <b>FEPS Office – Avenue des Arts, 46, 1000 Brussels</b>
09:00	<b>OPENING LECTURE</b> <b>A resilient Europe in the era of multipolarity</b> <b>Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop</b> , Ghent University, Egmont Institute Moderation: <b>László Andor</b> , FEPS Secretary General
10:30	<b>BREAK</b>

10:45	<p><b>PANEL 1:</b> <b>THE NEW GLOBAL ORDER – WHEN “SUBMISSION IS NOT A STRATEGY”</b> Opening: <b>Ireneusz Bil</b>, Director Amicus Europae</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Anne van Lancker</b>, President of SOLIDAR <b>João Martins Pereira</b>, President of YES <b>Eduard Odinet</b>s, former MP Estonia, Secretary for International SDE <b>Neva Grašič</b>, Secretary of State for the European Union, Slovenia (online) <b>Ioannis Maniatis</b>, S&amp;D MEP (tbc)</p> <p>Moderation: <b>Ania Skrzypek</b>, FEPS Director for Research and Training</p>
12.15	<b>LUNCH</b>
13.00	<p><b>SPECIAL GUEST Enlargement: a promise and a prospect to fulfil it</b> Opening: <b>Sascha Obrecht</b>, Director of Karl Renner Institut <b>Andreas Schieder</b>, S&amp;D MEP, Chair of SPÖ Delegation to the EP and Chair of Next Left Moderation: <b>László Andor</b>, FEPS Secretary General</p>
13:45	<p><b>ACTION: World AIDS Day</b> Coordination: <b>Monty Aal</b>, FEPS Policy Analyst on Digital</p>
14:30	<p><b>World Café: EUROPE and PEACE – how to keep the focus amid rearmament and securitization of the public debate</b></p> <p><b>Zoltán Simon</b>, S&amp;D Head of Department External Action <b>Juliette Delacroix</b>, Political Advisor for EU and International Affairs, Migration and Women's Rights <b>Kilian Wirthwein</b>, Adjunct Professor &amp; International Policy Consultant <b>Cristina Riveiro McClelland</b>, Communications Officer at the Cabinet of the CoR President</p>
	<b>BREAK</b>

16:15	FEPS AAA COUNTRY CASE STUDIES		
	<b>Luxembourg</b> <b>Marc Angel</b> , S&D MEP and EP Quaestor <b>Paul Klensch</b> , City Councilor Strassen <b>Oliver Cano</b> , Secretary for International LSAP Moderation: <b>Matteo Dressler</b> , FEPS Policy Analyst on Democracy and Participation	<b>Ireland</b> <b>Kevin Cunningham</b> , lecturer in politics, political strategist, and pollster <b>Hannah Deasy</b> , Chair of Labour Women <b>David Kitching</b> , Secretary for International Irish Labour Party Moderation: <b>Aoife Maguire</b> , FEPS Communications Officer	<b>Estonia</b> <b>Eduard Odinets</b> , former MP Estonia, Secretary for International SDE <b>Anneli Pärilin</b> , Board member of the Estonian SDE <b>Maris Sild</b> , City Councilor Tallinn <b>Riina Sikut</b> , former Minister of Health, Estonia <b>Tarvo Sarmet</b> , FEPS Trainer Moderation: <b>Christian Salm</b> , Head of Office of FEPS President
17.15	BREAK		
18.00 – 19.00	Conversation with <b>Pascal Smet</b> , Member and Chief of Vooruit Group at the Brussels Parliament, former Secretary of State for Mobility and Brussels (location: Iris Tower, Pl. Saint-Lazare 2, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode)		
19.30	DINNER at Chez Leon		

	<b>TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – FEPS Office</b>
	<b>A TRANSFORMATIVE EUROPE DELIVERING QUALITY JOBS</b> <b>FEPS Office – Avenue des Arts, 46, 1000 Brussels</b>
09:00	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE:</b> <b>Searching for A Room of Our Own: An Insider's Look at How the EU struggles with Equality</b> <b>Dr Katarzyna Szkuta</b> , Director of Strategy at The Lisbon Council Moderation: <b>Ania Skrzypek</b> , FEPS Director for Research and Training
10:30	<b>BREAK</b>

10:45	<b>PANEL 2:</b> <b>PROGRESSIVE PRO-EUROPEANISM as NARRATIVE FOR NECESSARY REFORMS</b> Opening and moderation: <b>Knut Dethlefsen</b> , Director of FES Future of Work  <b>Estelle Göger</b> , Deputy Head of cabinet of Cabinet, Executive Vice President Séjourné, European Commission <b>Ana Catarina Mendes</b> , S&D MEP and S&D Vice President <b>Claes-Mikael Ståhl</b> , Deputy Secretary General ETUC <b>Jordi Harrison</b> , Secretary General of PES Group at CoR <b>Dominic Afscharian</b> , Political scientist, research officer at the think tank Zentrum für neue Sozialpolitik					
12:15	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>					
13:15	<b>VISIT TO EU INSTITUTIONS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>S&amp;D Group in the European Parliament – Nicolas Macias</b>, S&amp;D First Deputy Secretary General Facilitator: <b>Matteo Dressler</b>, FEPS Policy Analyst on Democracy and Participation</li><li>- <b>PES Group in the Committee of the Regions – David Rinaldi</b>, PES CoR Political advisor Facilitator: <b>François Balate</b>, FEPS Policy Analyst on Social</li><li>- <b>PES, Yonnec Polet</b> - Deputy Secretary General Facilitator: <b>Christian Salm</b>, Head of Office of the President</li></ul>					
15.00	<b>FEPS AAA THEMATIC WORKSHOPS (3)</b> <table><tr><td><b>Digital (AI)</b> <b>Estelle Ceulemans</b>, S&amp;D MEP <b>Antoine Mertzeisen</b>, Member of the Cabinet of CoR President <b>Justin Nogarede</b>, Senior Policy Analyst, FES <b>Dea Kralij</b>, Head of Projects All Digital Moderation: <b>Monty Aal</b>, FEPS Policy Analyst on Digital</td><td><b>Mental Health</b> <b>Tomáš Petříček</b>, Director of Progressive Analytical Centre <b>Camille Bourron</b>, PES Policy Advisor <b>Paulina Piechna-Wieckiewicz</b>, Deputy Minister of National Education in Poland (tbc) Moderation: <b>François Balate</b>, FEPS Policy Analyst on Social</td><td><b>Skills and Learning</b> <b>Marcos Ros</b>, S&amp;D MEP <b>Brikena Xhomaqi</b>, LLL Secretary General <b>Elfva Barrio</b>, Political Secretary S-studenter <b>Marie Klein-Hitpass</b>, PES Policy Advisor Moderation: <b>Elena Gil</b>, FEPS Training and project Coordinator</td></tr></table>			<b>Digital (AI)</b> <b>Estelle Ceulemans</b> , S&D MEP <b>Antoine Mertzeisen</b> , Member of the Cabinet of CoR President <b>Justin Nogarede</b> , Senior Policy Analyst, FES <b>Dea Kralij</b> , Head of Projects All Digital Moderation: <b>Monty Aal</b> , FEPS Policy Analyst on Digital	<b>Mental Health</b> <b>Tomáš Petříček</b> , Director of Progressive Analytical Centre <b>Camille Bourron</b> , PES Policy Advisor <b>Paulina Piechna-Wieckiewicz</b> , Deputy Minister of National Education in Poland (tbc) Moderation: <b>François Balate</b> , FEPS Policy Analyst on Social	<b>Skills and Learning</b> <b>Marcos Ros</b> , S&D MEP <b>Brikena Xhomaqi</b> , LLL Secretary General <b>Elfva Barrio</b> , Political Secretary S-studenter <b>Marie Klein-Hitpass</b> , PES Policy Advisor Moderation: <b>Elena Gil</b> , FEPS Training and project Coordinator
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16:30	<div><div>FEPS AAA POLICY SEMINARS (two rounds of approx 1h)</div><div>Each of the seminar will feature an S&amp;D Group MEP explaining a key report they are working in</div><table><tr><td><div><div>Brando Benifei, REPORT on the institutional aspects of the Report on the future of European Competitiveness (Draghi Report) From 16.10 to 16.45</div><div>Moderation: François Balate, FEPS Policy Analyst on Social</div></div></td><td><div><div>Thomas Bajada, REPORT on the European Water Resilience Strategy</div><div>Moderation: Chloé Deffet, Policy Analyst on Climate and Environment</div></div></td><td><div><div>Krzysztof Śmiszek</div><div>INTERIM REPORT on the proposal for a Council decision determining, pursuant to Article 7(1) of the Treaty on European Union, the existence of a clear risk of a serious breach by Hungary of the values on which the Union is founded</div><div>Moderation: Christian Salm, Head of Office of the President</div></div></td></tr><tr><td></td><td><table><tr><td><div><div>Juan Fernando López Aguilar on the Migration Pact</div><div>Moderation: Hedwig Giusto, FEPS Head of International Programmes</div></div></td><td><div><div>Thijs Reuten, REPORT on the 2023 and 2024 Commission Report on Ukraine</div><div>Moderation: Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training</div></div></td><td></td></tr></table></td></tr></table></div>	<div><div>Brando Benifei, REPORT on the institutional aspects of the Report on the future of European Competitiveness (Draghi Report) From 16.10 to 16.45</div><div>Moderation: François Balate, FEPS Policy Analyst on Social</div></div>	<div><div>Thomas Bajada, REPORT on the European Water Resilience Strategy</div><div>Moderation: Chloé Deffet, Policy Analyst on Climate and Environment</div></div>	<div><div>Krzysztof Śmiszek</div><div>INTERIM REPORT on the proposal for a Council decision determining, pursuant to Article 7(1) of the Treaty on European Union, the existence of a clear risk of a serious breach by Hungary of the values on which the Union is founded</div><div>Moderation: Christian Salm, Head of Office of the President</div></div>		<table><tr><td><div><div>Juan Fernando López Aguilar on the Migration Pact</div><div>Moderation: Hedwig Giusto, FEPS Head of International Programmes</div></div></td><td><div><div>Thijs Reuten, REPORT on the 2023 and 2024 Commission Report on Ukraine</div><div>Moderation: Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training</div></div></td><td></td></tr></table>	<div><div>Juan Fernando López Aguilar on the Migration Pact</div><div>Moderation: Hedwig Giusto, FEPS Head of International Programmes</div></div>	<div><div>Thijs Reuten, REPORT on the 2023 and 2024 Commission Report on Ukraine</div><div>Moderation: Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training</div></div>	
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20:00	<div><div>POLLING EUROPE with Rado Fonda, Head of Research, SWG</div><div>Moderation: Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training</div><div>Followed by a fishbowl discussion</div></div>								



	WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025
	<b>FOR A PLURALIST EUROPE OF INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS</b>
9.00	<b>Opening: Iratxe García Pérez, President of the S&amp;D Group</b>  Moderation: <b>László Andor, FEPS Secretary General</b>
09.30	<b>KEYNOTE LECTURE:</b>  <b>Building progressive alliances to counter the surge of the far right Philippe Marlière, Professor of French &amp; European politics, University College London</b>  Moderation: <b>Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training</b>
10:30	<b>FEPS AAA DEBATE:</b>  <b>SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC STRATEGY AFTER THE RIGHT-WING SURGE</b> <b>Opening: Antonis Galanopoulos, Eteron Project Coordinator</b>  <b>Hana Jaloul, S&amp;D MEP and Secretary for International PSOE</b> <b>Mohammed Chahim, S&amp;D MEP and S&amp;D Vice President</b> <b>Gaby Bischoff, S&amp;D MEP and S&amp;D Vice President</b> <b>Lucie Susova, ETUC, Advisor and Youth Officer</b>  Moderation: <b>Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training</b>
11.30	<b>Closing ceremony</b>
12.00	<b>Lunch to take away and departures</b>

Colour code

Light grey: plenary

Grey: parallel activities

White: networking