

12th CIDOB – SWP – FES Dialogue: The challenges for the EU after the pandemic

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CIDOB, the SWP and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung celebrate the 12th edition of its annual dialogue to analyse and discuss the challenges that the Covid-19 crisis poses to the cohesion of the European Union. The outburst of the covid-19 in Europe and its economic and social consequences has revealed that the internal divisions within the EU, especially the North-South divide is far from being overcome. Can the solutions proposed by the Commission, including an unprecedented plan for financial assistance to pandemic affected countries bring Europeans closer or soon the old divisions will renew themselves multiplied by the effects of the pandemic? Will the coronavirus pandemic be a turning point in European integration or just one of many crises in its history? Can the Conference on the Future of Europe be an opportunity to give a new impetus to post-Brexit EU, or will it just be a bureaucratic exercise? The 12th CIDOB-SWP-FES Dialogue will shed light on these debates by assembling analysts and think tankers from Spain and Germany.

Tuesday, 22th September 2020

10.00 – 10.15 **Welcome Remarks**

Luise Rürup, Director of the Madrid Office, FES
Nicolai von Ondarza, Head of the EU Research Division, SWP
PoI Morillas, Director, CIDOB

Introductory speech:

Miguel Berger State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office of Germany
Manuel Muñiz, Secretary of State for Global Spain

10.30 – 11.30 **Panel 1: The European responses to COVID-19 and its geo-economic consequences: a New Green Deal, the Digital Agenda and the Next Generation EU**

Carme Colomina, Research Fellow, CIDOB
Eduard Soler i Lecha, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB
Paweł Tokarski, Senior Associate, SWP

Chair **María Pallares**, Programme Coordinator, FES

11.30 – 12.30 **Panel 2: The Conference on the Future of Europe: The German and Spanish visions**

Héctor Sánchez Margalef, Researcher, CIDOB
Linn Selle, President of the European Movement Germany, Berlin
Nicolai von Ondarza, Head of the EU Research Division, SWP

Chair **PoI Morillas**, Director, CIDOB

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