



Public event

**Progressive Priorities for the Next European Multiannual Budget –
What do we want the EU to be able to do and how?**

**Brussels, 16 May 2018
10h00 – 11h30**

Venue:

**Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU Office
Rue du Taciturne 38
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Each negotiation cycle about a next European Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) was confronted with increasing tasks and growing challenges for the EU ahead. The discussions about adapting priorities, reviewing funding mechanisms and above all the total budget have had diverse outcomes, always with room for improvement. This time around the pressure for the next MFF negotiations has further increased in a politically even more challenging context. The outlook for an ambitious EU budget project in critical times is all the more uncertain.

After the European Commission publishes its proposal for the next MFF beginning of May we would like to discuss what the progressive priorities should be for the negotiations to come. What do we want the EU being able to do? How much are we willing to invest in a European Union capable of facing the challenges ahead and better keeping its promise of prosperity for its citizens as well as being a credible international actor?

Draft agenda:

10h00 *Welcome*

Renate Tenbusch, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung EU-Office

10h05 *Re-inventing the EU budget: the Commission proposals and progressive priorities for the next MFF*

Inputs by and discussion with:

László Andor, Head of department of Economic Policy at Corvinus University Budapest, former EU-Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Silvano Presa, Deputy Director-General for Budget, European Commission

11h00 *Q&A with the audience*

11h30 *End of the event*