

High Noon Lunchtime Debate

*An event series of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom*

"Overcoming the tragedy – from WWI to the building of the European Union"

**Tuesday, 4 November 2014**

**12.00–14.00**

Venue: Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, Avenue de Cortenbergh 71  
1000 Brussels

#### **About the event**

2014 – a year of remembrance! It reminds us of the beginning of the First World War: destruction and disaster – to which the years between 1914 and 1945 appear as an inevitable succession. After 1945, conclusions of over 300 years of conflict were drawn and politicians in Western Europe set on the process of European integration and on international understanding – despite the Cold War. 25 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain, we reflect on the mighty power that is inherent in the idea of peace, freedom, human dignity and the rule of law, which were driving forces behind the founding of the European Community.

In view of past conflicts, their progressive overcoming and the future challenges, we want to remember the victims of the First World War, shed light on the political debate at the beginning of this century and discuss solutions to future challenges. What visions did liberals have back in the beginning of the 20th century for a liberal Europe? What do liberals propose for the difficulties lying ahead?

## *Invitation*

#### Speakers

#### **Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel (ret)**

Henry Kissinger Professor for Governance and International Security, University of Bonn

#### **Ambassador Dr. Eckart Cuntz**

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Kingdom of Belgium

#### **Jozo Radoš, MEP**

Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

*Further speakers to be confirmed*

#### Moderation

#### **Niklaus Nuspliger**

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