Bruegel appoints new board

Brussels, 7th March 2014 - In a General Assembly of the Brussels-based economics think tank Bruegel on February 24th, members approved a new Board. Jean-Claude Trichet was again elected Chairman by the new Board members. The new board, which will serve from March 2014 to February 2017, is:

- Jean-Claude Trichet, former President of the European Central Bank
- Carlos Egea, Chief Trading Desk Strategist – Morgan Stanley
- Anna Ekström, Director General, National Agency for Education, Sweden
- Iñigo Fernandez de Mesa, Secretary General of the Treasury and Financial Policy, Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness, Spain
- Wolfgang Franz, Former Chairman of the German Council of Economic Experts, former Professor, University of Mannheim
- Jerzy Hausner, Professor of Economics, Head of the Department of Public Economy and Administration at Cracow University of Economics
- Vincenzo La Via, Director General of Department of Treasury, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Italy
- Rachel Lomax, Former Deputy Governor of the Bank of England
- Andreas Penk, Head Pfizer Oncology Europe, Chairman of the Board of Pfizer Germany
- J.A. (Hans) Vijlbrief, Treasurer-General, Ministry of Finance, The Netherlands, Chairman of the Economic-Policy Committee (EPC) of the EU

Jean-Claude Trichet said "It is an honour and privilege to chair Bruegel's board. I would like to extend my gratitude to those Board members, which have left the board, for their commitment to Bruegel's success over the last three years. I look forward to collaborating with colleagues on the Board and with Bruegel's Director Guntram Wolff. Bruegel will continue to strive to improve economic policy in Europe and the world."

Bruegel's Director Guntram Wolff commented: "It is an honour to direct Bruegel under the guidance and advice of such a distinguished Board. I would like to thank our Chairman Jean-Claude Trichet as well as the old and new Board members for their dedication to Bruegel and look forward to our joint work."

Special thanks were extended to departing board members, Per Callesen, Governor of Danmarks Nationalbank; José Manuel Campa, Professor of Finance and Economics at IESE Business School, Spain; Lars-Hendrik Röller, Director General, Economic and Financial Policy Division, German Federal Chancellery; Dariusz Rosati, Professor at the Warsaw School of Economics and Ryszard Lazarski University of Commerce and Law, Warsaw; and Professor Dame Helen Wallace, Centennial Professor in the European Institute at the London School of Economics and Political Science. Jim O'Neil, former Chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, retired from the board earlier in 2013 to become a non-resident Fellow at Bruegel. Both Helen Wallace and Jim O'Neil served on Bruegel's board for the maximum of three terms.
**Notes to Editors**

Members of the Board of Bruegel are not remunerated for their service. Three members of the board are elected by Bruegel’s state members, three more by the corporate members. The remaining five members are selected and appointed by those who have been elected. The combination of elections and appointments helps to bring a number of balances to the Board (background, nationality, gender, etc) as well as reflecting the fact that Bruegel seeks to be a public good and therefore not all Bruegel’s stakeholders are involved in its financing. A single term of office is three years and members may serve a maximum of three terms. Once appointed, members serve in a personal capacity.

Bruegel’s Board decides on strategy, adopts the research programme and budget and approves appointments of senior staff. It appoints the Director and the Deputy Director. The board meets at least three times a year. Bruegel is committed to transparency and accountability: details of membership, funding, the statutes and bylaws, as well as a number of other relevant documents, are available to the public on Bruegel’s website.

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