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'The reforms are working. In a recent analysis by Berenberg Bank and the Lisbon Council, Holger Schmieding wrote that if the eurozone "stays on the reform path it could eventually emerge from the crisis as the most dynamic of the major Western economies.'"

Wolfgang Schäuble, finance minister of Germany, writes in *The Wall Street Journal*

The 2012 Euro Plus Monitor ranks high with top policymakers

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble and European Central Bank President Mario Draghi used **The 2012 Euro Plus Monitor**, the authoritative competitiveness ranking published annually by Berenberg Bank and the Lisbon Council, to signal emerging light at the end of the euro-crisis tunnel. During testimony before the European Parliament, President Draghi expressed [wholehearted agreement with the Monitor's findings](#). Later, Minister Schäuble praised the study in an [Op-Ed in The Wall Street Journal](#). Marco Buti, director-general at the European Commission, said the findings provide an important framework for policymakers throughout Europe. Download [The 2012 Euro Plus Monitor](#) at www.lisboncouncil.net.



Mario Draghi, president, European Central Bank



Holger Schmieding, chief economist, Berenberg Bank; principal author, The 2012 Euro Plus Monitor



Marco Buti, director-general, DG economic and financial affairs, European Commission

'[In 1998], creation and distribution were in the hands of the few. Now they are in the hands of everyone – democratising innovation, empowering people to generate and exchange ideas, supporting and stimulating huge creativity.'

Neelie Kroes, vice-president of the European Commission and commissioner responsible for the digital agenda, at The 2012 Intellectual Property and Innovation Summit



Neelie Kroes, vice-president, commissioner for digital agenda, European Commission

Intellectual property and innovation

The Lisbon Council convened **The 2012 Intellectual Property and Innovation Summit**, and used the occasion to launch **Intellectual Property and Innovation**, a new publication in which 10 leading European intellectuals discuss the nexus of IP and innovation in the Internet age. Watch the sizzling [Keynote from Neelie Kroes](#), vice-president of the European Commission and [Interview with Ian Hargreaves](#), co-editor of *Intellectual Property and Innovation*. Download [Intellectual Property and Innovation](#) at www.lisboncouncil.net.



Kerstin Jorna, director, intellectual property, European Commission



Ian Hargreaves, co-editor, Intellectual Property and Innovation; professor, Cardiff University



SMEs in the single market

On the 20th anniversary of the single market, the Lisbon Council convened **The 2012 Single Market Entrepreneurs Summit**. Watch the thoughtful [Keynote from Michel Barnier](#), European commissioner for internal market and services. Download [SMEs in the Single Market: A Growth Agenda for the 21st Century](#), a new policy brief launched in the summit margins. Elsewhere, the **SME Centre** welcomed Taylor Reynolds, senior economist for the information economy at OECD, for a stunning [Presentation on the Economics of the Digital Revolution](#). To learn more about the SME Centre, a joint initiative of the Lisbon Council and Google, visit <http://singlemarketentrepreneurs.eu>.

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Michel Barnier, commissioner for internal market and services, European Commission



SMEs in the Single Market: A Growth Agenda for the 21st Century



Daniel Calleja-Crespo, SME envoy and director-general at DG enterprise and industry, European Commission



Richard Pelly, chief executive, European Investment Fund



'The Lisbon Council [...] is a true ally of mine, a tireless promoter of innovation policy, and a thought leader in the field.'

Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European commissioner for research, innovation and science, at The 2012 Innovation Summit

StartUp Europe: The 2012 Innovation Summit

The Lisbon Council convened **The 2012 Innovation Summit**. Watch the [Keynote from Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, European commissioner for research, innovation and science](#), who also joined the formal launch of **StartUp Europe**, a new centre of excellence founded by the Lisbon Council and Telefónica, the multinational telecommunications services provider. The initiative will focus on digital literacy, web entrepreneurship and youth empowerment. View [Photo Highlights](#) and watch [StartUp Europe Launch Video](#).



Andreas Schleicher, special adviser on education policy to the secretary-general, OECD



Eva Castillo Sanz, CEO, Telefónica Europe



Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, commissioner for research, innovation and science, European Commission



Enrico Giovannini, president, Italian National Institute of Statistics

Towards smart cities and regions

Danuta Hübner, chair of the committee on regional development in the European Parliament and former European commissioner for regional policy, keynoted this high-level working session on improving innovation in Europe's regions and cities. Experts, mayors, policymakers and front-line practitioners took part in this high-level exchange, including Marialuisa Coppola (counsellor for economy and development, research and innovation of Veneto Region), Harry van Dorenmalen, Milan Ftáčnik, Nicholas Martyn, and Ard van der Tuuk (regional minister of Drenthe Province). View [Photo Highlights](#) from this **Zukunftssalon: Forum for the Future** at www.lisboncouncil.net.



Zukunftssalon: Smart cities and regions



Milan Ftáčnik, mayor of Bratislava, Slovakia



Nicholas Martyn, deputy director-general at DG regional policy, European Commission



Danuta Hübner, chair, committee on regional development, European Parliament



Harry van Dorenmalen, chairman, IBM Europe

'The protracted euro crisis enters the New Year with a tenuous hope of having finally turned the corner.'

Alessandro Leipold, chief economist of the Lisbon Council, in his column in *Il Sole 24 Ore*

News and outreach

10
years

In 2013, the Lisbon Council celebrates its 10th anniversary – an occasion we will mark with a host of special, theme-based summits and roundtables, as well as a special anniversary logo which you will find displayed on these pages for the first time. Thanks to all who made this last decade such a success for the organisation.

Elsewhere, Alessandro Leipold, chief economist, continued his popular and widely-quoted column in the leading Italian paper *Il Sole 24 Ore*, and gave important presentations, *inter alia*, at the Milan Stock Exchange, the Asian Stock Exchanges Meeting in Istanbul and the Brookings Institution. We also launched a webpage dedicated to Mr. Leipold's growing body of hard-hitting and insightful analysis, which you will find at www.lisboncouncil.net/chiefeconomist.



Alessandro Leipold, chief economist, the Lisbon Council

Forthcoming

Europe 2020 Summit

The Lisbon Council will convene **The Europe 2020 Summit**, in partnership with the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. Taoiseach Enda Kenny and European Commission President José Manuel Barroso will join the high-level summit.



Enda Kenny, taoiseach, Ireland



José Manuel Barroso, president, European Commission

Growth and competitiveness

As part of its 10-year anniversary celebrations, the Lisbon Council will launch a one-of-its-kind **Growth and Competitiveness Commission**, designed to give actionable advice on how to kick-start growth, restore competitiveness and generate employment. The Commission will be chaired by Leszek Balcerowicz, professor at the Warsaw School of Economics and architect of Poland's successful economic transformation.



Leszek Balcerowicz, professor, Warsaw School of Economics



Digital and web literacy

As part of the **StartUp Europe** initiative, the Lisbon Council will team up with Telefónica and the Mozilla Foundation to discuss ways of deepening and improving digital skills and web literacy among young people.

Employment and skills

Top civil servants from EU member states join leading experts for a high-level roundtable on employment and skills. The event will take place at the **European Centre for Government Transformation**, a joint initiative of the Lisbon Council, the College of Europe and Accenture. Koos Richelle, director-general of DG employment, social affairs and inclusion, keynotes.



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