

Day 1 New Connections, New Perspectives

Friday 9th September

Les Herbes, The Oitavos Resort

17.45 Arrive at the Oitavos Resort

18.00 Welcome to a Space for New Conversations

OED welcome, understanding the nature of open dialogue & OED House Rules

Making Connections and Exchanging Perspectives

Sharing personal journeys and perspectives

Experts Quick-Fire Round - Identifying Opportunities for Deeper Understanding

Our Guest Experts offer insights into an Issue Area where deepening understanding of others is crucial to the possibility of thoughtful progress

20.00 Networking Dinner & Politics in Portugal

Between courses we will learn something of the political landscape in Portugal, our host country

Day 2 Exploring Europe's Political Challenges

Saturday 10th September

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09.00 Framing the Day

Welcome, agenda, process and Code of Conduct, introduction of framing questions

Exploring the War in Ukraine and Europe: Testimonials and Insights

Policymakers and Experts stimulate our dialogue with insights on the roots and implications of the Ukrainian War. Testimonials from Ukrainian MPs are followed by expert input offering insights, analysis and highlighting where they see a need and potential for better political conversations?

10.30 Break

11.00 Exploring the War in Ukraine and Europe: Open Space Conversations

Parliamentarians identify issue areas for further dialogue to deepen understanding at this time of crisis

13.00 Lunch

- 14.00** **What Else is Going on in Europe (and beyond)?**
Our Guest Experts offer insights into other key policy and political challenges including Life After Covid and its implications on economies and societies; critical societal transitions, from energy security and the green transition to the advancement of the digitalization agenda. Parliamentarians choose two topics to explore further with an expert
- 15.50** **Break**
- 16.10** **Mapping Ways Forward for Europe: Open Space Conversations**
Parliamentarians have a Blank Canvas to propose Issue Areas for further exchange where there is an opportunity for deeper understanding and a potential for progress
- 18.00** **Close**
- 20.00** **Dinner and Portuguese Cultural Immersion**

Day 3 Taking Stock and Moving Forward

Sunday 11th September

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- 08.30** **Optional: Sunday Wake-Up Call**
A varied menu of activities provides participants with the opportunity to choose how they wish to start the day - from terrace chats and morning walks, to demo testing the use of gamification in policymaking
- 09.40** **Coming Back Together**
Welcome back and setting the agenda for the day
- Getting Unstuck: Where Do We Go from Here?**
Impulse presentation on the potential for political imagination to revive our political thinking and practice
- 11.20** **Break**
- 11.50** **Taking a Crack at the Future: Working on New Ways Forward**
Parliamentarians and Experts establish Working Groups to probe ways forward and explore collective and personal next steps towards better policies and politics
- 13.30** **Lunch**
- 14.30** **Drawing on a Blank Canvas: Leading in Uncertain Times**
How can policymakers fulfill their role of decision-makers in times of extreme uncertainty? Exploring the challenge of policymaking as the art of change management
- Final Takeaways**
Reflecting on learnings, take-aways and final reflections on next steps
- 16.30** **Close & Optional Social Hangout**