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Centesimus Annus Pro-Pontifice Foundation (CAPPF) European Conference

Peace Building in Europe: What Role for Catholic Social Thought and Universal Values?

Luxembourg School of Religion & Society (LSRS),
Luxembourg, 23rd January 2026

8.00 **Holy Mass** at the LSRS, Luxembourg.

9.00 – 10.00 Introductory Session

Welcome and introduction: **Jean Ehret**, Directeur LSRS, **Christophe Déage**, Chair of the Conference Steering Committee, **Fr. Manuel Barrios Prieto**, Secretary General, COMECE and **Paolo Garonna**, President of CAPPF.

Messages

- **Roberta Metsola**, President, European Parliament, video message.

Key-note Addresses

- **H. Em. Card. Jean Claude Hollerich**, Archbishop of Luxembourg.
- **Gelsomina Vigliotti**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank (EIB).

10.00 – 10.40 Session I (plenary) – Focus: Ways for peacebuilding and recovery in Ukraine and Eastern Europe

Moderator: Christophe Déage, CAPPF Luxembourg Chapter Coordinator, President of LH Europe–Grand-Château d’Ansembourg and Cœur Vert Luxembourg.

Key-note Speakers:

- **Mgr. Mariano Crociata**, Chairman of the Conference of EU Bishops (COMECE), Brussels.
- **Halyna Yanchenko**, Member Ukrainian Parliament; Secretary, National Investment Council of Ukraine.
- **Bernard Snoy**, Chairman of the Robert Triffin International Foundation.
- **Fr Oleh Zymak**, Priest of the Greek Catholic Church of Ukraine.



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10.40 – 10.50 Introduction to the Parallel Sessions. Peacebuilding and Socio-Economic Cooperation in Europe: Strategic Challenges Ahead

Alessandro Politi, Global political and strategic analyst, member of the Luxembourg Chapter of the CAPPF.

10:50 -11:10: Coffee break

11.10 – 12.40 Session II (parallel sessions):

1. **Parallel Session 1 : The transition to a peace-building economy** (reconstruction of infrastructures, SMEs, energy, technology, financial markets, investments...)

Moderator: Giovanni Marseguerra, Professor of Economic Policy, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan), Coordinator of the CAPPF Scientific Committee.

- **Martine Reicherts**, President of the National Research Fund (Luxembourg), Administrator of the Luxembourg Central Bank, former European Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship.
- **Massimo Deandreas** General Manager, S.R.M. Economic Research Center related to Intesa Sanpaolo Group, President of GEI, the Italian Association of Business Economists. **Sigrid Marz**, President UNIAPAC (International Union of Federations of Christian Business Leaders).
- **Carla Stamegna**, Director, Bank of Italy Office in Brussels.
- **Juan Ignacio Signes de Mesa**, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union, professor at the College of Europe (Bruges) and the European University Institute (Florence), of EU international sanctions.

2. **Parallel Session 2 : Tackling the labor market and the demographic challenges (employment, migrations, education, birth rate, children and Youth, health, equal opportunities ...)**

Moderator: Irini de Saint-Sernin, Director of Philanthropy, Société des Bollandistes, CAPPF Luxembourg Chapter Member

- **Lawrence Gonzi**, Former Prime Minister of Malta and former member of the FCAPP Board of Directors.
- **Ján Figel**, Former European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth; President, FOREF Europe; Former EU Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief.



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- **Sergio Arzeni**, President of the International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME), Former Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities.
- **Carmen Arragones**, Senior Director of the Teresian Association International.
- **Fr. Claudio Visconti**, Director, Foyer Catholique de Bruxelles, Brussel.

3. Parallel Session 3: The construction and reconstruction of social capital (trust, social inclusion, the ethics, institution building, inter-cultural and inter-religions dialogue ...)

Moderator: **Silke Schmitt**, Director of the Rome Office of the Hans Seidel Stiftung, specialist in European dialogue, social cohesion and public policy.

- **Christian Krieger**, President, Protestant Federation of Churches of France.
- **Jan Olbrycht**, Former MEP, Co-Chairman of the Working Group on Intercultural and Religious Dialogue, EPP Group, European Parliament.
- **Martin Leiner**, LSRS, Founder, Jena Centre for Reconciliation Studies, Friedrich Schiller University Jena.
- **Emilio Sáenz-Francés**, Departamento de Relaciones Internacionales. Comillas CIHS, Universidad de Comillas.
- **Fr. Gianni Fusco**, Professor at LUMSA University, Rome, and Advisor to the FCAPP.
- **Cristiana Mele**, Coordinator of Interreligious Dialogue, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- **Baudouin de Hemptinne**, Economist at Belgium's Federal Planning Bureau.

4. Parallel Session 4 : Local and regional gaps and inequalities (income, industrialisation and social quality: the goals of EU Accession and Pan-European integration ...)

Moderator: **Laura Villanueva**, Founder and Director of Satoyama for Peace: Ecosystems for Peace and Reconciliation based at the Jena Center for Reconciliation Studies, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität

- **Christian Gsodam**, Principal Advisor for Strategic Communications of the European External Action Service (EEAS), Founder of European Future Talks
- **Imre de Habsbourg-Lorraine**, President of AliterInvest.
- **Thomas Antoine**, Honorary Ambassador to Belgium, Honorary Secretary General of the Union Benelux, CAPPF Luxembourg Chapter Member.
- **Oliver Roethig**, Regional Secretary, UNIeuropa, The European Services Workers Union, CAPPF Advisory Board and German Chapter Member.
- **Ulrik Møller**, President of the Luxembourg Council of Christian Churches.
- **Charles Delogne**, Ambassador of Belgium to Luxembourg.



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12.40 – 14.00: Light Lunch

14.00 – 15.00: **Session III (plenary session)** - Reports from the parallel sessions and general discussion.

Chair and Introduction: **Fr. Manuel Barrios Prieto**, Secretary General, COMECE.

15.00 – 17.00: **Session IV (plenary session)** - European integration as a way to peace

Moderator: Paolo Garonna, Chairman of the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation (CAPPF).

Keynote Addresses:

- **H.E. Msg. Bernardito Cleopas Auza**, Apostolic Nuncio to the European Institutions.
- **Pierre Gramegna**, Former Finance Minister of Luxembourg and Managing Director of the European Stability Mechanism (E.S.M.), Luxembourg.

Panel:

- **Javier Arias**, Chairman of the European League for Economic Cooperation, Brussels.
- **Can. Jean Ehret, LSRS Director**, Vice-President, European Society for Catholic Theology
- **Federico Ottavio Reho**, Strategic Coordinator and Senior Research Officer at the Martens Centre.
- **Olivier Vedrine**, Professor at the Dnipro University of Technology (Ukraine) and Administrator of the Jean Monnet Association, Paris.
- **Isabel Wiseler-Lima**, Member of the European Parliament (Luxembourg) and Member, Human Rights Subcommittee (DROI); Member, Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE); Substitute Member, Security and Defence Committee (SEDE).

17.00 – 17.30 **Session V (plenary session)** Conclusions.

- **Sum-up and follow-up by Paolo Garonna**, President CAPPF.
- **Concluding Meditation by H. Em. Card. Jean Claude Hollerich**, Archbishop of Luxembourg.

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