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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, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026**

**8.00** Holy Mass, presided over by **H. Em. Jean-Claude Cardinal Hollerich, S.J.**, at the Chapel of Saint John XXIII, LSRS.

#### **9.00 – 10.00 Introductory Session**

**Welcome and introduction: Can. 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 of:**

- **His Holiness Pope Leo XIV**, read out by **H.E. Archbishop Bernardito Cleopas Auza**, Titular Archbishop and Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the European Union.
- **Roberta Metsola**, President, European Parliament, video message.

#### **Key-note Addresses**

- **H. Em. Jean-Claude Cardinal Hollerich, S.J.**, 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:**

- **H. E. Msr. Mariano Crociata**, Bishop of Latina-Terracina-Sezze-Priverno, President of the Commission of the Bishops’ Conferences of the European Union (COMECE).



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- **Halyna Yanchenko**, Member of the Ukrainian Parliament; Secretary, National Investment Council of Ukraine.
- **Bernard Snoy**, Chairman of the Robert Triffin International Foundation.
- **F. Oleh Zymak** Priest of the Greek-Catholic Church of Ukraine.

#### 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 Deandreis** 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 Catholic Employers' Associations).
- **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).

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 member of the FCAPP Board of Directors.
- **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.



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- **Carmen Aragones**, Director of the Teresian Association International in Spain and International Lay Association.
- **Fr. Gianni Fusco**, Professor at LUMSA University, Rome, and Advisor to the FCAPP.
- **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.
- **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, UNEuropa, The European Services Workers Union, CAPPF Advisory Board Member and German Chapter Member.
- **Ulrik Møller**, President of the Luxembourg Council of Christian Churches.
- **Charles Delogne**, Ambassador of Belgium to Luxembourg.

**12.40 – 14.00: Light Lunch.**



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

**Moderator: Fr. Manuel Barrios Prieto**, Secretary General, COMECE.

**Introduction and Keynote Address:**

**Ján Figel**, Former European Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth; President, FOREF Europe; Former EU Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief.

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

**Moderator: Paolo Garonna**, Professor of Economic Policy at LUISS Guido Carli University (Rome) and President of the Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice Foundation (CAPPF).

**Keynote Addresses:**

- **H.E. Archbishop Bernardito Cleopas Auza**, Titular Archbishop and Apostolic Nuncio of the Holy See to the European Union.
- **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 and President-elect, European Society for Catholic Theology
- **Federico Ottavio Reho**, Strategic Coordinator & Senior Research Officer, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies.
- **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. Jean-Claude Cardinal Hollerich, S.J.**, Archbishop of Luxembourg.

**17.30: Cocktail.**

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