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Events within the Network:

26 January 2010.
EIN Breakfast Meeting - Brussels.
Chris Bryant, "*Punching Europe its weight*"

27-28 January 2010.
EIN Special Seminar in Berlin
"Social Justice in terms of globalization"
with Michael Borchard, Prof. Dirk Messner, Kardinal Sterzinsky, Prof. Wolfgand Kersting
"Energy Policy between Climate change and green protectionnism"
with Michael Borchard, Carsten Rolle, Olivier Gelden, Claudia Gellert, Ursula Heine-Esser

EIN Research Perspectives and Structures: New Working Groups:

The EIN Board and the Presidency of the Group have agreed upon a new and simplified working structure of the EIN, with a coordination of Working Groups operating in the same field.

The Working Groups of the EIN offer a light permanent structure useful to share recent research output by think tanks or academic partners as well as new ideas in the expert and business communities.

The experts of working groups organize every year a working seminar and their own round table within the EPP Summer University. Proceedings are published on the EIN website and EIN quarterly booklets. Ad-hoc task forces work on issues that need more immediate and more focused policy-making.

The Board has decided to strengthen the transatlantic and the academic dimensions of the EIN Working Group and to increase the contacts between their experts and MEPs of the EPP.

1. **The Economy and the Environment**
   Work to be conducted in coordination of the EPP WG "Economy and Environment",

   EIN WG1. The Economic and Financial Recovery
   EIN WG2. Social Market Economy
   EIN WG3. Energy and Environment
   Task forces on Digital Economy and Common Agriculture Policy are maintained.

2. **Governance and values**
   Work to be conducted in coordination of the EEP WG "Legal affairs and civil rights"

   EIN WG 4. European Demographic Challenge: Immigration and family policies
   EIN WG 5. Values and liberties
   EIN WG 6. European Governance: implementing the Lisbon Treaty
   EIN WG 7. Making Europe a safer place

3. **Foreign Affairs**
   Work to be conducted in coordination of the EPP WG "Foreign Affairs"

   EIN WG 8 . Neighbourhood Policies
   EIN WG 9. Transatlantic Relations
   EIN WG 10. Globalization and International Trade
   An EIN Task force on European Foreign Service may be constituted among interested think tanks.

The 2010 Programme has also been adopted by the EIN Board and the EPP Presidency

2010 - EIN programme

28-29 January	**BERLIN** Special EIN Seminars on Social Justice with KAS
23 February	**BRUSSELS** EIN Review Meeting "*Translating Research and Debate into Policy Making after the Lisbon Treaty*"
3 March	**BRUSSELS** Special EIN Seminar on the Freedom of the Press in Europe
24 March	**BUDAPEST** Special EIN Seminar on "*20 years after the collapse of the Iron Curtain: People's expectations and political Transition in Central and Eastern Europe* " with Svazadved Foundation
25 March	**MADRID** EIN Seminar "*Recovery: towards European resilience*" EIN Seminar "*Food and Health Safety*" with FAES
21 April	**ROME** Special EIN Seminar "*Political values and expectations of the individuals: how to bridge the gap*" with Farefuturo
9 May	**PRAGUE** EIN Seminar "*New dimensions in European security after the Lisbon Treaty*" with European Values Network
12 May	**BRUSSELS** EIN Seminar: "*Religion and social change in Europe*" with CES
30 June	**WASHINGTON** EIN Seminar: "*Security of Europe and new horizons for transatlantic coordination after the Lisbon Treaty*" with TAG
14 July	**BRUSSELS** Bilateral meeting to prepare Summer University with KAS, CES and Schuman Foundation
16-17-18 Sept.	**BUDAPEST** EIN Summer University
6 October	**BRUSSELS** EIN Seminar "*Poor people in Europe: policy challenges*"
27 October	**VIENNA** EIN Special Review Meeting and Seminar with Central and Eastern Europe Think Tanks
17 November	**BRUSSELS or LONDON** EIN Seminar "*Digital Economy and recovery in Europe*"with European Internet Foundation (meeting with think tanks associated with the Conservatives)

Recent research within the EIN on Economic and Social Recovery:

- ***The EIN on the Crisis and Recovery, Spring 2009*** - Gunnar Hökmark and EIN experts discuss the complex nature of the economic crisis and its roots. This was not a market failure but a failure in regulation and a crisis of values. Jacques Barrot and EIN experts assess the need for a new social package targeting the individuals and the families, with a prime focus on employment, as the best social security you can offer is a job.

- ***FAES Special Report on the Financial Crisis***. Leading Spanish economists assess the origins of the financial crisis, the short-term and the mid-term packages for a sound and solid recovery.

- ***The EIN on the Social Market Economy and Exit strategies, Summer/Autumn 2009*** published on the occasion of the EPP Congress, December 2009 - Leading figures of the European Center Right discuss the relevance of the "social market economy" as a basis for structural economic policies that are to be associated with the economic recovery in Europe. Leading experts from think tanks, business and academia discuss with them the ways out of the crisis and further challenges emerging as the accelerated rise of China and emerging countries in the World Economy.

Coming Research on the Economic and Social Recovery (January 2010)

Putting people at the heart of Europe, the basis for Economic and Social Recovery. Complete proceedings of the EPP/EIN Summer University in Vienna - more than a hundred panellists from every background analyse the way out of a crisis that is more than a financial and economic crisis.

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