

List of documents Initial request Ms Vicky Cann (CEO) 2015/1340- Post office activities Ms Reding

Scope of the request: "... Further to my previous requests, I am requesting copies of all applications and accompanying materials, made under the commissioner code of conduct by ex-Commissioner Viviane Reding, regarding her new role as a member of the advisory board of the Global Economic Symposium. I would further like to request any emails, correspondence and meeting notes which relate to this application; all opinions from the ad hoc ethical committee; and the Commission decision(s)."

Document	Description and references	Status
Ms Reding		
1. Letter of Ms Reding to President Juncker of 05.02.2015 Ref. Ares(2015)512936	Letter of Ms Reding to President Juncker and its annex of 5 February 2015 Request for authorisation of post-mandate activity - Member of the advisory board of the Global Economic Symposium;	Full disclosure
2. Consultation LS E-mail of SG of 11.02.2015 and E-mail of LS of 12.02.2015 Ref Ares(2015)572038 and Ref. Ares(2015)596974	E-mail of SG of 11 February 2015 and reply of LS of 12 February 2015;	Partial disclosure of cover e-mails (names and e-mail addresses of Commission's officials deleted - Exception in Article 4(1) letter b); Attachment corresponds to drafts of document n°3 below.
3. Decision of the Commission C(2015)916 of 13.02.2015	Activités après cessation de fonction d'un membre de la Commission- OJ 2116- Communication de M le Président C(2015)916 of 13 February 2015;	Full disclosure

4. PV (2015) 2116 of 18.02.2015	Minutes of the Commission decision- PV of 18.02.2015- OJ 2116;	Public Document (copy not enclosed);
5. Letter of Ms Day to Ms Reding of 18.02.2015 Ref. Ares(2015)690145	Letter of Ms Day to Ms Reding of 18 February 2015 informing her of the Commission decision on her post-mandate activity;	Full disclosure of cover letter. Attachment corresponds to document n° 3 above.



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Viviane Reding

Ancienne Vice-présidente de la Commission européenne
Membre du Parlement européen

*Monsieur le Président
Jean-Claude Juncker
Commission européenne
Berlaymont 13/57*

Bruxelles, le 5 février 2015

Monsieur le Président,

Conformément au Code de Conduite des Commissaires, je sollicite par le présent courrier l'autorisation de siéger au Conseil consultatif du "Global Economic Symposium".

Vous trouverez en pièce-jointe un descriptif des activités du Symposium.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'expression de ma haute considération.

P.J : plaquette de présentation du Global Economic Symposium

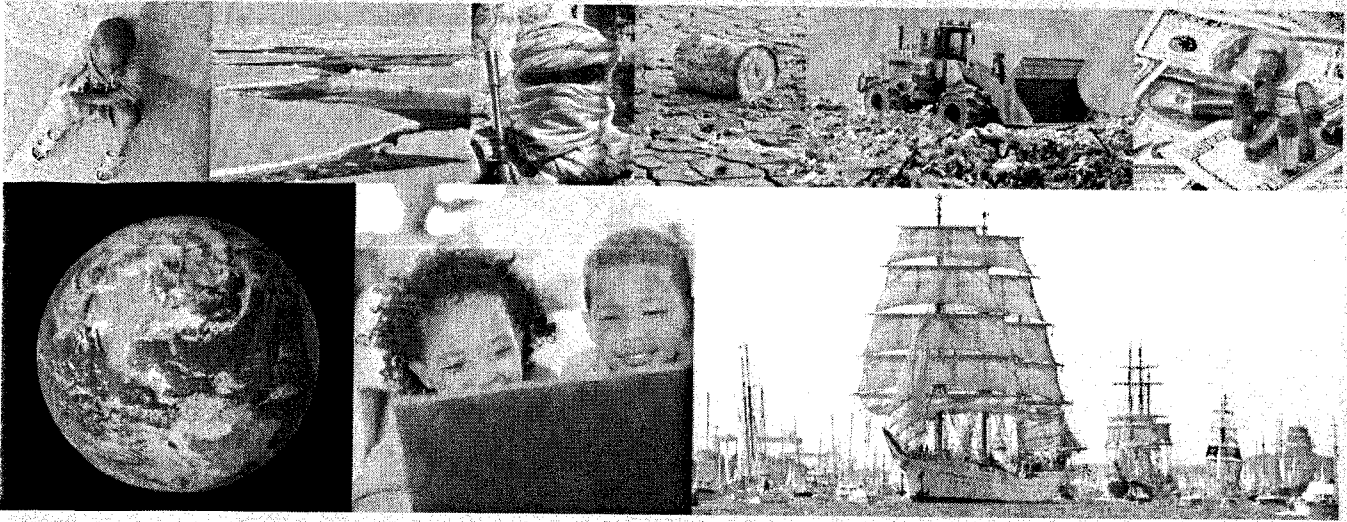
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Global Economic Symposium

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"By bringing together major players in the international community—policy-makers, business-leaders and academics—the GES is well on the way to establishing itself as a key forum for global dialogue. I am sure the symposium will go from strength to strength and make a valuable contribution to answering the pressing questions facing our global economy."

Joaquín Almunia

Vice-President and Commissioner for Competition, European Commission



Barbara J. Krumsick
President, CEO and Chair
of Capital Investments, Inc.
Director and Chair, Acadia
Life Insurance Company

"The Global Economic Symposium provides a unique platform to share ideas and challenge conventional opinions on some of today's most pressing challenges. It was a wonderful opportunity to focus on solutions to the challenge and opportunity of adding diversity to corporate governance structures with thought leaders from the private sector, politics, and academia."

Overview

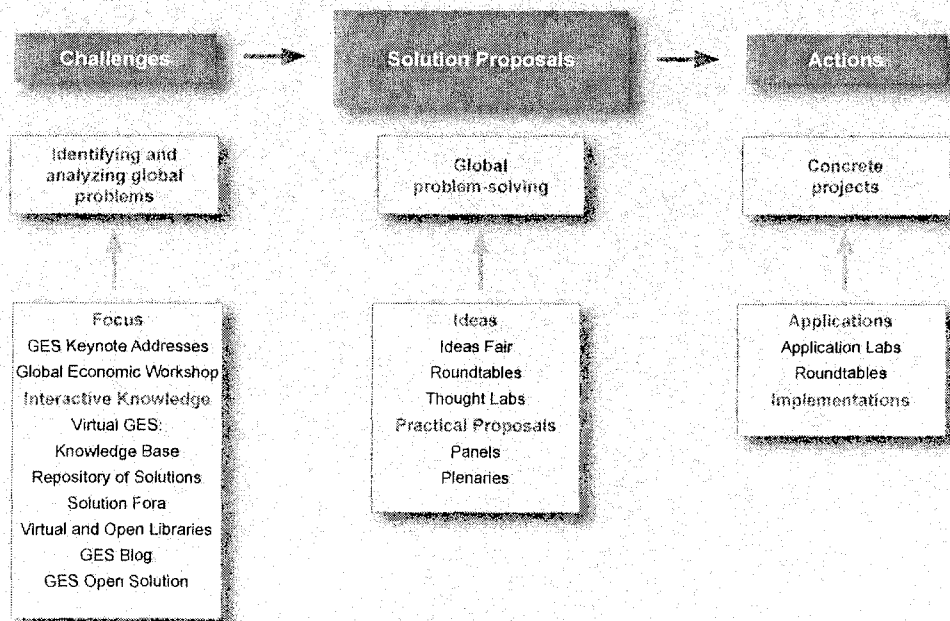
The purpose of the GES is to generate concrete solution proposals that address some of the most important global problems. These are problems that are characteristically beyond the reach of national governments and are also not successfully tackled by our current international organizations. The solution proposals draw on the expertise of leaders from business, policy-making, academia and civil society.

The GES is an action-oriented solution symposium, not a discussion forum. The focus is on proposed solutions to global problems.

Furthermore, the GES is research-based. The research analysis underlying the solution proposals is to be found on the Virtual GES, the internet platform of the GES. The Virtual GES contains detailed rationales of proposed solutions, discussion fora, back-ground studies, relevant facts and figures and related articles. The aim of the Virtual GES is to grow into a large knowledge repository on global problem-solving.

The results of each Symposium are published in a book entitled Global Economic Solutions. It contains summaries of solution proposals on which the GES panelists were able to achieve substantial agreement. Global Economic Solutions is submitted and presented to major international organizations and many national governments. It serves as inspiration and catalyst for policy-making, business strategy and social activism and initiates an ongoing dialogue on global problem-solving.

The GES has the following components:



It engages current and future leaders into an intergenerational dialogue:



Challenges

Focus

GES Keynote Addresses

(On the record)

The GES Keynote Addresses give political leaders an opportunity to articulate their understanding of global problems and their visions of the future that will inspire us to work together.

Global Economic Workshop

(On the record)

Whereas Workshops in previous Symposia have focused on promoting cooperation through the application of reason, this Global Economic Workshop investigates the role of compassion in global problem-solving. It is clear that our proliferating global problems require us to cooperate across national, cultural, religious and professional boundaries. Decentralized, self-interested decisions in economic markets and national political institutions appear to be insufficient to address this challenge. The Workshop explores how compassion training can contribute to global cooperation.

Interactive Knowledge

The Virtual GES

The Virtual GES (<http://www.global-economic-symposium.org>) is the information and communication platform of the Global Economic Symposium (GES). Besides providing general information about the GES, upcoming conferences as well as latest news, its function is threefold:

- Everybody can become part of the GES Community simply by registering as a Virtual GES member for free. This enables the user to get involved and engage in global problem solving by commenting solutions and other content of the Knowledge Base. By taking part in the discussions of the solution fora, the member can additionally benefit from a vivid exchange with many other people as well as leading decision makers who are interested in global problem solving.
- The Knowledge Base supports the preparation of the GES panel sessions. Both Panelists and international experts belonging to the wider GES Community contribute to a lively exchange with respect to a specific global Challenge to ensure that the discussions at the conference itself take place on an informed level and are strictly solution-oriented. This part of the Virtual GES is only accessible for Panelists and participants of the conference. However, authors of proposals are encouraged to make their ideas publicly available within the Knowledge Base, thereby enabling all registered members of the GES to comment what ensures transparency and lively discussions.
- By means of the Knowledge Base and the ongoing exchange of ideas within the GES Community. Thereby, we seek to build a central repository of solutions and background materials to global problems, on which basis new solutions can be developed and evaluated. Through this repository the Virtual GES is meant to become an ongoing platform of communication among academics, policy-makers, business leaders, civil society advocates and the wider public.

GES | The Structure

The Virtual GES has the following components:

- Challenges, summarizing specific global problems, each mirroring a single GES panel session.
- Proposals, containing short summaries of strategies to solve global problems, contributed by GES Panelists and other international experts.
- Solutions, the contributions generated by the GES—useful, imaginative steps in a constructive direction, supported through a broad agreement among leading decision makers from diverse walks of life.
- Background Papers, written by the session expert teams—providing a freely accessible summary of academic discussions and empirical evidence on a specific global problem and solutions.
- Open Libraries, offering a large variety of freely-accessible papers for each global challenge.
- The Virtual Workspace, containing background information (articles, presentations, op-eds, speeches, reports, etc.) to which Panelists and other experts are free to contribute.
- Solution Fora, in which the Panelists can defend their positions and exchange ideas prior to the GES, so that the Panel debate can proceed efficiently.
- Implementations, describing innovative projects which are examples of how the solution proposals resulting from the GES can be put into practice.

The participants in the GES audience are expected to have familiarized themselves with the relevant material in the Virtual GES, so that they can play a maximally useful role in the Open Floor phase of each panel session.

Contributors to the Virtual GES include both panelists and international experts belonging to the wider GES Community. The Virtual GES is (i) both a communication platform between the panelists, moderators, and a worldwide network of researchers and policy-makers and (ii) a repository of solution proposals for policy, business, civil society and academics underlying the action proposals arising from the GES.

Solution Proposals

Ideas

Ideas Fair

(On the record)

The Ideas Fair is meant to generate new ideas on global problem-solving for the GES community. These ideas are not sufficiently researched and developed to be discussed in a panel, but they have the potential of contributing to the solution of global problems in the future. The Ideas Fair is meant to give these nascent inspirations an initial airing.

The Ideas Fair is an opportunity for GES participants to communicate potentially important ideas in the service of global problem-solving. Each Idea focuses on a novel, unconventional way of dealing with a well-defined global challenge. It must represent out-of-the-box thinking with a large potential global payoff.

GES I The Structure

Characteristically, the Idea is newly conceived, perhaps not yet fully developed and articulated, controversial, but feasible. As such, it could benefit from further discussion with global leaders. At the Ideas Fair, this discussion takes place in an informal, free-wheeling, open-minded and interactive setting (along the lines of Hyde Park Corner).

Each Idea is presented in a 10-minute slot, followed by the discussion. A list of all available Ideas will be made available to all GES participants shortly prior to the Symposium. The participants have the opportunity to attend the discussion of their choice.

At the end of each discussion, the attending participants will cast a vote on the potential significance and feasibility of the Idea. Ideas that have received strong positive evaluations will be taken up in future Symposia.

Thereby, the GES community mobilizes its wide-ranging expertise and creativity to generate innovative proposals that it can investigate in future symposia. In short, the Ideas Fair helps turning the GES into a self-driving force that identifies the insights for it to work on.

Roundtables

(On the record)

The GES Roundtables provide an opportunity for leaders facing complementary opportunities or difficulties to discuss their strategies. Whereas the GES panels bring together experts from diverse communities (business, policy-making, academia and civil society), the GES Roundtables mobilize expertise in a particular area. The aim of the Roundtables is to articulate the medium- and longer-term challenges faced by the Roundtable leaders with a view to providing input into future global problem-solving efforts.

Thought Labs

(On the record)

Thought Labs include book presentations and short exposes that can change the way we think about finding new avenues towards global cooperation.

Practical Proposals

Panels

(Off the record)

Panel sessions are the core of the GES, each focusing on how to tackle a well-defined global problem, summarized in the session description "the Challenge."

The aim of the panel session is to discuss alternative solutions to this problem, in order to identify the ones that appear most promising. Thereby each panel session contributes to the mission of the Global Economic Symposium, namely, to recommend strategies and policies for tackling global problems, thereby creating shared visions of the future. In short, the GES is action-oriented; it is not merely a discussion forum.

Panel sessions are the backbone of the GES. Each panel consists of 4–6 panelists (leading executives, academics, policy-makers and civil society leaders) and a moderator.

Submissions of Proposed Solutions

In order for the debate phase to be maximally fruitful, each panelist is required to post a short summary of his or her proposed solutions in the "Proposed Solutions" section of the Virtual GES, the website of the GES. Moderators as well as experts belonging to the wider GES Community can also submit their pro-

posed solutions, so that the Virtual GES contains a broad, balanced portfolio of proposals for each panel session. A first round of discussion can take place in the Virtual GES.

The moderator studies these solutions in advance and composes his or her questions accordingly. Consequently, by posting their proposed solutions, the panelists ensure that their ideas will be fully taken into account by the moderator.

Debate and Open Floor

Each panel session runs for 75 minutes, divided into two phases. The first phase is “Debate”: 50–60 minutes of exchange between the moderator and the panelists. The second phase is “Open Floor”: 20–25 minutes of open participation from the audience. The moderator seeks to find areas of agreement among the panelists and the resulting solution proposals are summarized in the Global Economic Solutions. Panel sessions are off the record.

The Debate phase consists of rapid-fire questions and answers, quick exchanges between panelists and moderator. The moderator leads the debate, asking the panelists questions, to which the panelists respond briefly. Panelists are of course expected to respond to one another, so that a lively debate ensues. (There are to be no introductory or concluding statements of the panelists, just questions and responses.)

In the Open Floor phase, the participants in the audience will be permitted short questions (maximum 30 seconds), followed by short responses from one or more panelists. The moderator determines what sort of questions to ask for and moderates the resulting discussion.

Each panel is meant to generate “solutions” that constitute “practical visions” and guidelines of how well-defined global problems can be overcome. The visions are meant to be innovative, bold, and practical. They are longer-run proposals, meant to help create a better world for the next generation. To generate these visions, the panelists act in their capacity as global citizens, focusing not on national or cultural interests, but on the global public interest.

Plenary

(On the record)

The GES has two plenary sessions.

- In the Opening Plenary “New Approaches to Economic Challenges,” leading decision makers articulate new ideas and identify novel approaches to guide our global problem solving efforts.
- In the Closing Plenary “Growth through Education and Innovation,” leading decision makers debating innovative approaches to stimulate growth through the promotion of knowledge and human capital. The Plenaries emphasize holistic thinking (taking account of diverse interconnections among global problems) and the associated “holistic policy-making” (spanning the political silos of government ministries and international organizations).

At the beginning of the Plenary, the moderator summarizes the purpose of the Plenary and introduces the panelists. Each panelist then has the opportunity to deliver a short statement. The moderator then initiates a lively debate among the panelists. The Plenary ends with a short question-and-answer exchange with the audience.

Actions

Applications

Application Lab

(On the record)

The Application Lab provides opportunities to discuss new problem-solving enterprises, projects and ventures in a hands-on, interactive setting. They consist of short presentations, generally involving interaction with the audience, of pioneering practical applications that have the potential to transform the way we address well-defined global problems.

Roundtables

(On the record)

By mobilizing expertise in a particular area, Roundtables gather ideas and debate proposals for global problem-solving that are in an early stage of development. Their aim is to lead to be a meeting of minds and a call to future action.

Implementations

The Global Economic Symposium is presents concrete measures and projects from its community and beyond that serve as examples that illustrate how GES solutions proposals are implemented. These are meant to serve as best practice and insights into practical steps that contribute to tackle challenges addressed in the GES.

Intergenerational Dialogue

Global Economic Fellows Program

The aim of the Global Economic Fellows Program is to promote the initiatives of young, exceptionally promising individuals in the mission of global problem-solving. This program is meant to initiate an ongoing international effort that taps some of the brightest minds of the next generation to identify, analyze, and evaluate solutions to global problems.

Global Economic Fellows (GEFellows) are exceptionally creative young individuals who are already making noteworthy contributions towards proposing and constructing solutions to aspects of major global problems. These enterprising individuals show promise of becoming leaders of the future in their respective communities—academia, business, policy-making, the media and civil organizations—by spearheading projects that promote the global public interest. They seek novel responses to important global challenges with a view to promoting sustainable economic development, social cohesion, innovation and growth, empowerment of the poor, and economic, political, and social security.

The GEFellows initiate an intergenerational dialogue on global problem-solving through their contributions to the Virtual GES and to the public discussion in the panel sessions. They can initiate projects in the Global Action Program and build networks of young, talented, enterprising individuals who contribute ideas to the Virtual GES and engage in public advocacy.

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Importance: High

Chère I

Je te prie de bien vouloir trouver ci-joint le projet de décision relatif à une nouvelle activité de Mme Reding ainsi que son courrier (+ annexe) du 5 février au Président.
Merci de bien vouloir donner l'accord ou les observations du SJ.
Cette consultation sera également envoyée via ARES.
Nous voudrions soumettre cette décision à la prochaine réunion du Collège (mercredi 18 février) et l'avis du SJ serait dès lors apprécié avant ce jeudi 12 février, 15 heures.



European Commission
Secretariat General
B.3 Ethics

B-1049 Brussels/Belgium

MEMORANDUM FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE COMMISSION

According to Article 245(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, the members of the Commission give a solemn undertaking that, both during and after their term of office, they will respect the obligations arising therefrom and, in particular, their duty to behave with integrity and discretion as regards the acceptance, after they have ceased to hold office, of certain appointments or benefits.

Further to this Treaty provision, the Code of Conduct for Commissioners (C (2011) 2904 final) establishes a specific procedure for the assessment of planned occupations which former Commissioners intend to take up during the eighteen months after they have ceased to hold office. The Commission shall examine the nature of the planned occupation and, if the activity is related to the content of the Commissioner's portfolio, it shall seek the opinion of the Ad hoc Ethical Committee.

On 5 February 2015, former Vice-President Viviane Reding requested the Commission's authorization to become a member of the Advisory Board of the Global Economic Symposium.

The Global Economic Symposium presents itself as a forum attracting world leaders to generate solutions for the most important global problems. It provides a neutral, creative space in which its participants can think afresh about tackling global problems across national, cultural, social and religious divides. Hallmarks are that it is research-based and solution-oriented. It is organized every year by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and its partners (Bertelsmann Stiftung and German National Library of Economics) and is closely linked to the Kiel Institute's research work.

To further the Global Economic Symposium's mission and vision, its Executive Management is advised by an Advisory Board, which focuses on strategic and financial development. The Advisory Board suggests themes and special events for the Global Economic Symposium, identifies and attracts high-ranking participants, identifies potential financial sponsors, and actively promotes individual, corporate and other institutional partnerships. Advisory Board members benefit from privileged access to the Global Economic Symposium's business, political, civic, and academic communities, as well as state-of-the-art economic research on current global affairs.

The Services of the Commission examined the nature of Ms Reding's envisaged activity with the Global Economic Symposium and considered that this activity is not linked to her former portfolio as Commission Vice-President in charge Justice, Fundamental Rights, Citizenship and Communication.

They furthermore considered that Ms Reding's envisaged activity does not present any risk of incompatibility with the interests of the European Union or with Article 245(2) of the TFEU, provided that Ms Reding complies with her obligations stipulated in Articles 245 and 339 of the TFEU and in the Code of Conduct for Commissioners, notably as concerns her duty to behave with integrity and discretion, the protection of collegiality and confidentiality of the matters dealt with by the Commission during her three terms as Member of the Commission and the prohibition of lobbying the Commission and/or its services, during eighteen months after her term of office, for the Global Economic Symposium and/or for the interests of the entities involved in it.

The Commission is invited:

- (1) to decide that former Vice-President Viviane Redings envisaged activity as member of the Advisory Board of the Global Economic Symposium is compatible with Article 245(2) of the TFEU on the conditions that Ms Reding abides by her obligations stipulated in Articles 245 and 339 of the TFEU and in of the Code of Conduct for Commissioners, and namely that she behaves in all circumstances with integrity and discretion, that she protects the collegiality and confidentiality of the matters dealt with by the Commission during her three mandates and that she refrains from lobbying the Commission and/or its services, during eighteen months after her term of office, for the Global Economic Symposium and/or for the interests of the entities involved in it.
- (2) to instruct the Secretary General to inform Ms Reding about the present decision and the conditions contained therein.

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Regards,

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Bruxelles, le 13 février 2015

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**ACTIVITES APRES CESSATION DE FONCTION
D'UN MEMBRE DE LA COMMISSION**

Communication de M. le PRESIDENT

Cette question est inscrite à l'ordre du jour de la 2116^{ème} réunion de la Commission le 18 février 2015.

Destinataires : Membres de la Commission

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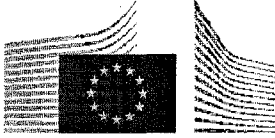
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SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

The Secretary General

Brussels, **18 FEB. 2015**
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Dear Ms Reding,

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Please find enclosed Commission Decision C(2015) 916.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Day

Encl: Commission Decision C(2015) 916

Cc: Mr Selmayr (Head of President Juncker's Private Office)



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