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Dear Commissioner Oettinger,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your valuable contribution to the prime talk "Post Brexit EU Budget: Will it meet the challenges of the 21st century?" during the CFPS Ideas Lab 2019, held on 21-22 February in Brussels.

The 6th CEPS Ideas Lab was a huge success. Thanks to you and over 1,200 participants, the discussions were intense, well informed and deeply-engaging. My team and I are most grateful for the time and effort you took to share your expertise and insights with our audience.

As an independent think tank, CEPS is committed to contributing to EU policies by conducting in-depth research, gathering views from across the political spectrum and from all stakeholders, and putting forward scientifically-sound proposals.

We will continue our work on these important issues and hope to cooperate again in the near future.

