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**PROGRAMME
2 OCTOBER 2019**

12:30 – 13:15 **SANDWICH LUNCH**

13:15 – 13.20 **INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

Cinzia Alcidi (CEPS. Brussels; EconPol Europe)

13:20 – 14:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION**

Per Eckefeldt (European Commission, Brussels)

Tito Boeri (Bocconi University, Milan)

Benjamin Bittschi (IHS Vienna; EconPol

Europe) **Felix Wellschmied** (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid; EconPol Europe)

14:00 - 14:30 **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

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PENSION REFORM IN EUROPE: RECENT EXPERIENCE AND CHALLENGES AHEAD

Ageing populations in European countries are putting pressure on public finances through higher spending on old age benefits and lower tax revenues. Several European countries have conducted pension reforms in recent years aimed at enhancing fiscal sustainability. However, further policy challenges will arise due to the projected demographic changes ahead. This lunch time seminar will discuss the issue of pension reform from different angles. In particular, it will reflect on the experience with recent pension reforms in Europe, their public finance and labor market consequences and intergenerational fairness aspects.



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