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**jointly with the**  
**Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)**

**‘The European Electorate’**

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## Welcome and Introduction:

- **Jaime MAYOR OREJA MEP**, *Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP, Responsible for Political Strategy and the European Ideas Network*
- **Hans-Gert PÖTTERING MEP**, *former President of the European Parliament, Chairman of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)*

15.30 - 16.45

## Round Table

*Chair:*

- **Jaime MAYOR OREJA MEP**, *Vice-Chair of the EPP Group in the EP, Responsible for Political Strategy and the European Ideas Network*

*Speakers:*

*The true European voter*

- **Bernhard WESSELS**, *Professor in Electoral Politics, Research Fellow, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin*

*How issues and ideologies affect party preference Formation in Europe*

- **Wouter VAN DER BRUG**, *Professor, University of Amsterdam*
- **Xavier REYES MATHEUS**, *Professor of Constitutional Law, Madrid University*

*The electoral consequences of low turnout in European elections*

- **Sebastian Adrian POPA**, *Researcher, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim*

*Ways to improve participation in European election - Political comments*

- **David MCALLISTER**, *former Prime Minister of Lower Saxony, German Top CDU Candidate for the European Elections*
- **Antonio LOPEZ ISTURIZ**, *Member of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, Member of the EP Committee on 'Legal Affairs' and Member of the delegation for relation with Israel. Secretary General, European People's Party*

16.45 - 17.45

Q&A and debate with the audience

17.45 - 18.00

## Conclusions

*Rapporteur:*

- **Michael BORCHARD**, *Head of the Department of Politics and Consulting, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)*