

## **Video recording - round table in Paris on the enlargement and Europe in 2020**

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Mrs. Laura Dagg, Chief Editor of the European news portal Touteurope.fr - media partner to this initiative - opened the round table "The enlargement and Europe 2020 - Civic vision", which took place on April 22, 2010, in Paris.

The Information Bureau of the European Parliament for France hosted the event, organized by the Bulgarian NGOs European Institute, Center for Policy Modernization and Europe.bg.

This event is within the communication campaign "Interacting with the European Parliament", implemented by those NGOs with the financial support of the EP's SG "Communication".

Ognian Boyadjiev, editor in chief of Europe.bg, presented to the French audience the book "Europe 2020 - Civic Vision", which summarizes the conclusion of the two-year long campaign "Interacting with the European Parliament".

Mrs. Lubov Panayotova, director of the European Institute, talked about the previous and possible future enlargements of the European Union, stressing on the lessons learned, the so-called absorption capacity and the difficulties and particularities of the negotiations process of the various member states with Brussels.

Mr Alain Barrau, head of the EP information bureau for France, talked about the perspectives of the countries, which are candidates for EU membership, in the context of the public opinion and the economic and financial crisis.

Mrs. Elvire Fabry - reseracher at "Notre Europe" stressed on the Spanish EU Presidency and the public consultations of the Commission Strategy "EU 2020". She compared the fate of the Lisbon Strategy with the way in which the new strategy is being drafted.

Second part of Mrs. Fabry's statement.

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Mr. Guillaume Jobin, President of the Ecole Supérieure de Journalisme - Paris stressed on the opinions of ESJ students about the Turkish bid to become an EU member state.

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A discussion on the enlargement followed up. This extract is from a comment made by Mrs. Lubov Panayotova in the debate.



Does a stronger Europe equal to a larger Europe - this - among others - was the basic topic of the discussion which followed after the opening statements of the participants in the round table.

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ESJ's president Guillaume Jobin made additional comments to the issues, raised by the participants in the round table.

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Second part of the discussion, including comments, questions and viewpoints of the citizens in Paris during the round table, organized by the European Institute Foundation.

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The EP's Information office for France head, Mr. Alain Barrau - who is also former MEP, made the final conclusions to the round table.

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