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Several proposals on how to change the institutions of the euro area have been put forward. Emmanuel Macron has fuelled hopes with his call for a "new deal for the eurozone". In a similar same vein, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker has proposed the creation of a "European Minister of Economy and Finance" and suggested that the euro area have its own separate section within the EU budget.

Against the backdrop of these fervently discussed potential reforms, this Lunch Debate which is jointly organised by ZEW and EconPol will consider a number of questions. These include: creating an EMU reform package that not only makes economic sense but which both Northern and Southern Europe can agree on; finding a way to effectively combine stabilising elements with elements that ensure a certain degree of self-reliance; precisely defining the responsibilities of a potential European finance minister; determining the main priorities of a euro area budget. We will present key findings on these questions based on a paper conducted by EconPol, a network of leading European research institutes.

» 12:00 **Lunch**

» 12:30 **Welcome Address**

Bodo Lehmann, Head of the Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU

Presentation

Friedrich Heinemann, ZEW & Member of EconPol

Debate with Speakers and Audience

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ZEW Lunch Debate Series

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