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8.45-9.00 Registration

9.00-9.35 Opening Speeches by:

- **Juan García-Gallardo Frings**, Vice-President of the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León, Spain
- **Marco Marsilio**, President of the ECR CoR Group and President of the Abruzzo Region, Italy
- **Carlos Pollán Fernández**, President of the Cortes of Castilla y León, Spain

9.35-11.05 Panel Discussion I:

Towards a just and impartial application of the Rule of Law

The first panel discussion will explore how to avoid double standards when it comes to rule of law and restore its constitutional role in upholding justice and fairness across the EU

Moderator: **Jorge Martín Frías**, Director, Fundación Disenso

Keynote Speaker: **Jorge Buxadé MEP**, Leader of VOX Delegation in the European Parliament and Vice-President of ECR Party, Spain

- **José Ángel Antelo**, Vice-President of the Government of the Region of Murcia, Spain
- **Antonio Giordano MP**, Secretary General of the ECR Party, Italy
- **David Hierro**, Secretary-General and Deputy Spokesperson, VOX Parliamentary Group, Castilla y León, Spain
- **Władysław Ortyl**, First Vice-President of the ECR CoR Group and President of the Podkarpackie Region, Poland
- **Pablo Saez MP**, VOX Spokesperson for Economy, Congress of Deputies, Spain



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AGENDA

3 May 2024

11.05-11.20 Coffee break

11.20-12.50 Panel Discussion II:

Preparing European agriculture for the challenges of tomorrow

The second panel will seek to critically evaluate the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and explore ways of better preparing European agriculture for the challenges of tomorrow

Moderator: **Francesco Giubilei**, Italian publisher and columnist

Keynote Speakers: **Francesco Lollobrigida**, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry, Italy; **Janusz Wojciechowski** Commissioner for Agriculture

- **Ricardo Chamorro MP**, VOX Spokesperson for Agriculture, Congress of Deputies, Spain
- **Witold de Chevilly**, Executive Director of New Direction
- **Gerardo Dueñas**, Regional Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development, Government of the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León, Spain
- **Ettore Prandini**, President Coldiretti, Italy
- **Teresa Rodríguez**, Director-General of Agricultural and Livestock Production, Government of the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León, Spain

12.50-13.00 Closing remarks

- **Juan García-Gallardo Frings**, Vice-President of the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León, Spain

13.00-14.00 Family Photo and Lunch break



Castilla y León

Dear esteemed guests,

As Vice-President of the Regional Government of Castilla y León, and as Bureau Member of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) group in the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) it is a pleasure to welcome you to this year's edition of the ECR Study Days event. This is **the first time that Spain hosts an event of the ECR CoR Group**. This region was one of the strategic enclaves in the formation of modern Spain, the homeland of distinguished figures such as the Cid Campeador, Isabella the Catholic, or Philip II. Throughout the region, the Greco-Roman culture that has shaped and influenced Europe can still be felt.

This unique event seeks to provide solutions to the problems facing Spain and the rest of Europe with a focus on two topics: Towards a just and impartial application of the Rule of Law and Preparing primary sector for the challenges of the present and tomorrow. Spain is under serious threat from the recent approval in the Congress of Deputies of the Amnesty Law by those who want to destroy our nation. We advocate for respect from the public authorities for the values of democracy and fundamental rights, the impartial application of the rule of law, to guarantee justice and equality before the law for European citizens.

On the other hand, **Castilla y Leon Is the region in Spain with the highest proportion of agricultural and livestock employment**. Given the wave of farmers' protests that are taking to the streets of Europe, we want to prepare them for the challenges of tomorrow. This sector is the foundation of the EU member states, we must support them in the most realistic way possible, and **avoid making our economy green with red numbers**.

It will be an honour to host this event on 3 May to provide solutions to European problems with the aim of establishing a conservative and reformist roadmap.

Warm regards,



Juan García-Gallardo Frings

Vice-President of the Autonomous Community of Castilla y León

