

SEMINAR ON EUROPE IN 2010: THE FUTURE LIES AT THE CENTRE-

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EPP leaders from all over Europe meet in Madrid this week for a Partido Popular-organised seminar on the future of the political centre-ground in Europe. The venue is the Jardins du Cecilio Rodriguez, Parque del Retiro, C/ Menéndez Pelayo (entrance Puerta de Grandada.) The seminar will focus on the role of the euro, globalisation, full employment, and reform.

Among those invited by Spanish Partido Popular leader and Prime Minister Jose María AZNAR are: PSD Portugal leader Jose Manuel DURAO BARROSO, François BAYROU; Silvio BERLUSCONI; Elmar BROK MEP, chairman of the European Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee; John BRUTON; Jerzy BUZEK, Prime Minister of Poland; Pier Ferdinanci CASINI, Italian CCD leader; Jos CHABERT, Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions; Dutch CDA leader Jaap DE HOOP SCHEFFER; Mikulas DZURINDA, Sloval Prime Minister; Edward FENECH-ADAMI, Prime Minister of Malta; GreekND leader Kostas KARAMANLIS, Ivan KOSTOV, Prime Minister of Bulgaria; Mart LAAR, Estionan Prime Minister; Victor ORBAN, Hungarian Prime Minister; Hans-Gert PÖTTERING, leader of the EPP Group in the European Pariament; Günther RINSCHER, President of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation; Javier RUPEREZ, CDI President; Wolfgang SCHÄUBLE, German CDU leader; and Andris SKELE, Prime Minister of Lithuania. Commissioners Loyola de PALACIO, Franz FISCHLER, Mario MONTI, and VIVIANE REDING are also expected at the meeting, which on Saturday (Feb. 5) will agree a paper on Europe in 2010.