

# Playing the Brexit cards: Strategies for universities and companies

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## FEATURED GUESTS



### MALCOLM HARBOUR

Senior Advisor, CabinetDN / European Policy Centre

Malcolm Harbour CBE served 15 years as member of the European Parliament for the West Midlands, including 5 years as chairman of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee. He led many legislative projects on the services market, manufacturing industry, the digital economy, public procurement and consumer protection. For 12 years he served as vice president of STOA, the Parliament's science and technology policy unit. He has closely followed the evolution of EU research and innovation policy. He was an active member of the Delegation to the Japanese Parliament and the Transatlantic Policy Network. After graduating from Trinity College Cambridge, Harbour spent 32 years in the motor industry, as an engineer, a senior commercial executive, a consultant and a researcher. He now promotes innovation and stronger EU engagement in his home region, as a Birmingham Science City advisory board member, and working with the region's universities. He contributes to European and UK policy forums on the EU single market, the digital economy and improved rule making.



### LUC SOETE

Former Rector Magnificus, University of Maastricht

Luc Soete was rector magnificus of the University of Maastricht until 1 September 2016. He is also chairman of the Research, Innovation, and Science Policy Experts (RISE) High Level Group, and a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. Formerly, Soete was a member of the Dutch Advisory Council for Science, Technology and Innovation (AWTI) – until end of 2015. He has been widely published in theoretical, empirical and policy analysis of innovation. In 1988, he founded the Maastricht Economic Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (MERIT). Soete has an honorary doctorate from the University of Ghent, the University of Liege and the University of Sussex.



### JOHN WYLES

Director, Science|Business

For more than 20 years, John Wyles, a director at Science|Business, has been a leading communications consultant and newspaper columnist in Brussels. He developed communications strategies and projects for a wide variety of clients and for five years was the European Commission's external communications advisor on the launch of the euro. He is also one of the founding partners of G+ Europe, one of Brussels' leading public affairs consultancies. Since 2010, he has worked as a freelance consultant. Wyles was a journalist for the Financial Times for almost 20 years as Brussels bureau chief, foreign news editor and Rome correspondent before becoming deputy editor of L'Indipendente of Milan. Wyles recently held the position of chief strategy coordinator and acting director of Studies at the European Policy Centre, to which he has been a senior advisor since 1997.

## PROGRAMME

**12:00** LIGHT LUNCH

**12:30** PANEL DISCUSSION

> **Malcolm Harbour**, Senior Advisor, CabinetDN / European Policy Centre  
> **Luc Soete**, Former Rector Magnificus, University of Maastricht

Moderated by **John Wyles**, Director, Science|Business

**13:00** ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**15:00** END



## PARTICIPANTS

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