



"The College is an exceptional European 'observation post and our presence in Warsaw gives our students the opportunity to comprehend the new Europe, which is being created with the enlargement. It is at the College where a part of the future European elite is trained and it is good that young people can take advantage of a place where one is confronted with such a mix of cultures. One of my concerns will also be to strengthen the links between the two campuses of the College and the communities that surround them, in Bruges and in Warsaw."

Rector Paul Demaret

PRESS RELEASE

Tomorrow, Wednesday the 26th of February at 2.00 p.m., a seminar on "**Accountancy and Europe**" is organised by the College of Europe and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales at the College of Europe, Dijver 11, 8000 Bruges. The Institute has been cooperating closely with the College of Europe for a number of years. As part of this cooperation, they offer an annual academic prize for the best dissertation on an economic and financial topic.

Accountancy is at the heart of the European economy and of the European institutions today: in fact neither could exist without effective accounting. This seminar, which brings together some of the leading figures in the European accountancy profession, will highlight and illustrate the relevance of accounting to the economic and financial as well as legal and institutional development of the European Union. To strengthen the relations with Bruges and its region, the Rector Paul Demaret, decided to open the seminar to the public.

Those interested in receiving invitations to similar events should contact the Communications Office of the College of Europe, email: cvdbussche@coleurop.be.

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