



## European Academic Forum of the Jean Monnet Chair "Challenges and Opportunities for the Future of Europe – a View from Ireland"

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Tuesday, 5 December 2023

14:00 - 16:00 (CET)

Mestni trg 23, Ljubljana

you are cordially invited to the 21st European Academic Forum organised by the Jean Monnet Chair of the New University, dedicated to

## "Challenges and Opportunities for the Future of Europe – a View from Ireland"

In 2022 Ireland recorded the second highest GDP per capita among the EU Member States. This feat undeniably cements Ireland as a standout success story within the European Union. This achievement is especially noteworthy considering the challenges posed by the early 2000s financial crisis and the complexities following Brexit in 2020. Further highlighting its global impact, Ireland played a pivotal role on the UN Security Council from 2021 to 2022 and assumed the presidency of the Council of Europe in 2022. Ireland's journey exemplifies how smaller nations can significantly influence international affairs and leverage their EU membership for national benefit.

To delve deeper into Ireland's journey of EU integration, understand its stance on the current challenges facing the EU, and gain a deeper understanding of Ireland's vision for the future of Europe, we are honoured to welcome His Excellency

## Mr Adrian Farrell, the Ambassador of Ireland

Please note that light lunch will be served at 14:00, while the forum will begin promptly at 14:30. Please confirm your attendance at the forum no later than December 4, 2023 at: HERE.

With best wishes, prof. dr. Matej Avbelj Jean Monnet Chair, New University





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