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Brussels for Breakfast (53): A breakfast discussion meeting on EU regulatory issues, with Graham Bishop (grahambishop.com) and Mark Hoban, MP. To be held on Thursday, December 17, 2009, from 8:30-10:00am.

Something a little unusual for this, the last 'Brussels for breakfast' meeting of this year.

In addition to the splendid romp through the euro-woods that we have come to expect from that wily old federalist, Graham Bishop (grahambishop.com), we have been offered the chance of a window on to the very different world of Tory party thinking on Brussels.

Mark Hoban is (as I am sure you all know) shadow financial secretary to the Treasury, as well as being MP for Fareham. His principal responsibility on the Treasury team is regulation and taxation of the financial services sector – which means he is the guy you will all have to deal with once the formalities of the election are over.

This is obviously a change of pace for us – but I very much hope we can maintain the focus on Brussels. With luck (assuming you don't give him too hard a time), we will get Mark to speak more broadly on financial regulation at another event. This is an opportunity to hear his news on Brussels – and for us to get our concerns over to him. I will do my best to keep the peace between Graham and Mark – and to make sure that both focus on the key issue, which is how we can affect what is going on in Brussels to the benefit of both UK plc and the British financial services sector more narrowly.

My guess is that (despite the proximity of the Christmas hols), we will get a bumper audience for this month. As a result, we are inviting our regulars first; if you would like to come, please let us just let us know by emailing sophie@csfi.org.uk or by telephoning 020 7493 0173. As usual, coffee, tea and sticky buns will be provided.

Sincerely yours,

Andrew Hilton
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