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## ITW OF JEAN HERVE LORENZI CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMISTS CERCLE SET UP AIX EN SEINE ECO

### GATHERING 300 TOP EXPERTS FOR 3 DAYS

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#### USPA NEWS -

At Aix en Seine, Rencontres Economiques, this particular year, the economist debates to be yearly held in Aix en Provence, are taking place in Paris, at la Maison de la Radio, next to the Seine. This is why they call this year, due to the COVID-19, pandemic, the Aix Seine « Economic Meetings ». Jean Herve Lorenzi, Chairman of Cercle of Economists, has set up the forum, and conducted the event, from his home, during months, working numbers hours per day, to reach out everybody that counts in France and elsewhere and convincing the 300 top experts in economy for this unique event. The first month to find support and find the 300 partners. It was a big challenge, and had to make between 1,500 and 2,000 phone calls !

All debates were accessible on [lesrencontreseconomique.fr](http://lesrencontreseconomique.fr) and on [franceinfo.fr](http://franceinfo.fr). The replays are available between 2 hours and 3 hours after their registration, always on Rencontres website. This particular configuration linked to the COVID-19 pandemic made it possible to follow the debates online, as the interviews were limited, although many leaders came. We carried out the interview of Jean Herve Lorenzi eminent expert economist, President of the Circle of Economists

We carried out the interview of Jean Herve Lorenzi eminent expert economist, President of the Circle of Economists and who worked for months, in particular during the period of complexed containment to set up this unique high level event. We publish this interview, one hour before the end of the economic meetings, and of which Jean Herve Lorenzi, must deliver the Youth Final Statement. "We entered this new century without a compass." [?] Amin Maalouf was right. Humanity is faced with new perils, unprecedented in the history of civilisations. We publish thereafter this interview.

QUESTION USPA: How were the virtual economic meetings organized in an unprecedented context of the COVID-19 pandemic?

BENEFITS ?

CONSTRAINTS?

RATE OF PARTICIPATION ?

ANSWER JEAN HERVE LORENZI: Everything was much more difficult the decisions taken two and a half months ago, we had to conquer all the partners and Radio France for a place, and the speakers, and the financial partners, and to find a technological device for this type of meeting. We worked for two months, night and day and with a small team to have a connection all over the world and to broaden the subject widely, we space from an economist look to wider criticism of the whole lookalike. . Both politicians but also trade unionists, all unions, from the First Secretary of the Communist Party, to Xavier Bertrand (President of the Hauts de France Region, published by Les Républicains), 95 partners. The first month to find support and find 300 partners. A challenge, between 1,500 and 2,000 phone calls.

USPA QUESTION: The unprecedented context of the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the economic ecosystem both because of the confinement period but also, in the face of the socio-economic consequences

ANSWER JEAN HERVE LORENZI: There were 3 phases, first the shock, then the containment and economic measures and its notaries intended to help protect businesses. The tenth is in the transition one must respond to emergencies in a crestfallen context. Then the appearance of forms of work, the relationship to inequalities, facing the climate and reinforcing that already existed. And the third phase is to revive the French and world economy, which is the most difficult. Ex in the world of the environment without increasing the unemployment rate. The hierarchy at work, all this corresponds to difficulties. The key word, is confidence, how to restore confidence, in the face of the epidemic, in the face of the shock of unemployment, loss of jobs, of income, that confidence is not easy to return. The mistake of looking at the first figures for confinement can be either a recovery or a logic and step of lock down, of the citizen.

USPA QUESTION: The subjects of the European Union are widely discussed during these economic meetings both because of the particular context of Post COVID-19, but also by the arrival of new leaders, both at the Commission European, and European Parliament.

ANSWER JEAN HERVE LORENZI: The three great European leaders, Ursula Von Der Leyen, Christine Lagarde, and Charles Michel, took part in our Economic Meetings, in general, I have two feelings: all the fires are positive in the face of a recovery of the European economy and improve growth. Diversity is the best way and the second aspect like that is not in studios and intimate interviews, the average level was more concentrated, their results were higher. Even Christine Lagarde has never been so connected and prepared in the device, and that's the good thing.

QUESTION USPA: The role of the Regions has also been at the center of the response to crises, both from a social and economic point of view, and this is explained by the role that the territories played more than ever during the period of confinement in the face of COVID-19 facing a centralized state?

ANSWER JEAN HERVE LORENZI: The territories were more effective in health treatment during containment, facing COVID-19. We will make a proposal in this direction. Decentralization has really taken place, counting the employment opportunities that are placed at the heart of the regions.-----

QUESTION USPA: Has multi-lateralism been too tested by the COVID-19 health crisis, or how can it reinvent itself?

ANSWER JEAN HERVE LORENZI: It is a very good question but deep down, we have seen that multilateralism is dead, which is part of this confrontation of the two powers, who want to have the leadership, all of this is largely called into question by the conflict Chinese-American, whatever the rush will take place. Can we create another form, the hypothesis is that Europe is the place of wisdom, because the Sino-American swimming confound is too risky, Europe, is the only bulwark about solutions and hypotheses, and basically great conflicts are always my polarization of the world.

As soon as there is a third element, in game theory, Europe is the only guarantee that all this does not degenerate, and for that, Europe has to exist. What unites the Member States of Europe, a great market has been created based on common values. The challenge today is to carry these values, with these new personalities, Charles Michel and Von Der Leyen gave a very positive and optimistic image after their arrival in the European Union.

QUESTION USPA: Are you satisfied with the final declaration of the circle of economists this year, despite or thanks to this context of sanitary saw where the economic balance is called into question?

ANSWER Jean HERVE LORENZI: I invite you to discover it in the minutes that follow because after our interview I am going to the auditorium to deliver the Youth Final Statement, I will also enrich my conclusion by the contribution denoting the exchange"!/ RSR, Jedi Foster

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