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Anglo-German Foundation Policy Debate: Creating Sustainable Growth in Europe

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Jim Murphy MP, British Minister for Europe, will outline today during a policy debate at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office the UK's ambitions for a 'Global Europe' that delivers jobs, growth and fairness. He will consider the challenges of increasing job market participation, of looking outwards to non-European markets and of making the single market a means to bring wealth and opportunity to Europe and beyond.

The policy debate marks the half-way point of a 3-year, £3million research initiative funded by the Anglo-German Foundation and entitled 'creating sustainable growth in europe'.

The respected Economics Editor at BBC Newsnight, Stephanie Flanders, will chair the policy debate, which will be attended by 150 eminent researchers and policy-makers.

The initiative is distinguished by its ambitious scope in bringing together academic experts and policy-makers from different disciplines and different policy spheres, as well as from different countries, with the aim of encouraging a more holistic approach in both research and policy-making to the core problem of ensuring Europe’s continuing economic prosperity not just in the shorter term but over the next 20-30 years.

A policy report summarising the presentations and debates will be downloadable from the Anglo-German Foundation website at www.agf.org.uk/pubs/publications.htm from February 2008 onwards.

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