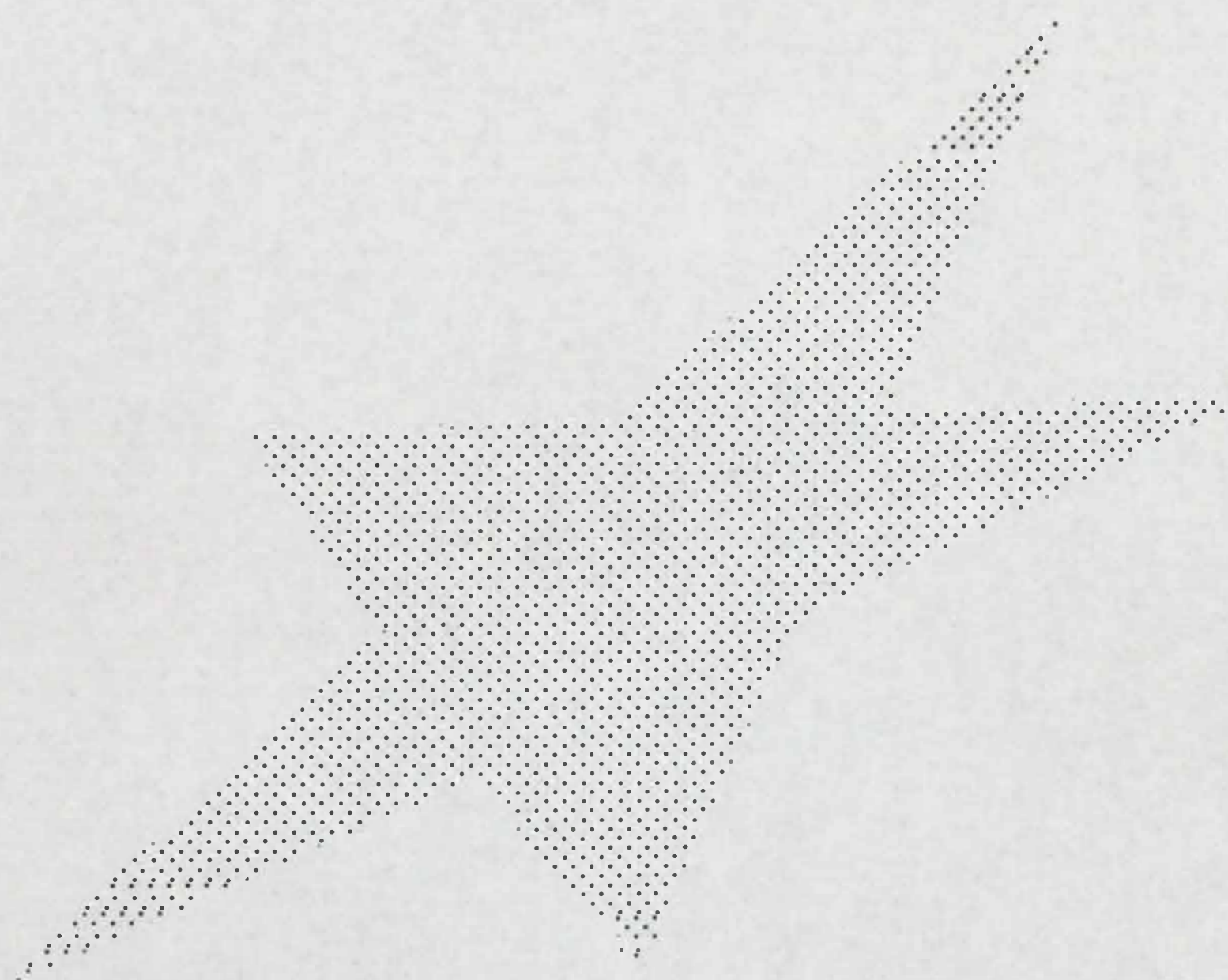
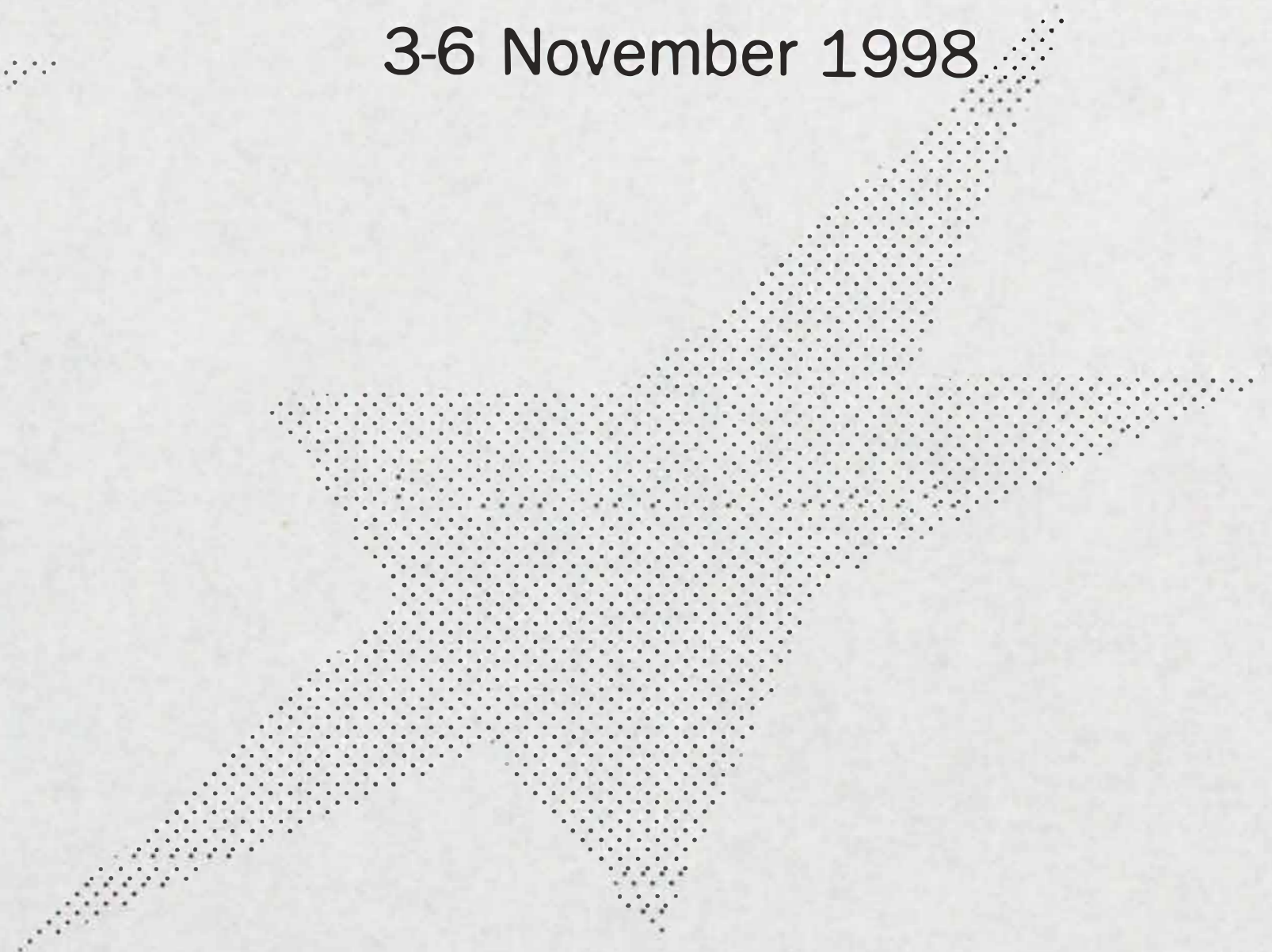
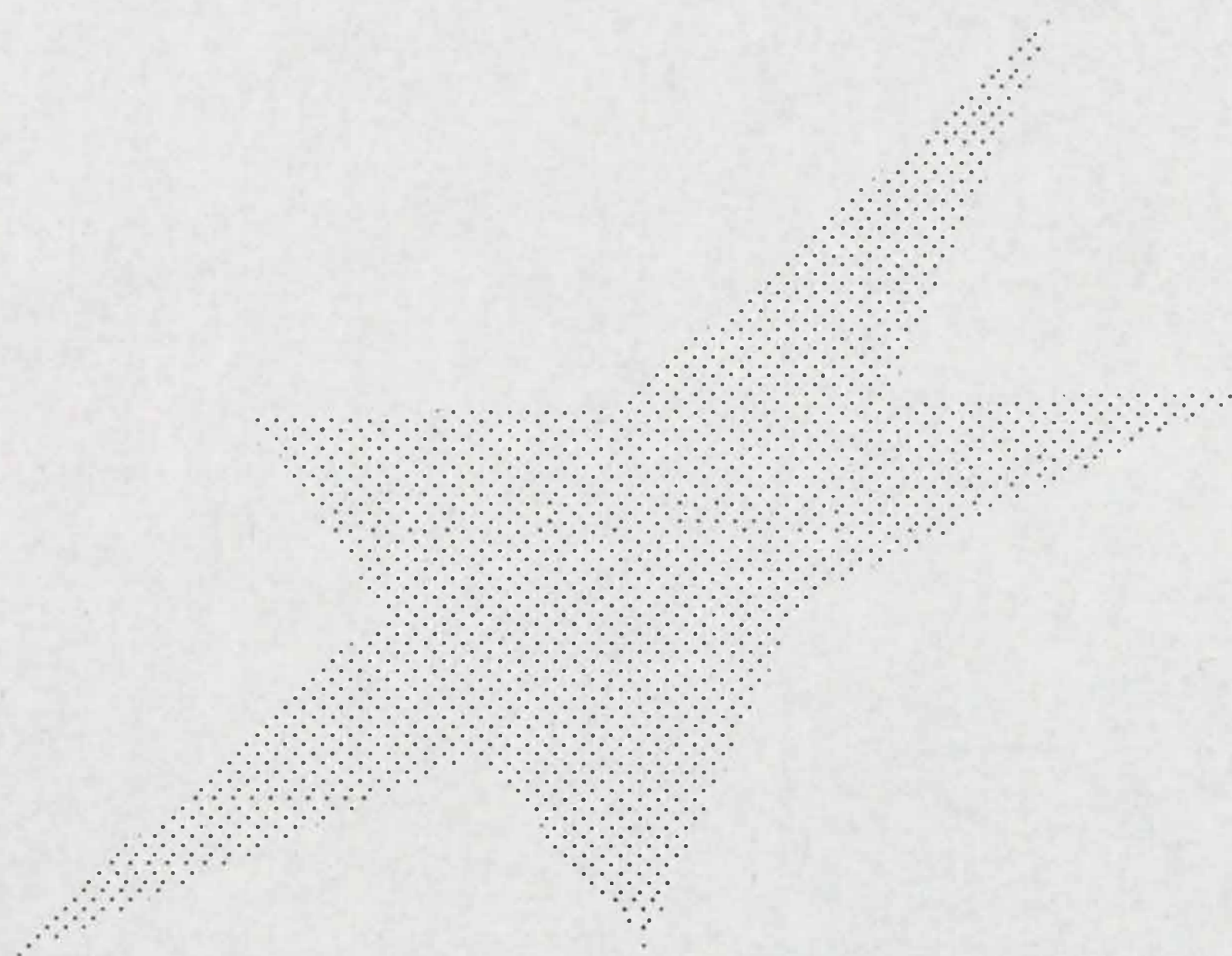


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# Brussels Conference **Programme**

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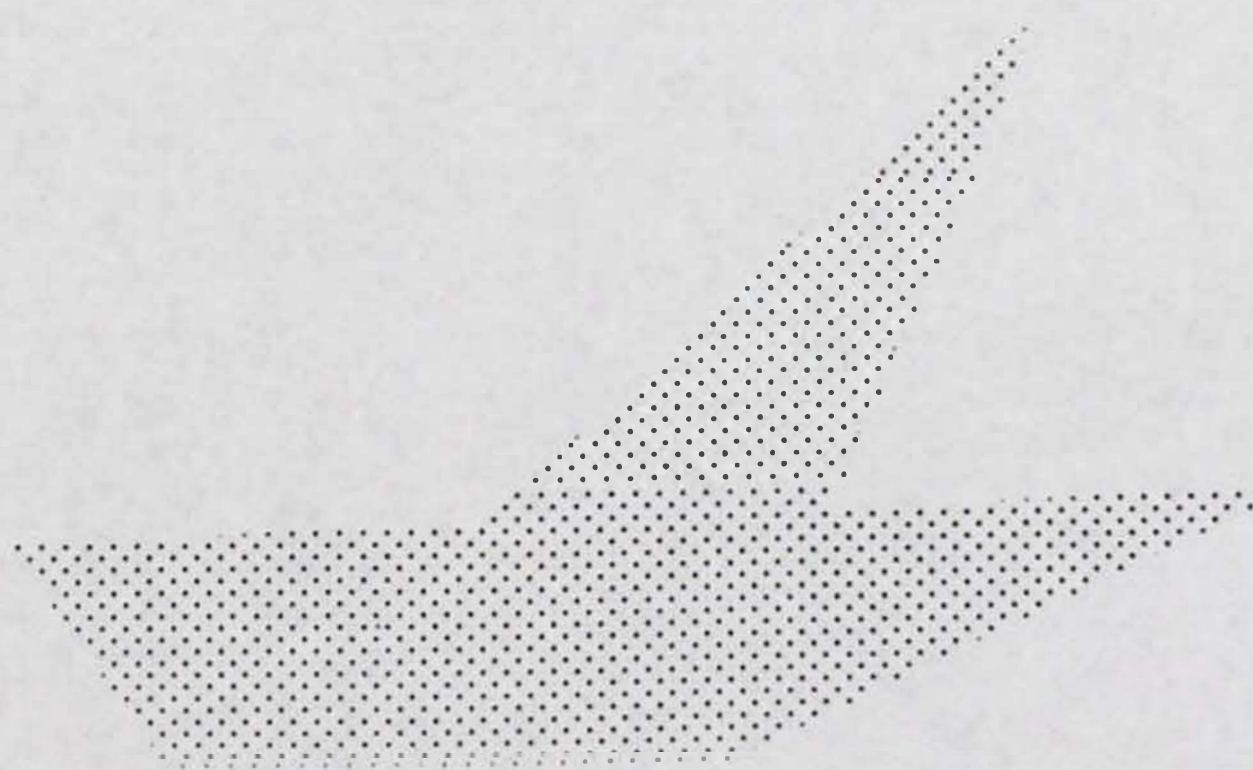
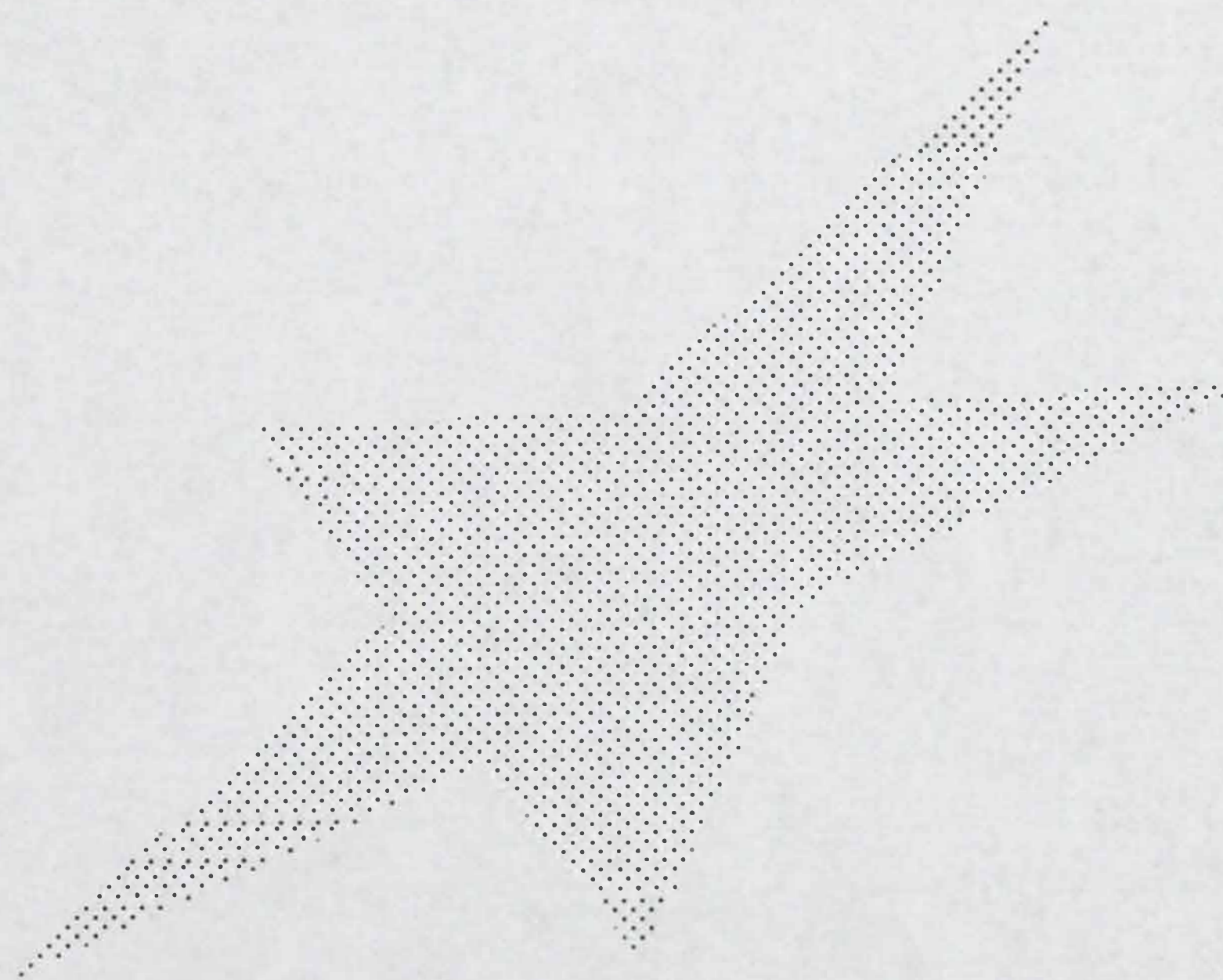
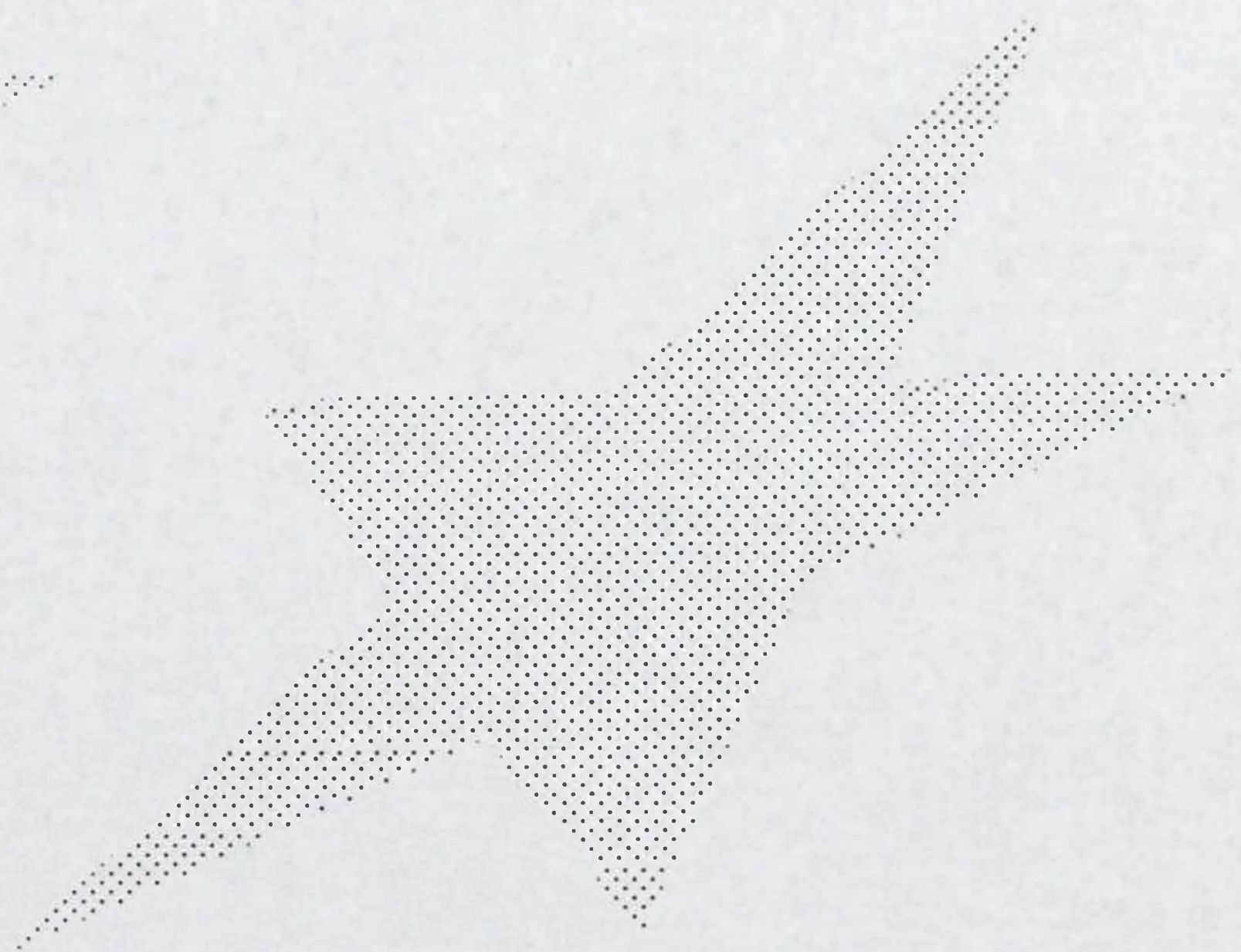
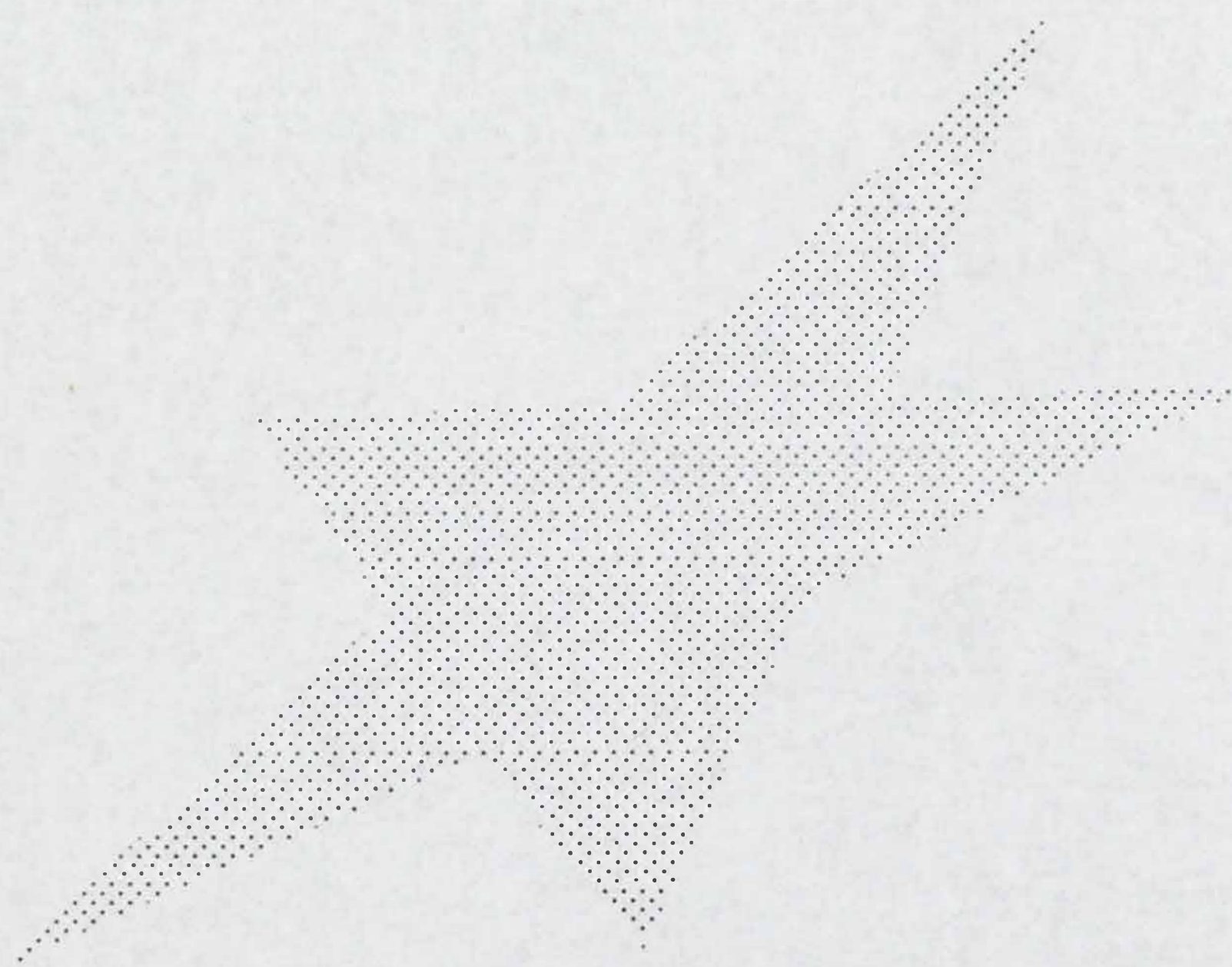
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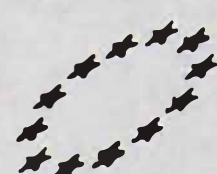
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## TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

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| Venue  | Hilton Hotel<br>Boulevard du Waterloo                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 6.30pm | <b>Introductory Briefing (Overview)</b><br>Salle Louise - 1st floor<br><br>Guest Speaker<br><b>Carlo Trojan</b><br>Secretary General, European Commission                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 7.15   | <b>Reception</b><br>Restaurant 'En Plein Ciel' - floor 27<br><br><i>Welcome by <b>Spyros Pappas</b></i><br>Director General DG X, Information                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8.00   | <b>Dinner</b><br><br><i>Hosted by <b>Jim Dougal</b></i><br>Head of European Commission<br>Representation in Northern Ireland<br><br>Guest Speaker<br><b>The Rt. Hon. Neil Kinnock</b><br>Commissioner for Transport<br><br>Response<br><b>The Rt. Hon. Dr Marjorie Mowlam MP</b><br>Secretary of State for Northern Ireland |

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**WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER**

|               |                                                                                                                          |                             |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7.00-8.30     | Breakfast 'En Plein Ciel' floor 27                                                                                       |                             |
| 8.45          | Depart by coach to<br>Centre Borschette, 36 Rue Froissart                                                                |                             |
| 9.15 - 10.45  | Workshop A                                                                                                               | Workshop B                  |
|               | <b>Successful Regions</b>                                                                                                | <b>Information Channels</b> |
| 10.45 - 11.00 | <b>Coffee</b>                                                                                                            |                             |
| 11.00 - 12.30 | Workshop C                                                                                                               | Workshop D                  |
|               | <b>Cross Border</b>                                                                                                      | <b>Employment</b>           |
| 12.30         | Depart by coach to<br>Charlemagne building, 170 Rue de la Loi                                                            |                             |
| 12.45         | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                             |                             |
|               | <b>Commissioner Padraig Flynn</b><br>Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs                                      |                             |
| 2.15          | <b>Depart by coach to European Parliament</b>                                                                            |                             |
| 2.30          | <b>European Parliament</b><br>Welcome Presentation, including NI MEPs<br><b>Ian Paisley, John Hume and Jim Nicholson</b> |                             |
| 3.00          | <b>Delegates seated in VIP/Diplomatic Gallery</b>                                                                        |                             |
|               | Welcomed to the Parliament by<br><b>President Gil-Robles</b>                                                             |                             |
|               | (First item on order of Business)                                                                                        |                             |





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3.15 - 3.45

**Observe Parliamentary Proceedings**

4.00

**Series of presentations by a variety of speakers on:**

*Work of the European Parliament*

*Work and Role of the Committees*

*Relationship with Regional/National Parliaments*

*EU Budget*

5.15

**Reception**

European Parliament

*Hosted by **President Gil-Robles***

Speakers

**President Gil-Robles**, President, European Parliament

**Lord Alderdice**, Initial Presiding Officer, NI Assembly

**Dr Ian Paisley MP MEP**

**John Hume MP MEP**

**Jim Nicholson MEP**

6.15

Depart by coach to Commission Foyer

29 Rue de la Science

6.30

**Reception**

Speaker

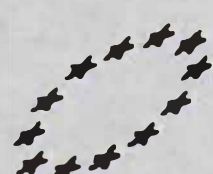
**Dr Monika Wulf-Mathies**

Commissioner for Regional Policy

*Launch of brochure on*

*Special Support Programme for Peace & Reconciliation*

**EVENING FREE**





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**THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER**

- 8.15-9.15 Breakfast 'En Plein Ciel' floor 27
- 9.30 Depart by coach to  
Centre Borschette, 36 Rue Froissart
- 10.00 **Plenary**  
  
***Chaired by Joao Vale de Almeida***  
Director, DG X, Information  
  
**The European Commission**  
***President Jacques Santer***  
  
Response from:  
***Paul Murphy MP, Minister of State***  
Minister for European Affairs, Northern Ireland Office  
  
***The Rt. Hon. David Trimble MP***  
First Minister Designate, Northern Ireland Assembly  
  
***Seamus Mallon MP***  
Deputy First Minister Designate, Northern Ireland Assembly
- 11.00-11.30 **Coffee**
- 11.30 **Plenary**  
  
***Chaired by Geoffrey Martin***  
Head of UK Representation, European Commission  
  
**Decision Making In the Commission  
and the Role of the Cabinets**  
  
Speakers  
  

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><i>Andrew Cahn</i></b>       | <i>Cabinet Kinnock</i>      |
| <b><i>Seamus Carroll</i></b>    | <i>Cabinet Flynn</i>        |
| <b><i>Alisdair McIntosh</i></b> | <i>Cabinet Brittan</i>      |
| <b><i>Marc Vanheukelen</i></b>  | <i>Cabinet Wulf-Mathies</i> |





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12.45 Depart by coach to  
Charlemagne Building, 170 Rue de la Loi

1.00 **Lunch**

Speaker

**Jim Cloos**

Chef, Cabinet President

2.15 Depart by coach to  
Square Vergote & Centre Borschette

2.30 - 4.00 Workshop E Workshop F

**Regional Relations**

**Agriculture,  
Rural, Fisheries**

Venue

Baden-Württemberg

Regional office

9 Square Vergote

Venue

Centre Borschette

Coach transfer to Avenue d'Auderghem

4.30 **Visit to UK Representation**

10 Avenue d'Auderghem

Presentation by

**Sir Stephen Wall**

Head of UK Permanent Representation

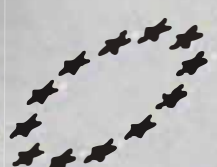
6.00 Coach transfer to Hotel

7.20 Coach transfer to Rue Ducale

7.30/8.00 **Buffet Supper**

Hosted by **Sir Stephen Wall**

Ambassador's Residence





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**FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER**

8.00-10.00 Breakfast 'En Plein Ciel' floor 27

Morning

**Free time in Brussels**

**Coach departure times from Hilton Hotel  
to Brussels Airport**

Sabena - Dublin direct Depart 09.00

Sabena - Belfast direct Depart 10.30

British Midland Depart 13.30  
for 15.10 flight

British Midland Depart 14.30  
for 16.00 flight

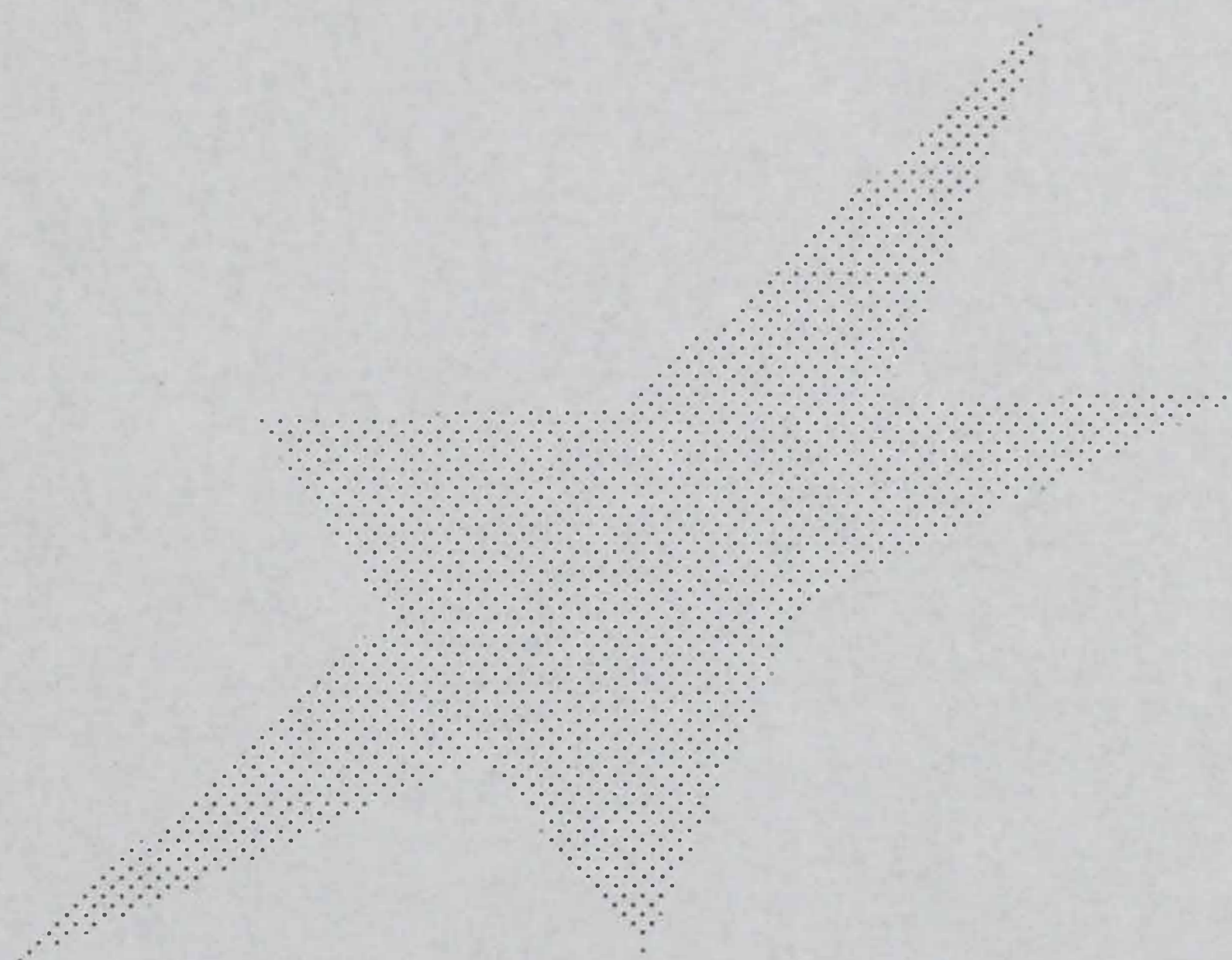
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## Workshops



Successful regions

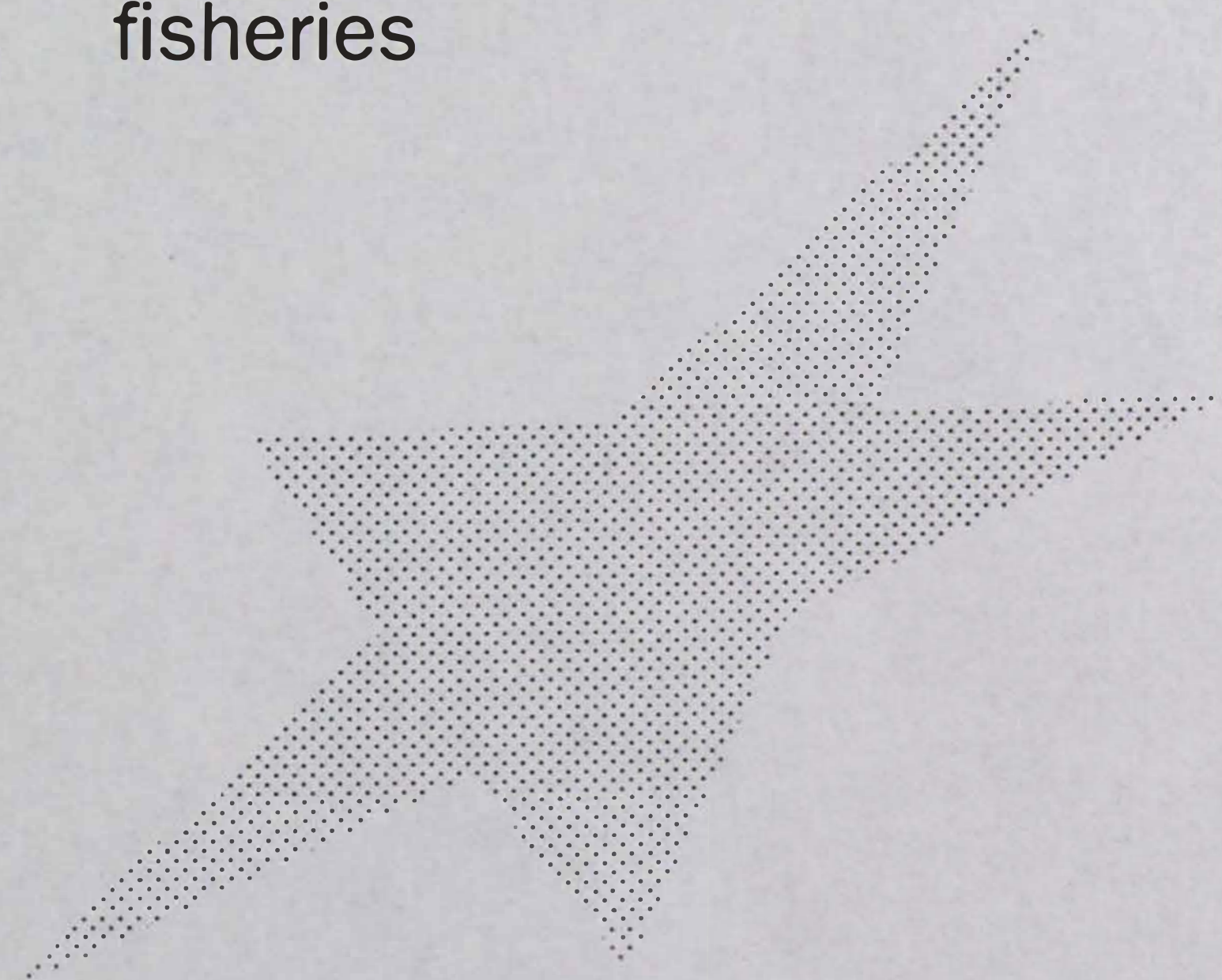
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## workshop A

# successful regions

**Time** 9.15 am  
Wednesday 4 November

**Venue** Centre Borschette

**Aims** The aims of this workshop are

- to learn about EU regional policy
- to identify criteria for a successful region
- to explore best practice from other EU regions

**Chair** *John Kennedy*, Chief Executive  
Northern Ireland Centre in Europe

**Presenters** *Jennifer Hopkins*, DG XVI,  
Regional Policies and Cohesion

*Lorenza Badilello*,  
Deputy Head of Emilia-Romagna Regional Office

*Marle Lulse Löper*, Head of Berlin Regional Office

**Contributors** *Reg Empey*, Committee of the Regions  
*Denis Haughey*, Committee of the Regions

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## workshop B

# information channels

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| <b>Time</b>         | 9.15 am<br>Wednesday 4 November                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Venue</b>        | Centre Borschette                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Aims</b>         | <p>This workshop aims to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• identify the key sources of information</li><li>• provide an overview of the main web sites</li><li>• summarise the most useful publications</li><li>• identify the key support mechanisms</li></ul> |
| <b>Chair</b>        | <b>Spyros Pappas</b> , Director General, DG X Information                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Presenters</b>   | <p><b>Peter Doyle</b>, DG X, Information</p> <p><b>Lindsay Armstrong</b>, DG X, Information</p> <p><b>Anne-Marie Damgaard</b>, Scotland Europa: Eurodesk</p> <p><b>Wolf Born</b>, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern,<br/>Contact Exchange</p>                                        |
| <b>Contributors</b> | <b>Professor Peter Lloyd</b> , University of Liverpool                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |



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## workshop C

# cross border

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| <b>Time</b>         | 11 am<br>Wednesday 4 November                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Venue</b>        | Centre Borschette                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Aims</b>         | <p>This workshop aims to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outline the core dimensions of EU cross border initiatives</li><li>• Summarise the key elements of best practice</li><li>• Identify opportunities to learn from other cross border regions</li></ul>                      |
| <b>Chair</b>        | <b>Tony Kennedy</b> , Chief Executive, Co-operation Ireland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Presenters</b>   | <p><b>Eddy Hartog</b>, DG XVI<br/>Regional Policies and Cohesion</p> <p><b>Mr Born</b>, Ministry for Justice &amp; European Affairs,<br/>Mecklenburg-Vorpommern</p> <p><b>Patrick ChlId</b>, Spokesman's Service<br/>Commissioner De Silguy</p> <p><b>Claude Cuveller</b>, Leiedaal Region</p> |
| <b>Contributors</b> | <p><b>Bill Tosh</b>, CBI/IBEC, Economic &amp; Social Committee</p> <p><b>John Simpson</b>, Economic &amp; Social Committee</p>                                                                                                                                                                 |





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## workshop D employment

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| <b>Time</b>         | 11 am<br>Wednesday 4 November                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Venue</b>        | Centre Borschette                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Aims</b>         | <p>This workshop will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summarise the key issues in EU employment policy</li><li>• Highlight central issues relating to<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Inclusion/access to employment</li><li>- Labour market policy</li></ul></li><li>• Summarise experience of other Objective 1 and Objective 2 regions</li></ul> |
| <b>Chair</b>        | <b>Professor Peter Lloyd</b> , University of Liverpool                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Presenters</b>   | <b>Allan Larsson</b> , Director General, DGV,<br>Employment, Industrial Relations & Social Affairs,<br><b>David Wright</b> , Cabinet President Santer                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Contributors</b> | <b>Paul McAleavey</b> , DGV,<br>Employment, Industrial Relations and Social Affairs<br><b>Shrupti Shah</b> , DGV,<br>Employment, Industrial Relations and Social Affairs                                                                                                                                                                                               |



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## workshop E

# regional relations

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| <b>Time</b>         | 2.30pm<br>Thursday 5 November                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Venue</b>        | Baden-Württemberg Regional Office                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Aims</b>         | <p>This workshop will examine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Channels of direct communication between regions and EU institutions</li><li>• Channels of communication between regions and EU via members states</li><li>• Inter-regional cooperation</li></ul> |
| <b>Chair</b>        | <b>Professor James Mitchell</b> , University of Sheffield                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Presenters</b>   | <p><b>Wolfgang Dietz</b>,<br/>Director, Baden-Württemberg Regional office</p> <p><b>Donald McInnes</b>, Director, Scotland Europa</p> <p><b>Professor Jim Hughes</b>, Director, Wales European Centre</p>                                                                   |
| <b>Contributors</b> | <p><b>John Kennedy</b>,<br/>Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Centre in Europe</p> <p><b>Joanna Goodburn</b>, Scottish Office (European Bureau)</p>                                                                                                                         |

