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**TEPSA – Trans European Policy Studies Association**  
**Pre-Presidency Conference**

**Sofia – Bulgaria**

**30 November – 1 December 2017**



*United We Stand Strong*

*Venue: Park Hotel "Moskva", Sofia, Nezabravka 25 Str., 1113 Sofia, Bulgaria*

## Programme

Thursday 30 November 2017

- 09.00 - 12.00      Arrival of guests and registration
- 12.00                Lunch
- 13.00                Registration of the Conference delegates
- 13.15                Welcome address by Prof. *Jaap de Zwaan*, TEPSA Secretary General
- 13.30                Welcome address by the Prof. *Antoni Slavinski*, President of the Board of Trustees of the NBU
- 13.45                Welcome address by *Ognian Zlatev*, Head of the European Commission's Representation in Sofia
- Iskra Mihaylova* - MEP, Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development
- 14.00                **“The priorities of the Bulgarian EU Presidency”**
- Address by:
- Minister of the BG EU Presidency, *Lilyana Pavlova*
  - Deputy Minister of the BG EU Presidency, *Monika Panayotova*
- 14.30                **TEPSA Recommendations to the Bulgarian EU Presidency**
- 15.00                Discussion
- 15.30                Coffee break

**16.00**                      **Plenary Session 1 “The Future of the EU”**

**A) Migration and security challenges and the EU's response**

Presenters:

- Prof Dr *Jaap W. de Zwaan* - TEPSA Secretary-General, former Director Clingendael, The Netherlands
- *Todor Kolarov* - New Bulgarian University
- *Valeri Ratchev* - Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, Center for Security and Defence Management, advisor to the Minister of Defence 2010-2013

Discussion

**B) EU and the neighbourhood - Common foreign policy and the prospects of Enlargement**

Moderator - *Hristo Panchugov*, NBU

Presenters:

- Dr. *Ettore Greco* - Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome
- Prof. *Atila Eralp* - TEPSA Board member, Center for European Studies at the Middle East Technical University; Senior Fellow at the Istanbul Policy Center

Discussion

17.30                      Coffee break

**18.00 - 20.00**           **TEPSA General Assembly**

20.30                      Dinner - Park Hotel Moskva

Friday 1 December

**09.30**                    **Plenary Session 2 “Creative Industries and EU Economic Growth”**

Keynote - *Latchezar Borisov*, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Economy

Moderator - *Hristo Panchugov*, NBU

Presenters:

- Prof. *Evgenii Dainov*, NBU
- *Rosen Plevneliev*, President of Bulgaria 2012-2017
- Dr. *Maja Bucar* - Centre of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana

Discussion

11.00                    Coffee break

**11.30**                    **Plenary Session 3“EU after Brexit”**

Key notes - delivered by a representative of Vice PM Donchev’s Cabinet

**A) Designing the post-2020 MFF and reforming the EMU for a cohesive, prosperous Union capable of responding to internal and external challenges**

Presenters:

- Assoc. Prof. *Margarita Shivergieva*, Prof. Jean Monet in Economy, New Bulgarian University
- Prof. *Michele Chang* - TEPSA Board member, College of Europe

**B) EU and the Catalonia conundrum: lessons learned and ways forward**

Moderator - Dr. *Kiril Avramov*, Vice Rector, NBU

Presenters:

- Prof. *Brendan Donnelly* - Director, The Federal Trust for Education & Research
- Prof. *Ignacio Molina*- Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid

**12:30**                    **Concluding remarks** by the TEPSA Chairman Prof. *Michael Kaeding*, University of Duisburg-Essen

**13.00**                    Lunch