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Comenius University in Bratislava

PROGRAMME



Programme Thursday 2 June 2016

12.30 – 13.30 Welcome to participants & registration

13.30 – 14.30 Official opening

Welcoming words by:

prof. RNDr. Karol Mičieta, PhD. (Rector of Comenius University in Bratislava)

assoc. prof Lucia Mokrá (Dean of Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences)

prof. Jaap de Zwaan (TEPSA Secretary General, Lecturer European Integration, The Hague University for Applied Sciences, Em. Professor of the Law of the European Union, Erasmus University Rotterdam)

14.30 – 16.00 Session I.

Slovak Presidency and the key issues of the EU agenda

Introductory Remarks by:

Ivan Korčok (State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic/Plenipotentiary of the Government for the Slovak Presidency of the Council of the EU): Priorities of the presidency

- 1) Oľga Gyarfášová (Director, Institute of European Studies and International Relations): How the EU is understood in Slovakia (reflection on the recent parliamentary elections)
- 2) Jaroslav Nad' (Slovak Security Policy Institute): Defence strategy and policy – reflection to deeper communication between member states and with other actors
- 3) Funda Tekin (CIFE): Recommendations to Slovak Presidency on behalf of TEPSA

16.15 – 17.30 Session II.

Employment and competitiveness of the EU in the world market EU in the global perspective

Chair: Oľga Gyarfášová (IESIR)

- 1) Miroslav Beblavý (Centre for European Policy Studies, MP)
- 2) Andras Inotai (TEPSA Board, IWE)
- 3) Miroslav Štefánik (Slovak Academy of Science)

17.30 – 19.30 TEPSA General Assembly

20.30 DINNER

Programme Friday 3 June 2016

08.45 – 9.00 Welcome coffee and tea

9.00 – 10.15 Session III.

EU as area of freedom, security and justice – for citizens only?

Migration crisis, development agenda, humanitarian principles crisis in the Europe, future of Schengen

Chair: Aliaksei Kazharski (IESIR)

- 1) Jaap de Zwaan (TEPSA Secretary General)
- 2) Nikos Frangakis/ prof. Spyridon Flogaitis (EKEME/EPLO)
- 3) Zivka Deleva (former IESIR)

Discussion

10.15 – 12.00 Session IV.

Security challenges in Europe as a challenge to humanity? Defence cooperation, energy security, cooperation of international actors

in cooperation with the Ministry of Defence of the SR

Chair: Andrea Figulová

- 1) Róbert Tibenský (Director General of Defence Policy Department, Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic)
- 2) Gianni Bonvicini (TEPSA Board, IAI)
- 3) Hanna Ojanen (TEPSA Board, University of Tampere)

Discussion

12.00 – 13.15 LUNCH

13.15 – 14.45 Session V.

Fiscal and monetary union – cooperation or competition model?

in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of the SR

Chair: Tomáš Profant (IESIR)

- 1) Ivan Lesay (Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic, State Secretary)
- 2) Iain Begg (TEPSA Board, LSE)
- 3) University of Economics, Bratislava (name tbc)

Discussion

15.00 – 16.00 Concluding Session

Challenges and opportunities for the Slovak Presidency - Setting the Agenda for the European Council

Conclusions of the IESIR | TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference 2016

Moderator: Wolfgang Wessels (TEPSA Chairperson, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam at CETEUS |Centre for Turkey and EU Studies, University of Cologne)

Panellists: Chairs from the sessions

Concluding Remarks