

# THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

## Bucharest EU Pre-Presidency Conference

22 – 23 November 2018

Hosted by:

Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)  
Aula Magna Hall, Caderea Bastiliei St. no. 2-10

### DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 22 of November 2018

08:30 – 09:00 Participants' registration\*

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome and opening remarks  
Nicolae Istudor, Rector, Bucharest University of Economic Studies  
Gheorghe Hurduzeu, Dean of the Faculty of International Business and  
Economics, Romania

09:30 -12:00 The future of the European Union: an economic perspective  
Paul Dembinski, Director of Observatoire de la Finance in Geneva

### Official start of the Pre-Presidency Conference

12:00 – 12:10 Words of Welcome  
Jaap de Zwaan, TEPSA Secretary General

12:10 – 13:30 Priorities and goals of the Romanian EU Presidency 2019 and TEPSA  
recommendations

Sabina Lange, European Institute of Public Administration, Netherlands  
Cristian Badescu, Foreign Ministry's Special Representative for the  
preparation of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU (TBC)  
Leonard Orban, EU Affairs adviser, Romanian Presidential Administration  
(TBC)

Questions and Answers

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

\* TEPSA delegates are kindly invited to join the conference in the morning, but the official  
start of the Pre-Presidency conference is only at 12:00

### Parallel Sessions

#### 14:30– 15:30 Parallel Session 1: The post 2020 Multi-annual Financial Framework

**Siegfried Muresan**, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group (TBC)  
**Ian Begg**, London School of Economics (TBC)  
**Jakša Puljiz**, Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia  
*Moderator: Guido Tiemann, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria*

#### 14:30 – 15:30 Parallel Session 2: European Elections 2019 and the Future of Europe

**Maja Bučar**, Center of International Relations at the University of Ljubljana  
**Ignacio Mollina**, Elcano Royal Institute, Spain (TBC)  
**Paul Schmidt**, Austrian Society for European Politics  
*Moderator: Michael Kaeding, TEPSA Chairman, University of Duisburg-Essen*

### Parallel sessions

#### 15:30 - 17:00 Parallel Session 1: Connecting a disconnected (and more divided) Europe – Energy, Transport, Security

**Wolff Werner-Wilhelm**, General Director TAROM (TBC)  
**Dorin Ivascu**, Managing Partner of the Romanian Airport Service (RAS) (TBC)  
**Nicoletta Pirozzi**, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy  
**Juha Jokela**, Finnish Institute for International Affairs  
**Gunilla Reischl**, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (TBC)

#### 15:30 - 17:00 Parallel Session 2: Brexit- Ambiguity or clarity on the future partnership?

**Brendan Donnelly**, Federal Trust for Education and Research, United Kingdom  
**Andrew Noble**, British Ambassador to Romania (TBC)  
**Jaap de Zwaan**, TEPSA Secretary General

#### 15:30 – 17:00 Parallel Session 3: Eastern challenges (with a special focus on Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia)

**Maria Ligor**, European Endowment for Democracy (TBC)  
**Kristi Raik**, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute  
**Victor Zamiatin**, Razumkov Centre, Ukraine  
*Moderator: Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH Zurich*

#### 17:00 – 18:30 TEPSA General Assembly (Virgil Madgearu Meeting Room)

19:00 Conference Gala Dinner (*Marshall Garden Hotels Restaurant*)  
Presentation of TEPSA Book: “The Future of Europe – Views from the Capitals”  
– Romanian Chapter

Friday, 23 of November 2018

**10:00 - 12:00 EU's Democratic Challenges: Romania, Poland, Hungary, Greece**  
(Room: Grigore Moisil Amfiteater)

**Katrin Böttger**, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin (TBC)

**Marek Cichocki**, Foundation for European Studies – European Institute Łódź  
(TBC)

**Bianca Toma**, Romanian Center for European Policies

**Nikos Papakostas**, Interalia, Greece (TBC)

**Snezhina Gabova**, Risk Monitor, Bulgaria (TBC)

**Liutauras Gudzinskas**, Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences,  
Vilnius University

*Moderator: Cristian Pantazi, G4Media*

**12:00 – 12:30 Concluding remarks**

**Michael Kaeding**, TEPSA Chairman, University of Duisburg-Essen

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch**

