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PROGRAMME

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RELATIONS PRAGUE

🕒 13:00–13:30 REGISTRATION

🕒 13:30–13:45 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS GREAT HALL

WORDS OF WELCOME

Jim Cloos (Secretary-General, TEPSA)

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Ondřej Ditych (Director, Institute of International Relations Prague)

🕒 13:45–15:15 PLENARY SESSION: THE CZECH EU
PRESIDENCY: WHAT TO EXPECT GREAT HALL

Chair

Petr Kratochvíl

(Professor; Senior
Researcher, Institute of
International Relations
Prague; Board Member,
TEPSA)

The plenary session will focus on the upcoming Czech EU Presidency and the key events that will define EU policy-making in the second half of 2022.

WELCOME SPEECH

Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

PRESENTATION OF TEPSA RECOMMENDATIONS

Jan Šnidauf (Director of the Foreign Policy Analyses and Planning Department,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic)

Ilke Toygür (CATS Fellow, SWP Berlin; Professor of Geopolitics of Europe,
University Carlos III of Madrid)

Funda Tekin (Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin)

Kristi Raik (Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute; Adjunct Professor
of International Relations, University of Turku)

Mihai Sebe (Head of European Studies Unit, European Institute of Romania)

Mariam Khotenashvili (Executive Director, TEPSA)

Q&A SESSION

🕒 15:15–15:30 COFFEE BREAK

🕒 15:30–17:00 PLENARY SESSION: THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE
WAR: A CRISIS OF EUROPEAN SECURITY? GREAT HALL

Chair

Ondřej Ditych

(Director, Institute of
International Relations
Prague)

The session will focus on the repercussions of the Russian-Ukrainian war and the consequences of the conflict for European security as well as the role of the European Union therein.

Speakers

Kristi Raik (Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute; Adjunct Professor of International Relations, University of Turku)

Senem Aydin-Düzgüt (Professor of International Relations, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabanci University; Research and Academic Affairs Coordinator, Istanbul Policy Center)

Oleksiy Melnyk (Co-Director, Razumkov Centre)

Roderick Parkes (Research Director, German Council on Foreign Relations)

🕒 17:15–18:45

PARALLEL SESSION I: CENTRAL EUROPE:
A REGION IN RESHUFFLE

GREAT HALL

Chair

Sabina Kajnc-Lange
(Senior Lecturer,
European Institute of
Public Administration)

The session will explore the recent developments regarding the evolution of the cooperation in Central Europe. In particular, it will analyse the Visegrad Four in the context of the continued conflict between the European Commission and some members of the group, particularly their conflicts over topics such as migration and rule of law. It will also shed light on the recent political changes in the region and their consequences for the future of the Visegrad cooperation.

*This parallel session is co-organised with EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy.

Speakers

Péter Balázs (Professor Emeritus, CEU; former Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs)

Marek Cichocki (College of Europe Natolin and European Center Natolin)

Magda Vášáryová (Founder and first Director of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association; Ambassador, A.D. in Austria and Poland; former Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic; former Member of the National Council of the Slovak Republic)

🕒 17:15–18:45

PARALLEL SESSION II:
THE GREEN DEAL: ARE WE FIT
FOR CARBON NEUTRALITY?

MIRROR HALL

Chair

Luke O'Callaghan-White
(Senior Researcher,
Institute of International
and European Affairs,
Dublin)

Legislative changes aiming at achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 will be debated throughout the second half of 2022. The session will address the most important challenges ahead, while also taking into account the lessons from the recent dramatic increase in energy prices and the conflict with Russia as an important energy provider.

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Speakers

Marco Siddi (Senior Researcher, Finnish Institute of International Affairs; Montalcini Assistant Professor, University of Cagliari)

Aleksandra Palkova (Researcher, Latvian Institute of International Affairs; Senior Researcher, Riga Stradins University)

Veronika Slakaityte (Danish Institute for International Studies)

🕒 10:15–10:45 REGISTRATION

🕒 10:45–12:15 PLENARY SESSION: THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION: AFTER THE CRISES AND THE COFOE GREAT HALL

The concluding plenary session will discuss the major challenges for the European Union lying ahead, while also exploring the impact of the just completed Conference on the Future of Europe. This panel is organised in the framework of the Horizon 2020 project DICE: Differentiation Clustering Excellence.

Chair

Jakub Eberle
(Research Director,
Institute of International
Relations Prague)

Speakers

Nicoletta Pirozzi (Institutional Relations Manager; Head of the EU, Politics and Institutions programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali)
Jaap de Zwaan (Professor Emeritus of European Union Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam and former Director of the Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Clingendael)
Frank Schimmelfennig (Professor of European Politics, ETH Zurich)
Ilke Toygür (CATS Fellow, SWP Berlin; Professor of Geopolitics of Europe, University Carlos III of Madrid)

🕒 12:15–12:30 CLOSING SPEECH GREAT HALL

Jakub Utěšený (Director, CZ PRES Preparation and Coordination Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic)

🕒 12:30–12:40 CONCLUDING REMARKS GREAT HALL

Lucia Mokrá (Associate Professor of International and European Law at Comenius University in Bratislava, Chairperson of the TEPSA Board)
Petr Kratochvíl (Professor; Senior Researcher, Institute of International Relations Prague; Board Member, TEPSA)

🕒 12:40 LUNCH

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The Czech Pre-Presidency Conference is a prestigious high-level meeting co-organised by the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) the oldest trans-European research network which spans across 37 European countries, and TEPSA's member institutes. The conference is organised twice a year in the capital of the country of the upcoming Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The Czech Pre-Presidency Conference is organised by the Institute of International Relations and TEPSA on 23–24 May 2022 in Prague.

The conference brings together academics, policy-makers, media and civil society in order to discuss the agenda and challenges of the upcoming Presidency. More specifically, the conference assesses the impact of the Russian-Ukrainian war on the future of European security, but it also explores a number of other key issues, such as the significance of the recent political reshuffle in Central Europe, the recommendations of the Conference on the Future of Europe as well as the new challenges to the Green Deal initiative.

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