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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, Nezabrivka 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. <i>Jaap de Zwaan</i> , TEPSA Secretary General
13.30	Welcome address by the Prof. <i>Antoni Slavinski</i> , President of the Board of Trustees of the NBU
13.45	Welcome address by <i>Ognian Zlatev</i> , Head of the European Commission's Representation in Sofia <i>Iskra Mihaylova</i> - MEP, Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, Chair of the Committee on Regional Development
14.00	<u>“The priorities of the Bulgarian EU Presidency”</u> Address by: • Minister of the BG EU Presidency, <i>Lilyana Pavlova</i> • Deputy Minister of the BG EU Presidency, <i>Monika Panayotova</i>
14.30	<u>TEPSA Recommendations to the Bulgarian EU Presidency</u>
15.00	Discussion
15.30	Coffee break

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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