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EVENT PROGRAMME

17 JUNE 2021

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome and opening remarks

Prof. Dr. Maja Bučar

Centre of International Relations, University of Ljubljana, TEPSA Member

Jim Cloos

TEPSA Secretary-General

Dr. Anže Logar

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

10:30 – 12:00

Plenary Session: Priorities of the Slovenian EU Council Presidency and TEPSA Recommendations

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Maja Bučar

Centre of International Relations, University of Ljubljana, TEPSA Member

SPEAKERS:

Mag. Gašper Dovžan

State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

TEPSA Recommendations

Presented by

Dr. Funda Tekin

TEPSA Recommendations Team and Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik, TEPSA Member

Dr. Louise van Schaik

Head of Unit EU and Global Affairs, Clingendael Institute, TEPSA Member

Andrea G. Rodriguez

Researcher and Project Manager, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, TEPSA Member

Youth Recommendations

Presented by #EngageEurCouncil

Louisa Mandt, Climate Policy

Katharina Johanna Klotz, Digitalization

Kalina Dukovska, Enlargement Policy

Darragh Power, Health Policy

PARALLEL SESSIONS

12:30 – 14:00

Parallel Session I: European Green Deal

How can the European economy recover from Covid-19 and prioritise the green transition at the same time?

Moderator: Dr. Louise van Schaik

Head of Unit EU and Global Affairs, Clingendael Institute, TEPSA Member

SPEAKERS:

Raffaele Mauro Petriccione

Director General, DG CLIMA

Dr. Janez Potočnik

SYSTEMIQ Partner and the Co-Chair of the UNI International Resource Panel, former European Commissioner for Science and Research and for the Environment

Dr. Simone Borghesi

Director of the Florence School of Regulation - Climate, part-time Professor at the European University Institute and Professor of Environmental Economics at the Department of Political and International Sciences, University of Siena, Italy

Ladeja Godina Košir, M.Sc.

Founder & Director of Circular Change, Slovenia, and Chair of European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform (ECESP)

12:30 - 14:00

Parallel session II: European Solidarity in Action and the Future of Europe

Has the pandemic pushed the European solidarity amongst member states or rather showed a lack of it? Has the European Union extended its powers in times of crisis?

Moderator: Paul Schmidt

Secretary General at the Austrian Society for European Politics (ÖGfE)

SPEAKERS:

Prof. Dr. Maja Bučar

Centre of International Relations, University of Ljubljana, TEPSA Member

Dr. Katrin Boettger

Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, TEPSA Member

Dr. Alice Cunha

Researcher, Portuguese Institute of International Relations, TEPSA Member

Dr. Hristo Panchugov

Assistant Professor, New Bulgarian University, TEPSA Member

PARALLEL SESSIONS

15:30 - 17:00

Parallel session I: Digitalisation and Security

Which are the most important issues related to the digitalisation issue in Europe? Can the EU become more competitive via digitalisation? How can EU leverage the possibilities of cyberattacks or different interventions and influence in its digital activities?

Moderator: Andrea G. Rodriguez

Researcher and Project Manager, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, TEPSA Member

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Uroš Svete

Director of Information Security Administration of the Republic of Slovenia (ISARS)

Alejandro Cainzos

Member of Cabinet of Margrethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for a Europe fit for the Digital Age

Dr. Jarno Limnéll

Professor of Practice, Cyber Security at Aalto University

Dr. Vladlena Benson

Professor of Cybersecurity Management, Aston University

15:30 - 17:00

Parallel Session II: EU post-COVID 19 Recovery

How are EU and its Member States responding to the crisis caused by pandemic? Is the Recovery and Resilience Facility the right and sufficient answer? How are the Member States addressing the crisis?

Moderator: Igor Evgen Bergant

Journalist and TV presenter, RTV Slovenia

Keynote: Céline Gauer

Director General, Recovery and Resilience Task Force, European Commission

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Peter Wostner

Senior Analyst and Researcher, Institute for Macroeconomic Analysis and Development

Miguel Otero-Iglesias

Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute, TEPSA Member

Dr. Olivier Rozenberg

Associate Professor, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, TEPSA Member

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Differentiated Integration and the Future of Europe (panel organised in the framework of the InDivEU project)

To what extent is the Conference on the Future of Europe a viable scenario for European reform: what do people and governments want?

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Michael Kaeding

IPC Mercator Fellow, Jean Monnet Professor ad personam, University of Duisburg Essen, Visiting Professor, College of Europe Bruges, TEPSA Member

Keynote: Dubravka Šuica

Vice-President of the European Commission, Democracy and Demography

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Sandra Kröger

Member of the InDivEU project and Senior Lecturer, University of Exeter

Dr. Matteo Bonomi

Assistant Project Coordinator of the EU IDEA project and Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, TEPSA Member

Dr. Magdalena Góra

Member of the EU3D project and Project Researcher, Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University, TEPSA Member



PARALLEL SESSIONS

11:00 - 12:30

Parallel Session I: The Western Balkans and the Eastern Neighbourhood

To what extent have EU tools to promote democracy and rule of law worked to bring change to the EU neighbourhood?

Moderator: Dr. Natasha Wunsch

Assistant Professor, Centre for European Studies and Comparative Politics, Sciences Po, TEPSA Member

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Irena Rajchinovska Pandeva

Vice-Dean for Science and International Cooperation, Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty at Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, North Macedonia, TEPSA Member

Dr. Yuriy Yakymenko

President, Razumkov Centre, Ukraine, TEPSA Member

Dr. Florent Marciacq

Senior Fellow at Centre International de Formation Européenne, Nice/Berlin, TEPSA Member and Deputy Secretary General and Research Fellow, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

Peter Grk

National Coordinator for the Western Balkans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

11:00 - 12:30

Parallel Session II: European Strategic Autonomy

What practical applications of the concept of Strategic Autonomy should the EU try to achieve in the fields of trade policy, medical supplies, defence and digitalisation in the next decade?

Moderator: Isabelle Kumar

Journalist

SPEAKERS:

Marc Vanheukelen

Ambassador at Large for Climate Diplomacy, European External Action Service

Jim Cloos

TEPSA Secretary-General

Dr. Nathalie Tocci

Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali, TEPSA Member

Dr. Niklas Helwig

Leading Researcher, European Strategic Autonomy, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, TEPSA Member

12:30 - 13:00

Concluding Remarks

Prof. Dr. Lucia Mokrá

Chairperson, TEPSA Board and Dean of the Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences of Comenius University, Bratislava

Prof. Dr. Maja Bučar

Professor, Centre of International Relations, University of Ljubljana, TEPSA Member

You will receive links to the online sessions upon confirmation of **registration** a week before the event.

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