

European Union in the Time of Crisis: Better Together?

Annual Conference of the Prague European Summit
6 – 8 June 2016
Lobkowicz Palace, Prague Castle, Jiřská 3, Prague 1

Monday, 6 June

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| Morning | Arrivals |
| 12:00 – 14:00 | Registration and welcome refreshment <i>(for speakers)</i> |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Working Lunch of the Programme Board |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Registration and welcome coffee <i>(for all participants)</i> |
| 14:30 – 16:00 | Opening plenary session Words of welcome: Vladimír Bartovic , Director of EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy Radko Hokovský , Executive Director, European Values Think-Tank Petr Kratochvíl , Director of the Institute of International Relations Key-Note Address: Why Better Together? Lubomír Zaorálek , Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic Federica Mogherini , High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (tbc) Moderator: Antonio Missiroli , Director of European Union Institute for Security Studies (tbc) |
| 16:00 – 16:30 | Coffee break |
| 16:30 – 18:00 | Breakout Sessions: Challenges for Europe |
| Breakout Sessions A: | Future of the Schengen cooperation Opening speaker: Guy Verhofstadt , Chairman of The Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, Member of the European Parliament (tbc) Discussant 1: Joachim Herrmann , Minister of Interior of Bavaria (tbc) Discussant 2: Claude Moraes , Chairman of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, Member of the European Parliament (tbc) Moderator: Gideon Rachman , Chief Foreign Affairs Commentator, Financial Times (tbc) |
| Breakout Sessions B: | Fragmentation vs. enhanced cooperation |

Opening speaker: **Ana Palacio**, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain (tbc)

Discussant 1: **Agata Gostyńska-Jakubowska**, Research Fellow at Centre for European Reform

Discussant 2: **Steven Blockmans**, Senior Research Fellow and Head of EU Foreign Policy at Centre for European Policy Studies

Moderator: **Tom Nuttall**, Charlemagne Columnist, The Economist, Brussels (tbc)

Breakout Sessions C: **Euroscepticism vs. trust building**

Opening speaker: tba

Discussant 1: **Thanos Dokos**, Director-General of Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy

Discussant 2: **Mark Leonard**, Director of European Council on Foreign Relations (tbc)

Moderator: **Vladimir Bilčík**, Research Fellow at Slovak Foreign Policy Association

18:00 – 20:00 **Welcome Networking Reception**

18:00 – 20:00 **Strategic Dinner** (special invitations only)

20:00 – 21:30 **Night Owl Sessions /3 parallel/**

On topical concrete issues to be determined two months before the conference with speakers and participants already confirmed for other panels

Tuesday, 7 June

8:30 – 10:00 **Discussion Breakfasts**

Topics and speakers to be agreed with the embassies

Discussion Breakfast - **German Embassy** (tbc)

Discussion Breakfast - **French Embassy** (tbc)

Discussion Breakfast - **Polish Embassy** (tbc)

10:00 – 10:30 Registration and coffee

10:30 – 12:30 **PES Business Panel: Europe's Internal Market: Visions for the Future** (tbc)

Lowri Evans, Director-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission (tbc)

CEOs: Erste Group / Česká spořitelna/ Volkswagen Group / Škoda Auto/ O2 / T-Mobile / Vodafone

Moderator: **Ivan Hodáč**, Vice-President, Aspen Institute Prague (tbc)

12:30 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 PES High Level Workshops: Why Better Together?

Workshop A Identity: European togetherness, values and nationalism

Moderator: **Wojciech Przybylski**, Editor-in-chief of Eurozine, Res Publica Nowa and Visegrad Insight

Rapporteur: **Roland Freudenstein**, Deputy Director, Head of Research, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels (tbc)

Workshop B Security: Can anyone face the current threats alone? And can we face them together?

Moderator: **Michal Kubal**, Head of Newsgathering, Czech Television (tbc)

Rapporteur: **Steven Blockmans**, Head of EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels (tbc)

Workshop C Prosperity: TBA

Moderator: **Peter Spiegel**, Brussels bureau Chief at Financial Times (tbc)

Rapporteur: (tba)

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00 PES Hard Talk

Guest speaker: **Yanis Varoufakis**, Professor of Economic Theory, Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Athens (tbc)

Moderator: **Ryan Heath**, Senior Editor, Politico Europe (tbc)

17:00 – 17:30 Coffee Break

17:30 – 19:00 PES Oxford Debates

PES Oxford Debate A: **Greece should stay in Eurozone**

Speaker FOR 1: **Yanis Varoufakis**, Professor of Economic Theory, Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Athens (tbc)

Speaker FOR 2: **Thomas Piketty**, Professor of Economics, École des hautes études en sciences sociales (tbc)

Speaker AGAINST 1: **Hans-Werner Sinn**, President, Ifo Institute for Economic Research (tbc)

Speaker AGAINST 2: Speaker from Slovakia/the Netherlands/Finland

Moderator: **Bernd Ulrich**, Deputy Editor-in-chief of Die Zeit (tbc)

PES Oxford Debate B: EU Member States should transfer their sovereignty to the European army

- Speaker FOR 1: **Anton Shekhovtsov**, Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (Austria)
- Speaker FOR 2: tba
- Speaker AGAINST 1: **Brian Katulis**, Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress
- Speaker AGAINST 2: **Daniel Gallington**, Senior policy and program adviser, George C. Marshall Institute (tbc)
- Moderator: **Henry Foy**, Central Europe Correspondent at Financial Times (tbc)

PES Oxford Debate C: TTIP is contrary to EU interests

- Speaker FOR 1: **Elvire Fabry**, Senior Research Fellow, Notre Europe (tbc)
- Speaker FOR 2: **Stefan Körzell**, national board member of the Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB) (tbc)
- Speaker AGAINST 1: **Hans Kundnani**, a Senior Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States
- Speaker AGAINST 2: **Marjorie Chorlins**, Vice-President for European Affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington
- Moderator: **Daniela Schwarzer**, Director of the Europe Program, the German Marshall Fund of the United States (tbc)

- 19:30 – 21:30** **Gala Dinner & Annual “Vision for Europe” Award** (by special invitation only)
Official Opening: **Lubomír Zaorálek**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- 21:30 – 23:00** Reception & Cocktail

Wednesday, 8 June

- 9:00 – 9:30** Registration and coffee
- 9:30 – 10:00** **PES Key-Note Speech: Why is it better to be together?**
Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission (tbc)
- 10:00 – 11:30** **Panel of the V4 Prime Ministers**
Bohuslav Sobotka, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Beata Szydło, Prime Minister of Poland
Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary

Robert Fico, Prime Minister of Slovakia

Moderator: **Matthew Kaminski**, Executive Editor of POLITICO's European edition

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30

Panel of the Benelux Prime Ministers

Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister of Luxembourg (tbc)

Charles Michel, Prime Minister of Belgium (tbc)

Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands (tbc)

Moderator: **Steven Erlanger**, London Bureau Chief, the New York Times (tbc)

13:30 – 14:30

Buffet Lunch

13:30 – 14:30

Working Lunch of the Programme Board

14:30 – 16:00

Final Plenary Session: Better Together?

Rapporteur A: **Roland Freudenstein**, Deputy Director, Head of Research, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels (tbc)

Rapporteur B: **Steven Blockmans**, Head of EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels (tbc)

Rapporteur C: (tbc)

Moderator: **Peter Spiegel**, Brussels bureau Chief, Financial Times (tbc)

Closing Remarks: Organizers

16:00 – 17:00

Farewell Glass of Wine

City Talks

To be added