Day 1 – 25 November

Opening remarks  12:35-12:45 CET
Mikuláš Dzurinda, President, Martens Centre

PANEL 1  12:45-13:45 CET
Current Challenges to Religious Freedom
Anton Tunega Foundation (Slovakia)
Heiner Bielefeldt, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c., University of Erlangen-Nürnberg
Ján Figel’, Ing. PhD. Dr.h.c. mult., Anton Tunega Foundation
Rebecca Shah, Prof. Dr., Baylor University
Miriam Lexmann, MEP, EPP, Member of DEPA - Moderator

PANEL 2  14:00-15:00 CET
Staying Subsidiary, Getting Stronger
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (Germany), Political Academy of the Austrian People’s Party (Austria)
Elmar Brok, former MEP, EPP, Member of the National Board of CDU
Franz Schausberger, former Governor of Salzburg, Member, CoR
Ingrid Steiner-Gashi, Brussels Correspondent, Kurier
Tomi Huhtanen, Executive Director, Martens Centre - Moderator

PANEL 3  15:15-16:15 CET
Digital Transformation as a Geopolitical Challenge for Europe
Konstantinos Karamanlis Institute for Democracy (Greece)
Leonidas Christopoulos, Secretary General of Digital Governance and Simplification of Procedures, Ministry of Digital Governance of Greece
Ray Pinto, Director for Digital Transformation, DIGITALEUROPE
Axel Voss, MEP, EPP, Member of AIDA Special Committee
Panagiotis Kakolyris, Head of International Affairs, KKID - Moderator

PANEL 4  16:30-17:30 CET
New European Pact on Migration: Overcoming the Stall?
Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung (Germany), Luigi Sturzo Institute (Italy)
Vincenzo Celeste, General Director for the EU, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary State Secretary to the German Federal Minister of the Interior, Building and Community
Roberta Metsola, MEP, EPP, Vice-President, EP
Loredana Teodorescu, Head of EU and International Affairs, ILS – Moderator

Closing remarks  17:30-17:40 CET
Markus Ferber, MEP, EPP, Chair, HSS, EPP Group Coordinator in the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, EP

Day 2 – 26 November

Opening remarks  12:35-12:45 CET
Dr. Hardy Ostry, Head, KAS European Office

PANEL 1  12:45-13:45 CET
The Geopolitical Challenges of the Eastern Mediterranean and the EU – Turkey Relations Giafkos Clerides Institute (Cyprus)
Paolo Alli, former President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
Dora Bakoyannis, Member of the Greek Parliament, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece
Ioannis Kasoulides, President, GCI, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cyprus
Michalis Sophocleous, Member of the Cypriot Parliament, Executive Director - Moderator

PANEL 2  14:00-15:00 CET
A Europe that Protects Its Heritage
De Gasperi Foundation (Italy)
François-Xavier Bellamy, MEP, EPP, Substitute Member of CULT Committee
Federico Ottavio Reho, Research Officer and Strategic Coordinator, Martens Centre
Luigi Crema, Professor of International Law, University of Milan, Member of the Scientific Committee, FDG - Moderator

PANEL 3  15:15-16:15 CET
The Art of the Green Deal
CDA Research Institute (The Netherlands)
Eva Palacková, Senior Political Adviser, EPP
Hans von Storch, Researcher, Institute of Coastal Research, Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht
Arjen Siegmann, Associate Professor of Finance, Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam and Economist, CDA Research Institute - Moderator

PANEL 4  16:30-17:30 CET
The Future of EU Enlargement: a New Momentum for the Western Balkans Freedom and Democracy Foundation (Albania)
Vladimir Bičič, MEP, EPP, Chair, D-ME Delegation
Jovana Marović, Executive Director, Politikon Network
Genc Pollo, Former MP and Head of Parliamentary Commission for EU Affairs of Albania
Patrick Voller, Secretary of External Relations, EPP – Moderator

Closing remarks  17:30-17:40 CET
Bettina Rausch, President, POLAK