

Geopolitical Europe – Adapting, Reshaping, Engaging

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 *Glafkos 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**

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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**

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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 Siegmans, 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)*

Vladimír Bilčík, 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 Volter, Secretary of External Relations, EPP - **Moderator**

Closing remarks 17:30-17:40 CET

Bettina Rausch, President, POLAK