



The European Union in a Time of Crisis: Better Together?

Monday, 6 June

Venue: *Lobkowitz Palace, Prague Castle, Jiřská 3, Prague 1*

13:30 – 14:00 Coffee break and registration for participants

14:00 – 16:00 **Opening Plenary Session**
 Words of welcome: **Radko Hokovský**, Executive Director, European Values Think-Tank
Petr Kratochvíl, Director, Institute of International Relations Prague
Martin Michelot, Head of Research, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

Key-Note Addresses: **Why Is It Better to Be Together?**
Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
Kristalina Georgieva, Vice-President for Budget and Human Resources, European Commission
Péter Balázs, Professor, Central European University, former EU Commissioner and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary
 Moderator: **Max Hofmann**, European Correspondent, Brussels Bureau Chief, Deutsche Welle

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Breakout Sessions: Challenges for Europe

Breakout Session A: **The Future of the Schengen Cooperation**
 Opening speaker: **Christian Bluth**, Project Manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung
 Discussant 1: **Kea-Sophie Stieber**, Foundation's Head of the European Union desk, Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung
 Discussant 2: ~~**Vessela Tchervenava**, Senior Director for Programmes and Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations, Sofia Office~~
 Moderator: **Beata Jaczewska**, Executive Director, International Visegrad Fund

Breakout Session B: **Fragmentation vs. Enhanced Cooperation**
 Opening speaker: **Ana Palacio**, former Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs and member of the Council of State of Spain
 Discussant 1: **Agata Gostyńska-Jakubowska**, Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform
 Discussant 2: **Steven Blockmans**, Senior Research Fellow and Head of EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies
 Moderator: **Eric Maurice**, Editor-in-Chief, Euobserver

Breakout Session C: **Euro-scepticism vs. Trust Building**
 Opening speaker: **Christian Lequesne**, Professor, Sciences Po, Paris, and Chief Editor, European Review of International Studies
 Discussant 1: **Thanos Dokos**, Director-General, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy
 Discussant 2: **Hans Kundnani**, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Moderator: **Vít Beneš**, Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations Prague

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

18:00 – 20:00 Strategic Dinner (*invitation only*)

20:00 – 21:30 **Night Owl Sessions**

Night Owl Session A: **The U.S. Presidential Elections 2016 and Their Impact on Transatlantic Relations**
Michal Baranowski, Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Warsaw
Dalibor Roháč, Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

Moderator: **Jeffrey Gedmin**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council
Vassilis Ntousas, International Relations Policy Advisor, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Night Owl Session B: **The Political Contagion of Brexit**
Christophe Hillion, Senior Researcher, Swedish Institute for European Studies and Norwegian Institute of International Affairs

Moderator: **Vivien Pertusot**, Head of Brussels for the French Institute of International Relations
~~**Vladimír Bičík**, Research Fellow, Slovak Foreign Policy Association~~

Moderator: **Emma Hogan**, Europe correspondent, The Economist

Night Owl Session C: **Russia: A Stumbling Block of the EU's Future Unity?**
Alexander Duleba, Director, Slovak Foreign Policy Association

Moderator: **Mart Laanemäe**, Undersecretary for Europe and Transatlantic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia

Nicu Popescu, Senior Analyst, The European Union Institute for Security Studies
Brian Whitmore, Senior Russia Analyst, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

City Talks

Venue: *European House, Jungmannova 24, Prague 1*

15:30 – 17:00 **The Future of the Schengen Cooperation**
Vassilis Ntousas, International Relations Policy Advisor, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

Moderator: **Krzysztof Bolesta**, Director of Research, Polityka Insight
Martin Michelot, Head of Research, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

Tuesday, 7 June

8:30 – 10:00 Discussion Breakfasts at the German and Spanish Embassy

Venue: Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (Vlašská 19, Prague 1)

Bridging the gap – how to avoid (or overcome) new dividing lines between EU member states

Wolfgang Wessels, Professor and Jean-Monnet-Chair, University of Cologne
Daniel Kaiser, Journalist, Echo Magazine

Venue: Spanish residence (Pevnostní 6, Prague 6)

Does the EU Project Have a Future?

Ana Palacio, former Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs and member of the Council of State of Spain
Michael Žantovský, Director, Vaclav Havel Library, and President, Aspen Institute Prague
Moderator: Martin Ehl, Chief International Editor, Hospodářské noviny (Economic daily)

Venue: Lobkowitz Palace, Prague Castle, Jiřská 3, Prague 1

10:00 – 10:30 Registration

10:30 – 12:30 **Business Panel: A More Competitive Europe: How to Enhance the Internal Market?**
Tomáš Prouza, State Secretary for European Affairs and Digital Agenda Coordinator, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic
Kristian Hedberg, Deputy Head of Cabinet of the EU Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
Tania le Moigne, Country Director, Google Czech Republic and Slovakia
Peter Stračár, General Director for Central and Eastern Europe, General Electric
Moderator: Ivan Hodač, Vice-President, Aspen Institute Prague

12:30 – 14:00 Buffet Lunch

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

Workshop A: **Identity: European Togetherness, Values and Nationalism**
Moderator: Wojciech Przybylski, Editor-in-chief Eurozine, chairman Res Publica
Rapporteur: Dalibor Roháč, Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

Workshop B: **Security: Can Anyone Face the Current Threats Alone? And Can We Face Them Together?**
Moderator: Elisabeth Braw, Correspondent, Christian Science Monitor, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Rapporteur: Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow and Head of EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies
Workshop C: **Prosperity: How to Translate Economic Growth into Social Cohesion?**
Moderator: Richard Cockett, Business Editor, The Economist
Rapporteur: Ernst Stetter, Secretary-General, Foundation for European Progressive Studies

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 **PES Oxford Debates**

PES Oxford Debate A: **Greece Should Stay in the Eurozone**
Speaker FOR 1: Dimitri Sotiropoulos, Associate Professor, University of Athens, Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy
Speaker FOR 2: Sony Kapoor, Managing Director, Re-Define
Speaker AGAINST 1: Frances Coppola, freelance journalist
Speaker AGAINST 2: Tim Worstall, Fellow, Adam Smith Institute, freelance journalist
Moderator: Simon Nixon, Chief European Commentator, The Wall Street Journal

PES Oxford Debate B: **EU Member States Should Transfer Their Sovereignty to the European Army**
Speaker FOR: Anton Shekhovtsov, Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Sciences, Austria
Speaker AGAINST: Martin Michelot, Head of Research, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy
Moderator: Henry Foy, Central Europe Correspondent, Financial Times

PES Oxford Debate C: **TTIP is Contrary to EU Interests**
Speaker FOR 1: Gabriel Siles-Brügge, Lecturer in Politics, University of Manchester
Speaker FOR 2: Michael Efler, Board member, Mehr Demokratie e.V. Germany (tbc)
Speaker AGAINST 1: Nicholas Hodac, Government and Regulatory Affairs Executive, IBM
Speaker AGAINST 2: Marcin Korolec, former Minister of Environment of Poland
Moderator: Ivan Hodač, Vice-President, Aspen Institute Prague

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské náměstí 5, Prague 1

18:00 – 20:30 Reception & Annual "Vision for Europe" Award

18:30 Official Opening:
Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
Petr Kratochvíl, Director, Institute of International Relations Prague

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Christophe Hillion, Senior Researcher, Swedish Institute for European Studies and Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
Moderator: Jan Kovář, Chief Analyst, European Values Think-tank, Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations Prague

Wednesday, 8 June

Venue: Lobkowitz Palace, Prague Castle, Jiřská 3, Prague 1

10:00 – 10:30 Registration

10:30 – 11:00 **PES Chat: Crises in the Neighbourhood**
Štefan Füle, former European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

11:00 – 12:30 **Final Plenary Session: Better Together?**
Rapporteur A: Dalibor Roháč, Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Rapporteur B: Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow and Head of EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies
Rapporteur C: Ernst Stetter, Secretary-General, Foundation for European Progressive Studies
Moderator: Richard Cockett, Business Editor, The Economist

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14:00 – 15:00 **The European Union in a Time of Crisis: Better Together?**
Bohuslav Sobotka, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Beata Szydło, Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland
Viktor Orbán, Prime Minister of Hungary
Robert Fico, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic
Moderator: Matthew Kaminski, Executive Editor, POLITICO's European edition
Closing Remarks: Radko Hokovský, Executive Director, European Values Think-Tank

15:00 – 16:00 Glass of Wine