

**AGENDA**  
**Expert roundtable**  
**‘Bridging the EU Council presidencies: From Bucharest to Berlin’**

June 3 – 4, 2019, Casa Vlășia, Snagov, Romania

**Sunday, June 2**

19:00 Dinner at Casa Vlășia

**Monday, June 3**

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:30 **Opening panel**

Welcome. Project goals, timeline, method

Romanian EU Council presidency – looking (almost) back:  
outcomes of the Sibiu summit and elections to the European  
Parliament, the challenges ahead

**George Ciamba**, Minister for EU Affairs  
**Oana Popescu**, director, GlobalFocus Center  
**Daniela Schwarzer**, director, DGAP

13:30 – 14:45 **Session 1 – *Europe and the world (Jana)***

Europe in a world of shifting power relationships and changing paradigms in  
international cooperation. Future of relations with the US, China and Russia. Trade.  
Neighbourhood policy and enlargement.

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:30 **Session 2 – *Internal and external security challenges and solutions (Jana)***

Domestic and external security. The changing nature of security threats (incl. cyber,  
stratcom, terrorism). European Defence, PESCO and NATO. European security post-  
Brexit.

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16:30 – 17:45      **Session 3 – Migration (Oana)**

Borders and integration. Relations with Africa and the Middle East. Immigration as opportunity and challenge (humanitarian obligations, labor market necessities, security aspects)

19:00 **High-level dinner at Hotel Epoque, Bucharest**

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**Tuesday, June 4**

9:00 – 10:15      **Session 4 – Economy in flux (Daniela)**

Digitisation. Growth and competitiveness. Circular economy. Climate change and energy. Sustainability.

10:15 – 11:45      **Session 5 - The future of economic and monetary integration (Daniela)**

The future of economic governance in the euro area. Risk scenarios and remedies. Centrifugal and centripetal forces. Ensuring cohesion and convergence.

11:45 – 12:15      Coffee break

12:15 – 13:30      **Session 6 – The EU and its citizens (Oana)**

Reconnecting with citizens. A new social contract. Values, representation, addressing the concerns of Europeans, crafting a new narrative for the EU. Labour standards and social welfare, the future of work.

13:30 – 14:00      **Closing panel** (conclusions, the way forward etc)

14:00 **Lunch and individual departures**

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