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Europe at Risk
New Players in the European Union

December 5-6, 2019

Venue
Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue
Armbrustergasse 15/1190 Vienna

Draft Program

December 5

- Morning arrival and accommodation at
Hotel Wandl, Petersplatz 9, 1010 Vienna
- 12:00 bus transfer from Hotel Wandl to Venue
- 12:30-13:30 light lunch
- 13:30-13.45 Welcome:
Gertraud Auer Borea d'Olmo, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue
Anna Ganeva, Executive Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies
GM Johann Frank, Defence Policy Director, Federal Ministry of Defence, Austria
- 13:45-15:30 **The new EU players – who did the people of the EU elect and why?**
Eva Maydell, Member of the European Parliament, the European People's Party Group
Andreas Schieder, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats
Michal Simecka, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group, Vice-Chairman of the political party Progressive Slovakia
Paul Schmidt, Secretary General, Austrian Society for European Policy
Chair: **Ruzha Smilova**, Programme Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break



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16.00-18:00 **Power distribution in the EU - how does decision making work in Brussels?**
Ana Palacio, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain and former Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the World Bank Group
Zoltan Martinusz, Director, DG Foreign Affairs, Enlargement and Civil Protection Directorate Trade, Development, FAC Support, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union
Hugo Brady, Member of cabinet and speechwriter to the President of the European Council till December 2019
Thomas Mayr-Harting, Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia in the European External Action Service (November 2015 - August 2019)
Daniel Smilov, Programme Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies
Chair: **Piotr Buras**, Director of the Warsaw office of the European Council on Foreign Relations

18:00 transfer to restaurant/hotel

19:00 dinner at Restaurant Salzamt, Ruprechtsplatz 1

December 6

9.00 Bus transfer from Hotel Wandl to venue

9:30-11:00 **The EU in the eve of the next economic crisis – what policies can the new players propose/inforce?**

Franz Fischler, President, European Forum Alpbach; President, Institute for Advanced Studies; former EU Commissioner for Agriculture

Federico Fubini, Editor-at-large with *Corriere della Sera*

Chair: **Georgy Ganev**, Programme Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies

11:00-11:30 coffee break



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- 11:30-13:30 **Main security risks facing the EU - new responses to old problems?**
François Heisbourg, Senior Advisor for Europe, International Institute for Strategic Studies; Special Advisor, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique
Jakub Wisniewski, Vice President and Director, Globsec Policy Institute
Jan Joel Andersson, Policy Officer, Strategy and Policy Unit at European Defence Agency
Kristof Bender, European Stability Initiative
Chair: **Joris Van Bladel**, Associate Fellow at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels and at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy
- 13:30-14:30 lunch
- 14:30-16:30 **EU – new paths, new projects, new utopias?**
Ralf Beste, Ambassador of Germany to Vienna
Ulrike Guérot, Founder and Director, European Democracy Lab; Krems Professor, European Policy and Study of Democracy, Danube University
Malgorzata Bonikowska, President, Centre for International Relations, Warsaw, Poland
Chair: **Ivan Krastev**, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies; Permanent Fellow IWM;
- 16:30-17.00 **In conversation**
Clément Beaune, Adviser Europe and G20, Office of the President of the Republic of France
Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies; Permanent Fellow IWM
- 17:00-17:30 **The way forward – discussion and closing remarks**
Chair: **Ivan Krastev**, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies; Permanent Fellow IWM
- 17:30 farewell drinks and departure