

Europe under pressure – how to overcome divisions and secure EU strength and coherence

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PROGRAMME

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14.00 **Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Andres **Kasekamp**, Acting Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute (EVI), Tallinn

Prof. Dr. Mathias **Jopp**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin

Opening speech

Urmas **Paet**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tallinn

14.30 – 16.15 Session I

Trends and perceptions in the EU-28 – more Europe, differentiation or re-nationalisation?

Chair

Prof. Dr. Werner **Weidenfeld**, Centre for Applied Policy Research (CAP), University of Munich

Introductions and Discussion

Dr. Peter **Schoof**, Director for Basic Issues of EU External Relations and Relations with EU Member States, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Juhan **Lepassaar**, Member of the Cabinet Siim Kallas, Vice-President of the European Commission, Brussels

16.15 – 16.45 **Coffee**

16.45 – 18.30 Session II

The EU as an economic crisis manager – achievements and problems ahead

Chair

Dr. Juha **Jokela**, Programme Director, The European Union research programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

Introductions and Discussion

Kārlis **Bukovskis**, Deputy Director, Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Riga

Prof. Dr. Ansgar **Belke**, Chair of Macroeconomics, University of Duisburg-Essen

Dr. Vytautas **Kuokštis**, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

19.30 **Reception**

on the invitation of H.E. Mr. Christian Matthias **Schlaga**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Estonia, at the Residence, Lossi plats 7, Tallinn

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9.00 – 10.45 Session III

The EU as a foreign policy player – ambitions and realities

Chair

Dr. Gunilla **Herolf**, Vice President, Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences (RSAWS), Stockholm

Introductions and Discussion

Marko **Mihkelson** MP, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Tallinn

Dr. Alfredo **Conte**, Head of Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Dr. Kristi **Raik**, The European Union Research Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (UPI), Helsinki

10.45 – 11.00 **Coffee**

11.15 – 12.45 Session IV

The future of the EU – what kind of reforms and methods?

Chair

Prof. Dr. Rudolf **Hrbek**, Spokesman of the Board, European Centre for Research on Federalism, University of Tübingen

Introductions and Discussion

Dr. Mart **Laanemäe**, Undersecretary, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tallinn

Ilze **Rūse**, Director, European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Riga

Manuel **Sarrazin** MP, Spokesman on European Affairs, Parliamentary Group Bündnis 90/Die Grünen, German Bundestag, Berlin

12.45 – 13.00 **What next – Concluding remarks and future perspectives of cooperation**

Dr. Elfriede **Regelsberger**, Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin

Prof. Dr. Andres **Kasekamp**, Acting Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute (EVI), Tallinn

13.00 **Farewell lunch**