



NEXT EUROPE
In the Context of Internal and External
Challenges

First Seminar
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Vision for NEXT EUROPE
How to cope with a fundamental political re-set
of the Union?

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Armbrustergasse 15, 1190 Wien

Monday, May 30, 2016

09:30 Transfer from hotel to conference venue

10:00 Registration and coffee

10:15 **Welcome and opening address**
Gertraud Auer Borea d'Olmo, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

10:30 **Session 1**

- What *Next Europe* is going to be?
- Will it be a *Next Europe* or *Next Europes*?
- Fragmentation and erosion of the EU, business as usual or a new beginning?

Robert Cooper, Diplomat, Former Counsellor, European External Action Service

Ulrike Guérot, Founder and Director of the European Democracy Lab at the European School of Governance in Berlin

Caroline de Gruyter, author and journalist, a European Affairs correspondent for the leading Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad

Torbjorn Sohlstrom, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Moderator **Hannes Swoboda**, Member of the European Parliament 1996-2014, President of the group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats from January 2012 to June 2014

12:30 **Lunch**

14:00 **Session 2**

- Do we go for a stronger EU (federalization, EU defense integration) or we will have a two (or even multi-) speed Europe?
- How do we imagine the future of EU enlargement? Do we see the Western Balkans, Turkey, and Ukraine as part of EU?
- How do we define the external borders of the EU?
- How do we protect the borders especially in EU neighboring countries?

Zoltan Martinusz, Director DG C - enlargement, Council of the EU

Milica Delevic, Deputy Secretary General, European Bank for Research and Development

Monica Clua Losada, Visiting Professor Political Science, Department of Political and Social Sciences at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, vice-chair of the Critical Political Economy Research Network of the European Sociological Association

Yannis Mastrogeorgiou, Director of DIKTYO Network for Reform in Greece and Europe

Milan Nič, Director, Think Tanks Central European Policy Institute / CEPI

Moderator **Vessela Tcherneva**, Senior Director for Programmes and acting Head of ECFR Sofia Office, European Council on Foreign Relations

15:30 **Coffee Break**

16:00 **Session 3**

- The significance of the deal with the UK and the possible outcomes of the referendum on June 23 - what if Brexit?
- How do we have to re-think the Union, the EU institutions, do we get closer or fall apart?
- Will *Next Europe* be based on the same values we share now?
- Will *Next Europe* be a safe place to be?

Adam Fagan, Professor European politics and Head of school, Queen Mary University of London

Ruth Wodak, Emeritus Distinguished Professor and Chair in Discourse Studies at Lancaster University

Ulrich Ladurner, Foreign policy reporter DIE ZEIT

Jiří Přibáň, Professor, Cardiff Law School

Lars Ebert, programme co-ordinator of the cultural centre Castrum Peregrini in Amsterdam

Moderator **Stefan Lehne**, expert on European foreign policy and international security, visiting scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels;

17:30 **Summary and conclusions**

Ivan Krastev, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies; Permanent Fellow IWM

Informal discussion and coffee

19:00 **Public Discussion**

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Soli Ozel, Professor of International Relations at Kadir Has University in Istanbul and a columnist at Habertürk daily newspaper

Moderator **Ivan Krastev**, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies; Permanent Fellow IWM

20:30 **Dinner**

Key-note speech

Rumiana Bachvarova, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of Bulgaria

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