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AGENDA

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10719 Berlin

20 June 2017

17:00 – 17:15 Welcome/Opening Remarks

Barbara Lippert, Director of Research, SWP

Vladimír Bilčík, Head of EU Programme, SFPA

Martin Kremer, Head of Division for Central Europe, Federal Foreign Office

Peter Lizák, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic in Germany

Anne Seyfferth, Director, FES Office in the Czech Republic and Slovakia

17:15 – 19:00 The Future of a United, but Differentiated EU

How does multi-speed Europe look in practice? What does it mean to be in the “core”? How to reconcile unity and flexibility? What are chances and risks of multi-speed Europe? How do political realities square with Commission scenarios?

Speakers

Christoph Wolfrum, Head of Division, EU Policy Planning Staff – Basic Issues and EU Strategic Priorities, Federal Foreign Office

Mária Malová, Director, Department for EU affairs, Slovak MFA

Nicolai von Ondarza, Deputy Head of Research Division EU/Europe

Vladimír Bilčík, Head of EU Programme, SFPA

Marek Lenč, Lecturer, Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica

Chair

Barbara Lippert



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9:30 – 11:00 **Transformation of Political Landscapes in Member States and Implications for Foreign and Security Policy**

What does the rise of political fragmentation and populism mean for foreign and security policy of EU member states and for the CFSP? Which opportunities arise for external actors? How to engage hybrid threats? How to keep the US engaged in Europe?

Speakers

Michael Bröning, Head of International Policy, FES, Berlin

Milan Nič, Senior Fellow, DGAP, Berlin

Chair

Kai-Olaf Lang

11:00 – 11:30 **Snack**

11:30 – 13:00 **Prospects for EU Eastern Policies**

How do we assess the Minsk process? How do we view domestic situation in Ukraine and prospects for reforms there? What agenda and issues for the Eastern Partnership Summit in 2017? How to engage Russia?

Speakers

Andreas Prothmann Ambassador; Special Envoy for Ukraine, Head of the Ukraine Task Force, Federal Foreign Office

Martin Kačo, Director, CFSP Department, Slovak MFA

Alexander Duleba, Director of the SFPA

Chair

Vladimír Bilčík

13:00 – 14:00 **Germany and Slovakia and the Future of the EU – Next Steps and Further Initiatives after Bratislava and Rome**

Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe, German Federal Foreign Office

Ivan Korčok, State Secretary, Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Chair

Volker Perthes

14:00 – 14:15 **Prospects for Bilateral Relations**

Joachim Bleicker, Ambassador of Germany to Slovakia

Igor Grexa, Director, Analysis and Planning Department, Slovak MFA

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