



# Agenda

## 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the German-Slovak Reflection Group

14 June 2021, 14:00 – 16:40 h  
Berlin, Bratislava (online)

14:00 – 14:05	<p><b>Welcome / Opening Remarks</b></p> <p><i>Stefan Mair, Director, SWP</i>  <i>Tomáš Strážay, Director, SFP</i>  <i>Matthias Jobelius, Head of Department European Union and North America, FES</i></p>
14:05 – 15:00	<p><b>Reinforcing the Transatlantic Security Partnership</b></p> <p>Is there a new transatlantic consensus about NATO, its priorities and necessary reforms? What are the expectations from the New Strategic Concept of NATO? How can the transatlantic security partnership address challenges beyond hard security and defence, e.g. in the information sphere or in cyberspace? What do Europe’s attempts to become a stronger security player mean for transatlantic security relations? Should European countries, the EU and the US improve their mutual coordination concerning their policies toward Russia and China? If so, how and by what means?</p> <p><i>Chair: Pavol Demeš, Member of the Board of Directors, SFP</i></p>
15:00 – 15:05	<p><b>Break</b></p>
15:05 – 15:20	<p><b>Slovakia and Germany – Contributing to a Stronger and More United EU -</b></p> <p>Video-Messages by  <i>Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe, German Federal Foreign Office</i>  <i>Martin Klus, State Secretary, Slovak Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs</i></p>

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<i>15:20 – 16:30</i>	<p><b>Overcoming the Pandemic, Framing the Future: Prospects and Tasks for the EU and European Integration</b></p> <p>Will the pandemic and particularly its financial stability and assistance packages including Next Generation mean a new quality for European integration? Will the post-pandemic EU have a more tangible social dimension, as it was promised e.g. in the Porto Declaration? Will member states be able to absorb and to appropriately spend funding from the MFF and Next Generation Instrument? Has the pandemic brought member states closer together or has it caused new divides? What role do bilateral relations and regional initiatives play in European integration? What is the purpose and the added value of the Conference on the Future of Europe?</p> <p><i>Chair: Barbara Lippert, Director of Research, SWP</i></p>
<i>16:30 – 16:40</i>	<p><b>Concluding Remarks</b> (SWP and SFPA)</p>

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