

Conference on the Future of Europe

Brexit, Climate Change, Migration: A new momentum for Europe

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Programme

Opening: Dominique DAVID, President, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Paris

9:00 – 10:10: Opening Session: The European Union after Brexit

What impact will Brexit have on the cohesion of the Union, the rise of Euroscepticism and the deepening and the widening prospects of the EU? How will Brexit change the in, the intergovernmental cooperation logic and how will it affect the positioning of France, Austria and the Visegrad-Group in the EU?

- **Yvonne TONCIC-SORINJ**, Director, Directorate for General European Matters, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna
- **Jean-Louis BOURLANGES**, Member of the Assemblée Nationale, Paris
- **Jakub WISNIEWSKI**, Deputy President and Research Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

Moderation: **Hans Dietmar SCHWEISGUT**, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

10:10 – 11:30: Panel 1: Political and Economic interests vs. the fight against climate change?

Can political and economic interests be in line with the fight against climate change or is it an *either-or decision*? How can one make sure that the technological progress goes hand in hand with the protection of the climate? What are the key points of the Europe 2020 Strategy? What are the main aims for the COP 25 in Madrid? And what are the goals of the *High Ambition Coalition* founded during the climate summit in Paris? What plan does the EU offer to better fight climate change?

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- **Mauro PETRICCIONE**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Climate Action (DG CLIMA), European Commission
- **Ingrid BROCKOVA**, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Paris
- **Reinhold LOPATKA**, Member of the Austrian National Assembly, Vienna
- **Marc-Antoine EYL-MAZZEGA**, Director, Energy Centre, Institut français des relations internationales, Paris

Moderation: **Dominique DAVID**, President, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Paris

11:30 – 12:00: Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:15: Panel 2: A Reconstruction of the Schengen Area?

How will the Schengen area of tomorrow look like? What are the strengths and the weaknesses of the current - and the possible future - Schengen area? What are the next steps towards the creation of a *Common European Asylum Authority*? What would be the prerogatives of a *European Council for Interior Security* that President Macron is asking for? What will be the stance of the new Commission towards the migration challenges? How to unite EU member states with different visions towards migration policy?

- **Berndt KOERNER**, Deputy Executive Director, FRONTEX, Warsaw
- **Alessandra VENTURINI**, Professor, University of Turin; Associate et former Deputy Director, Migration Policy Center, European University Institute, Florence
- **Christophe BERTOSSI**, Director, Center for Migration and Citizenship, Institut Français des Relations Internationales, Paris
- **Roderic PARKES**, Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

Moderation: **Alena KUDZKO**, Deputy Research Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

13:15 – 13:30: Conclusion

Thierry DE MONTBRIAL, President, Institut français des relations internationales, Paris