



## Central European Perspectives on the Future of Europe

An Austro-French Dialogue with the Visegrad states

Part III : Hungary, the Visegrad Four and the European Union

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Zoom

### Coordination

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### Context and objectives

The manifold crises that have affected the European Union in the past ten years have strained the ambition of an ever-closer Union playing a leading role in global politics. After the economic and migration crises, Brexit and rising instability in the EU's neighbourhood, the EU is now confronted with an unprecedented pandemic and the return of geopolitics. The need for concerted action guided by a common vision is as pressing as ever. The Conference on the Future of Europe is accordingly intended to reinforce the Union in its plurality of perspectives.

The objective of this series of four Webinars is to shed light on perspectives from Central Europe; to examine, more specifically, how the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia view the role of the Visegrad Four in tomorrow's Europe and how their visions for the future of Europe intersect with French and Austrian perspectives in a post-pandemic world.

The third webinar is devoted to Hungary and its role in the Visegrad group and within the EU. It will explore the expectations for the Future of Europe Conference and in this context also address controversial questions like the concept of differentiated integration in Europe and the need to ensure the respect of rule of law.

### Speakers

- **Karoline EDTSTADLER**, Minister for the EU and Constitution, Federal Chancellery of the Austrian Republic, Vienna
- **Oszkár ÖKRÖS**, State Secretary for EU Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Budapest
- **Bernard GUETTA**, Member of the European Parliament, Paris/ Brussels

### Moderation

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