



The Future of European Integration: Visegrad Perspectives

Programme

19 October, Friday

09.15- 09.45 **Registration**

09.45- 10.00 **Opening remarks:**

Marcin Zaborowski, Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw;
Christian Schmitz, Head of the KAS office in Poland;

10.00- 11.30 ***Panel I: Multi-Speed Europe: the V4 as insiders, outsiders or splinter group?***

Martin Filko, Chief Economist and Director of the Institute for Financial Policy, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic;

Jiří Georgiev, Deputy Secretary of State for European Affairs, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic;

Rafał Trzaskowski, Member of the European Parliament;

Chair: **Agata Gostyńska**, Research fellow, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw;

Discussion

11.30-11.45 **Coffee Break**

11.45-13.15 ***Panel II: Vanguard cooperation: Schengen as precedent, model or cautionary tale?***

Márton Benedek, International Relations Officer, Directorate General for Home Affairs, European Commission;

Janusz Gąciarz, Head of Justice and Home Affairs Section, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union in Brussels;

Daniela Kietz, Researcher, German Institute for International and Security Studies (SWP), Berlin;

Chair: **Roderick Parkes**, European Union Programme Director, PISM;

Discussion

13.15-14.15 **Buffet Lunch**

14.15-15.45 ***Panel III: Political Union: Sufficiently democratic, effective and predictable?***

Mats Braun, Researcher, Institute of International Relations, Prague;

László Sinka, Head of Department, Cabinet of the European Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary;

Janusz Styczek, Deputy Director of European Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland;

Chair: **Tomáš Strážay**, Senior Researcher, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava;

Discussion

15.45- 16.00 ***Conclusions:***

Michal Kořan, Director of Research Office, Institute of International Relations, Prague;

Beata Wojna, Deputy Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw;