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15TH ANNIVERSARY

2004 EU ENLARGEMENT

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD



8 April 2019 - Oesterreichische Nationalbank, Vienna, Austria

9 April 2019 - Sheraton Hotel, Bratislava, Slovakia

Provisional Programme

8 April 2019 - Vienna, Austria

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-09:40 Opening of event by Michael Landesmann, WIIW and Johannes Kepler University Linz

9:40-10:10 Opening remarks by Ewald Nowotny, Governor, Austrian National Bank and Hartwig Löger, Minister of Finance, Austria.

10:10-10:45 Opening keynote by Mugur Constantin Isărescu, Governor of the National Bank of Romania

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:15 [First panel: Main achievements of the EU Enlargement: interviews with key players](#)

Chair: Aura Salla, Adviser for Communication and Outreach, DG EPSC, European Commission

Panellists:

- Andris Piebalgs, former European Commissioner for Development and Energy at the European Commission as well as Latvia's Finance Minister and Deputy Prime Minister
- Boris Vujčić, Governor, Croatian Central Bank and former Deputy Chief Negotiator of Croatia for EU accession

12:15-13:15 [Second Panel: Reforms and macroeconomic policies](#)

Chair: István Székely, Principal Advisor, DG ECFIN, European Commission

Panellists:

- Mateusz Szczurek, member of the European Fiscal Board, Associate Director, EBRD, Former Polish Minister of Finance
- Dusan Mramor, twice former Finance minister, Slovenia
- Kori Udovički, former Deputy Prime Minister of Serbia, former Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations

13:15-14:45 Lunch Break

14:45-15:45 **Third panel: Financial Integration in Enlargements**

Chair: Lúcio Vinhas de Souza, Head, Economics Team, EPSC, European Commission

Panellists:

- Adam Farkas, Executive Director, European Banking Authority
- Anna Trzecińska, Vice President, Central Bank of Poland
- Ieva Tetere, President of SEB, Latvia
- Anita Angelovska Bezhoska, Governor, National Bank of the Republic of North Macedonia

15:45-16:00 **Closing statement** by Lúcio Vinhas de Souza, Head, Economics Team, EPSC, European Commission

16:30-17:30 **Transfer to Bratislava**

19:30-21:30 **Dinner (by invitation only)**, keynote speech by Tomáš Valášek, Director, Carnegie Europe

9 April 2019 - Bratislava, Slovakia

9:00-9:30 **Registration**

9:30-09:35 **Opening of event** by Lúcio Vinhas de Souza, Head, Economics Team, EPSC

9:35-09:55 **Opening remarks** by Radko Kuruc, State Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, Slovakia

09:55-10:30 **Opening keynote** by Professor Erik Berglöff, Director of the Institute of Global Affairs, LSE, and former Chief Economist, EBRD

10:30-11:30 **First panel: Trade, FDI and Enlargements**

Chair: Mary Veronica Tovšak Pleterski, Director, DG ECFIN, European Commission

Panellists:

- Miroslav Kiraľvarga, Vice-President, U.S. Steel Košice
- Filip Dvorak, Managing Director, BASF Czechia
- Robert Stehrer, Scientific Director, WIIW
- Elena Kohútiková, Deputy Chairman, Supervisory Board, VUB Banka

11:30-12:00 **Coffee break**

12:00-13:00 **Second Panel: The future of EU Investment**

- **Chair:** Jana Brodani, Executive Director for the Czech Capital Market Association

Panellists:

- Leszek Skiba, Deputy Minister of Finance and EFC Member, Poland
- Silvano Presa, Deputy Director General, DG BUDG, European Commission
- Inese Vaidere, MEP, Budget Committee member, European Parliament
- Jakub Dusilek, Chairman of the Board of Directors, UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia

13:00-14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30-15:30 **Third panel: Human capital, labour markets, migration and inequality in Enlargements**

Chair: Michael Landesmann, WIIW and Johannes Kepler University Linz

Panellists:

- László Andor, Corvinus University of Budapest ULB, Brussels
- Józef Niemiec, Special Advisor, ETUC
- Martin Kahanec, Professor & Head of School of Public Policy, Central European University

15:30-16:30 **Fourth panel: The Future of Convergence and Enlargement**

Chair: Mihnea Motoc, Deputy Director General, EPSC, European Commission

Panellists:

- Zoran Zaev, Prime Minister, North Macedonia
- Marko Mrdak, Deputy Chief Negotiator for EU Acquis Chapters, Montenegro

16:30-16:45 **Closing of event** by István Székely, Principal Advisor, DG ECFIN, European Commission