

## EP Elections and Beyond: Active Participation of EU citizens at All Levels

### Second Transnational Reflection Group Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019 (Thursday – Friday) Bratislava, Slovakia

#### 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### Thursday

08:00 - 9:30

#### Arrivals and transfers from Vienna to Bratislava

Participants arriving on the early morning flights will be taken to the hotel to drop off their luggage

Please be back at the hotel by 11:30 to be taken to GLOBSEC premises

IBIS Bratislava Centrum Hotel  
Zámocká 7013/38, 811 01 Bratislava-Hrad  
Phone: 02/592 920 00  
Check in: 14:00, Check out: 12:00

11:30

#### Meeting at the lobby and **transfer to GLOBSEC premises**

Polus Tower II (10<sup>th</sup> floor)  
Vajnorská 100/B  
831 04 Bratislava

11:45 – 12:00

#### **Welcome Brunch, GLOBSEC premises**

12:30 – 13:00

#### **Official Welcome and Presentation of the EUact Project**

13:00 – 13:15

#### **Short Break**

13:15 – 14:30

#### **Session 1: What Europe Do We Want?**

*The 2019 EP elections were an important test for both the EU and her citizens, which they seemed to have passed, though the work is far from done. What should EU's priorities be for the next political cycle? What are the concerns and expectations of the EU Member States and her citizens? Where do we stand with the new EU Commission and what are the implications for Slovakia and the V4 in particular?*

Panelists:

- **Lívia Vašáková**, *Economic Team Leader, Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia*
- **Miriam Lexmann**, *Member (elect), European Parliament, Brussels*

Moderator: **Kinga Brudžinska**, *Senior Research Fellow, GLOBSEC Policy Institute*

14:30 – 14:45

#### **Short break**



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14:45 – 16:15

**Thematic Working Groups (part 1)**

- Education and opportunities for the youth
- EU migration policy, internal and external security
- Employment, social affairs and inclusion
- EU as a global actor
- Environment and sustainability

Goal: *To identify concerns, hopes and expectations in each thematic area*

16:15

**Transfer to the hotel**

18:00 – 20:00

**Dinner**

Please be in the hotel lobby ready to leave by 18:00

Altitude Restaurant

Cesta na Kamzík 14, 831 01 Nové Mesto

<http://www.altitude.sk/>

**13<sup>th</sup> September****Friday**

06:30 – 10:00

**Breakfast** at the hotel (included for all participants)

08:30

Meeting at the lobby and **transfer** to GLOBSEC premises

09:00 – 09:30

**Kick-off session – Key Concerns from Thematic Working Groups 1**

09:30 – 09:45

**Short Break**

09:45 – 11:00

**Session 2: How to Get the Europe We Want?**

*The voter turnout in the EP elections was the highest in twenty years, which gave cause for some optimism regarding citizens' interest in EU affairs. How can we keep this momentum of active engagement after the elections? What are the challenges and opportunities for EU citizens in helping to address the grievances and meet the expectations they have of the Union? And in what ways can the EU act upon criticisms as well as recommendations coming from her Member States and citizens?*

Panelists:

- **František Ružička**, *State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia*
- **Thibault Muzergues**, *Europe Program Director, International Republican Institute, Bratislava*

Moderator: **Alena Kudzko**, *Deputy Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute*

11:00 – 11:15

**Short Break**

11:15 – 12:45

**Thematic Working Groups 2**

Goal: *Drafting recommendations for each thematic area*



12:45 – 13:15

**Presentation of Thematic Working Group Outcomes**

13:15 – 13:30

**Final Conclusions**

13:30

**Farewell Lunch**

\*While the participants are not asked to prepare presentations, they are expected to actively contribute to the discussions. This meeting is to drive an honest conversation about the future of Europe and our place in it as active EU citizens.



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