

ADAPTING THE FUTURE

GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum has become the leading platform in the CEE region and one of the top strategic conferences in Europe. The Forum provides a meeting place for stakeholders from all sectors of society to facilitate structured dialogue and a common approach to actively shape the future we want to live in.



OVER A 1000 KEY STAKEHOLDERS FROM MORE THAN 65 COUNTRIES

Hundreds of the most influential state officials, experts from leading global think-tanks, academia, business leaders, visionaries and innovators will once again come to GLOBSEC Forum to discuss and seek solutions to the most pressing issues of today and of tomorrow. Over the years, GLOBSEC's guest list has included **David Cameron, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Madeleine Albright, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Donald Tusk, Kersti Kaljulaid, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Rose Gottemoeller, Ursula von der Leyen, David Roberts** and other personalities.

3 STAGES FEATURING OVER 100 TOP SPEAKERS

The 14th edition of **GLOBSEC Bratislava Forum** aspires to look beyond the current grim picture of the state of international affairs and the disruptive narratives engulfing our societies. GLOBSEC 2019 will identify opportunities to bridge the divisions and reconnect with each other. We will search for ways to achieve this goal within five streams of key topics shaping our future – defence and security, democracy & disconnect, future of Europe, digital future and sustainability & global economy.



5 STREAMS OF TOPICS SHAPING OUR FUTURE

- ❖ **defence and security chaired by John Allen, President of The Brookings Institution:** How is NATO preparing for the eighth decade of its existence under current political turmoil within the Alliance? Is Europe's quest for defence autonomy a source of cure or a symptom of disease for the Alliance? Is there enough momentum to move forward stalemates in Ukraine, South Caucasus to improve relations with Russia? Do we need new tools for crisis prevention and peace building? Are we equipped to face hybrid and reemerging nuclear threats?
- ❖ **democracy & disconnect chaired by Michael Chertoff, Chairman and Co-Founder of The Chertoff Group:** How has CEE's relationship with democracy developed during the past three decades and can democracy withstand the current challenges for decades to come? What principles will the transatlantic partnership and global order of the future be based upon? How should democracies make full use of the AI and its disruptive potential for the benefit of its citizens?
- ❖ **digital future chaired by Marietje Schaake, Member of the European Parliament:** How do we structure the public-private partnership to harness the inescapable technological progress for the benefit of our societies? How can states protect and project their interests in the borderless cybersphere? Will data protection become a competition issue for states and companies alike? What will be humanity's place in the digital world of the future?
- ❖ **future of Europe chaired by Miroslav Lajčák, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic:** How will EU's political landscape change after the EP elections and what consequences will that have? What should be the priorities of the new EU Commission and what vision can CEE offer based on its unique strengths, experiences and perspectives? How can the EU maintain good relations with Western Balkan countries as well as with the UK post Brexit?
- ❖ **sustainability & global economy chaired by Maithreyi Seetharaman, Co-Chair of Fortune Magazine's 'Fortune Most Powerful Women International' Summits:** Can social and environmental responsibility become an integral part of profitable corporate business models? For the aging population of developed countries, what are the blueprints for the adaptation of healthcare and welfare systems? How can we combat climate change while not compromising economic progress?

DOZENS OF FOCUSED SIDE-EVENTS AND MORE THAN 100 EXCLUSIVE MEETINGS