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The EU foreign policy remains one of the least advanced 'common' policies of the European Union, which means that the EU Member States did not give up its national foreign policy to the EU level. Nevertheless, it would be wrong to write off European-level activities in the area of international relations. What are the obstacles to cohesion between member states on foreign policy: which strategic interests divide Member States? What are the political challenges to Europe's unity as a foreign policy actor? What role do the countries from Central and Eastern Europe play in shaping the EU global agenda?

To answer those questions and examine the possible forms of cooperation between the Member States, GLOBSEC with the support of the European Commission [Jean Monnet Activities of the EU Programme Erasmus+](#) will organize a roundtable discussion **"What EU Foreign Policy Do We Want?"**, on **19 March 2019 in Bratislava**. The participants will give a closer look to the following issues: Europe as a Strong Actor in a More Complex World Order, EU Foreign Policy Tool Kit, Building Resilience and taking an Integrated Approach in the EU's surrounding regions in the East and the South and EU Vision for EU Foreign Policy from Central European Perspective.

The event will bring together **20 speakers from 11 European countries**, including policy makers and representatives of well know academic centres, think tanks, consulting companies. Those are for example, the University of Oxford in the UK, Sciences Po in France, the Charles University in Czech Republic, the Central European University in Hungary and the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) in Romani.

As for think tanks, the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), Paris, Genshagen Stiftung in Germany, IAI Istituto Affari Internazionali in Italy and the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade in Hungary will be present.

The roundtable forms a part of a bigger international project runned by Bratislava-based think tank [DIFF GOV: European Governance: Potential of Differentiated Cooperation](#).

Recommended reading:

- [The Euro: It Must Change To Carry On](#) by Sebastian Płóciennik
- [Eurozone – Resilient, Attractive and Beneficial for All Policy Outcomes](#) by Kinga Brudzińska
- [The Euro at 20: Looking to the Past to Carry on in the Future](#) by Kinga Brudzińska
- [Multi-speed Concept is in the European Union's DNA](#) by Kinga Brudzińska

Background information:

DIFF GOV: European Governance: Potential of Differentiated Cooperation is an international project by GLOBSEC which explores the potential for flexible modes of cooperation between European Union member states in four areas: economic cooperation, Schengen zone, Common Security and Defence Policy, and Foreign and Neighbourhood Policy.

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