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8.30 Registration

9.00 Opening Session:

Welcoming Remarks:

John Shattuck, CEU President and Rector

Keynote Speakers:

Joschka Fischer, Former Vice Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Germany

Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

10.00 1. Panel

The 2014-2020 EU-budget, the role of EU funds in Hungary, in responding to the economic crisis

Chair: András Vértés, Chairman of GKI Economic Research Co. (Hungary)

The panel will elaborate on the 2014-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework shortly after the probable adoption of the new 7 year budget by the European Council on 7-8 February. The role of the Structural and the Cohesion Funds in the development of Hungary will be discussed. Special emphasis will be placed on the social dimension, the use and potential of the European Social Fund across the continent in responding to the economic crisis.

Speakers:

Andriana Sukova-Tosheva, Director, DG Employment, European Commission

Balázs Mosonyi, Expert on EU Cohesion Policy (Hungary)

Comments:

Ferenc Miszlivetz, Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest, Scientific Advisor, Institute for Political Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Krisztina Arató, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)

12.00 Buffet Lunch

13.00 2. Panel

Economic Governance, European Semester 2013, plans for European economic stabilization

Chair: József Péter Martin, Journalist, Economist, Lecturer at the Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary)

Starting with an overview of the implementation of the 2013 European Semester (AGS possible elements of the European Council's 2013 Guidelines for the Member States), the discussion will focus on the achievements and the challenges ahead for the framework of European economic governance. In this aspect the panel will assess the EC's Blueprint and the "Report of the 4 Presidents" Towards a Genuine Economic and Monetary Union with regards to its sections on integrated financial and fiscal frameworks and integrated economic policy frameworks (blocks 1, 2 and 3). On the domestic front, the discussion will also address the motivations and economic perspectives of Hungary: growth, employment, investments, migration.

Speakers:

Péter Ákos Bod, Economist, University Professor, Corvinus University (Hungary)

Vladimir Gligorov, Senior Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (Austria)

Comments:

Tibor Palánkai, University Professor, Corvinus University (Hungary)

Zsolt Darvas, Research Fellow, Bruegel Institute (Belgium)

14.30 Coffee break

15.00 3. Panel

The political union and national sovereignty

Chair: Krisztina Arató, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University (Hungary)

Increased legitimacy and accountability should go hand in hand with the deepening of economic integration. An integrated financial and budgetary framework calls for more control through national parliaments and the European Parliament. The transparency of EU institutional structure and its efficiency shape the credibility of the integration process. The panel will focus on the EC's initiatives to this end as outlined in President

Barroso's 2012 State of the Union address, the corresponding parts of the EC's Blueprint (Political Union) and section IV – Democratic Legitimacy and Accountability – of the Report Towards a Genuine Economic and Monetary Union.

Speaker:

Péter Balázs, Former member of the European Commission, Professor of CEU, Director of the Center for EU Enlargement Studies (Hungary)

Comments:

Tamás Szűcs, Head of the European Commission Representation in Hungary

György Fóris, Director, Bruxinfo (Brussels)

Boglárka Koller, Associate Professor, King Sigismund College, Institute of International and Political Studies

16.30 Closing Remarks:

Gordon Bajnai, Former Prime Minister of Hungary, Founder of the Patriotism and Progress Public Policy Foundation