



Vienna EU Pre-Presidency Conference

June 7 – June 8, 2018

Institute for Advanced Studies

Josefstädter Straße 39, 1080 Vienna

Thursday, 07 June 2018

- 10.00 – 12.00 TEPSA Board meeting
- 11.00 – 13.00 Registration and Lunch/Coffee
- 13.00 – 13.30 **Welcome Addresses** by
Prof Jaap de Zwaan, *TEPSA Secretary General*
Dr Franz Fischler, *President Forum Alpbach, President Board of Trustees IHS*
- 13.30 – 15.00 **Opening Session**
'A Europe That Protects - Agenda, Goals, and Key Issues of the Austrian Presidency'
Keynote by Gernot Blumel, *Federal Minister within the Federal Chancellery for the EU, Arts, Culture and Media (TBC)*
Presentation of TEPSA Recommendations
TEPSA book Presentation (Chapter on Austria)
- 15.00 – 15.10 Break
- 15.10 – 16.10 **John Pinder Commemorative Lecture**
'The Future of European Integration and the EU'
Speaker: Prof Brendan Donnelly, *The Federal Trust for Education & Research*
Discussant: Prof Jaap de Zwaan, *TEPSA Secretary-General*
- 16.10 – 16.30 Coffee
- 16.30 – 18.00 **Parallel Sessions**
- Session I: Security and Border Control**
Dr Nicoletta Pirozzi, *Istituto Affari Internazionali Rome*
Dr Kristi Raik, *Estonian Foreign Policy Institute*
Prof Wolfgang Wessels, *Centre for Turkey and EU Studies, University of Cologne*
Bernd Koerner, *Deputy Executive Director FRONTEX*
- Session II: Realising the European Energy Union**
Dr Elina Brutschin, *Webster University Vienna*
Prof Johannes Pollak, *Webster University Vienna*
Dinand Drankier, *MA, Pont fellow*
- Session III: Digital Europe and Communication vis-a-vis less informed audiences**
Dr Maja Bučar, *University of Ljubljana*
Dr Robert Braun, *Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna, IHS*
Mag Peter Kustor, *Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs*
- 18.00 – 19.30 TEPSA General Assembly
- 20.00 Conference Dinner at the Austrian National Bank



Friday, 08 June 2018

09.00 – 09.30 Coffee and Tea

09.30 – 11.00 **Panel discussion:**

The Western Balkans: Challenges and Prospects of Further Integration

Panel Participants:

Prof Danijela Jacimovic, *University of Montenegro*

Lejla Ramić-Mesihović, *Foreign Policy Initiative Bosnia-Herzegovina*

Dr Irena Rajčinovska Pandeva, *Ss. Cyril and Methodius University Skopje*

Dr Klaus Woelfer, *Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs*

Moderation: Dr Katrin Auel, *Institute for Advanced Studies IHS*

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 **Parallel Sessions**

Session IV: (Re-)Developing the European Monetary Union

Prof Ramunas Vilpišauskas, *Vilnius University*

Dr Doris Ritzberger-Gruenwald, *Austrian National Bank*

Session V: Multiannual Financial Framework and Budget

Dr Jakša Puljiz, *Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb*

Prof Martin Kocher, *Institute for Advanced Studies and University of Vienna*

Dr Andrea Itzlinger, *Austrian Federal Chancellery*

Session VI: Migration Policy

Dr Ilke Toygür, *Elcano Royal Institute Madrid*

Prof Christoph Reinprecht, *University of Vienna*

Mag Thomas Muehlhans, *Federal Ministry of Internal Affairs*

13.00 – 13.30 **Concluding Remarks by**

TEPSA Chairman Prof Michael Kaeding, *University of Duisburg-Essen*

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

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TEPSA PRE-PRESIDENCY CONFERENCE VIENNA

Founded in 1974, TEPSA is a Europe-wide network of leading think-tanks and academic research institutes in the field of European and international affairs, with 38 member organisations in 35 different countries. With its secretariat in Brussels, TEPSA seeks to promote research cooperation among its members by providing networking opportunities and platforms for discussion for their researchers, disseminating their research, looking for project and funding opportunities, and designing trainings for young researchers. TEPSA is mainly funded by its members and through European Union grants.

Since TEPSA's foundation in 1974, the Pre-Presidency Conferences, **its flagship event**, have taken place twice a year prior to each rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union, in the capital city of the soon-to-be presiding Member State. Over the years, they have become widely recognised – by both academics and practitioners – as a **very important meeting for vivid and timely academic discussions on European integration**, and a major **forum of exchange between academia, policymakers and the general public**. Speakers at previous Pre-Presidency Conferences included President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy, Former President of the European Parliament Jerzi Buzek, President of Lithuania Dalia Grybauskaitė, Grand Duke Henri of Luxembourg, Luxembourgish Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, Irish Foreign Minister Eamon Gilmore and Dutch Foreign Minister Bert Koenders.

The Pre-Presidency Conference (PPC) for the Austrian Presidency starting in July 1st 2018 will be organised by the Austrian TEPSA Representative, the Institute for Advanced Studies, on 7 and 8 June 2018. It will gather academics from the TEPSA network to discuss the agenda of the upcoming Austrian presidency of the Council of the European Union. **High-level national policymakers and officials** will be invited to the conference as both speakers and participants, along with private sector representatives.

The conference will be **organised over two days**. The first session of the conference will feature **high-level Austrian officials** as speakers. A group of researchers from the TEPSA network will then deliver the official **TEPSA Recommendations to the Austrian presidency** (prepared in advance of the conference within the TEPSA network), and a discussion with the guest officials will follow. The next sessions will be organised along thematic lines, over two days, with **a series of four panels and round tables** addressing a set of priority issues for the upcoming Council presidency.

The Pre-Presidency Conference will be **advertised and documented on TEPSA's and its members' websites and social media accounts**. It will also be extensively promoted by the Institute for Advanced Studies. Main dissemination tools will be the TEPSA Recommendations and the conference report.

- The **TEPSA Recommendations** are both a common TEPSA position on the Council presidency priorities and a starting point for discussion at the conference to further elaborate this position with feedback from guest officials and input from the general public.
- The **conference report**, elaborated jointly by IHS and the TEPSA team, will present the conclusions of the discussions.

These two documents will be widely disseminated within and outside the TEPSA network, to **approximately 5000 direct readers** through TEPSA's and IHS's newsletters, and a **general audience of approximately 250 000 people** on TEPSA's website and its members' social media platforms.