



Central and Eastern European Think Tank Forum

Bratislava, 5 - 6 June

Venue: Austria Trend Hotel

Address: Vysoká 2A, Staré Mesto, 811 06 Bratislava, Slovakia

5 June 2019, Wednesday

19.00 – 22.00: Informal dinner

6 June 2019, Thursday

08.30 – 09.00: Welcoming remarks

- **Dr. James McGann**, Director, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania, United States
- **Róbert Vass**, President, GLOBSEC, Slovakia

09.00 – 09.15 Welcoming keynote – **Dr. James McGann**, Director, Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania, United States

Topic: Strategic Challenges and Choices for Think Tanks in Europe

09.15 – 10.30 Session 1

Speakers:

- **Vladimír Bartovič**, Director, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic
- **Kornely Kakachia**, Executive Director, Georgian Institute of Politics, Georgia
- **Milena Lazarević**, Programme Director, European Policy Centre, Serbia
- **Yuriy Yakymenko**, Deputy Director General of the Razumkov Centre, Director of Political and Legal Programs, Ukraine

Moderator: Dr. Kinga Brudzińska, Senior Researcher, Future of Europe Program, GLOBSEC

Role of Central and Eastern Europe in the Global Order

Most of Central and Eastern Europe is deeply integrated into the European structures. At the same time, countries in the broader regions East and South are either still only aspiring to join the EU or have chosen different trajectory. Historically, Central Europe has had strong ties with the United States. What is CEE's position and role in the rapidly changing global order of today? What kind of relations does it have, want and can have with Western Europe, EU institutions, the US, and neighboring countries? How will the region influence the future of the European Union and its external policies? How does the allegedly deepening East-West divide affect the future of the region? What is the role of think tanks in shaping the region's future trajectory? How can think tanks in the region strengthen their partnerships within the region but also with Western European, American and more Eastern counterparts?

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 12.00 Session 2**Speakers:**

- **Ronald Blaško**, *Executive Director, The American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia*
- **Eeva Eek-Pajuste**, *Director of the Lennart Meri Conference, International Centre for Defence and Security, Estonia*
- **Milan Nič**, *Interim Head of Program, German Council on Foreign Relations, Germany*
- **Wojciech Przybylski**, *Editor in Chief, Visegrad Insight, Poland*
- **James Townsend**, *Adjunct Senior Fellow, Centre for a New American Security, United States*

Moderator: Alena Kudzko, *Deputy Research Director, GLOBSEC, Slovakia*

Towards A Sustainable Fundraising Model for Think Tanks in the CEE Region

One of the key organisational challenges think tanks in the CEE region face today is that of fundraising or ensuring sufficient amount of funding to secure the continuation of research and related activities. The shortage of both public and private resources available is exacerbated by the relative underdevelopment of public-private partnerships, incentives for the private sector to engage with non-profit organizations, and increasingly rigid regulatory system. As a result, many think tanks and NGOs compete for the same restricted pool of funding available and their activities are restrained and at risk. It is also important that think tanks are not overly reliant on one institutional or private donor but have sufficiently diversified donor portfolio in order to avoid risking decrease in their independence or face public scepticism. Against the background of growing distrust towards experts and inward-looking political scene across the region, balancing domestic and foreign sources of funding is another increasingly pressing challenge. How can think tanks in CEE overcome this crucial obstacle and ensure continuation of their work? How can think tanks become sustainable and what are the successful models of fundraising for CEE think tanks? What are the current successful models of fundraising?

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00: Transfer to the main venue of the GLOBSEC 2019 Bratislava Forum for the registered participants

Participants:

*Institute for Strategic Initiatives
German Marshall Fund
Institute for Politics and Society
Georgian Institute of Politics
InnovActive Centre for Social Improvement
Visegrad Insight
Razumkov Centre
International Centre for Defence and Security
The Kosciuszko Institute
European Policy Centre
Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations
Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade
EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy
Center for European Neighborhood Studies
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
Association for International Affairs
Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe
STRATPOL - Strategic Policy Institute*

Slovak Foreign Policy Association

Counter Extremism Project, United Nations

The American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia

German Council on Foreign Relations

Goethe-Institut

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