

Invitation

Conference on the Future of Europe

Friday, 9 February 2018
University of Zagreb, Trg Republike Hrvatske 14 ("Aula")

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Europe is facing many challenges. Many of the ideas of the founding fathers are still up to date, especially at the moment when we mark a century since the end of the World War I. Although the new trends and new challenges seem to overwhelm our European societies Europe has not lost its allure. Nevertheless, in an ever changing environment the EU has to re-connect with its citizens, not only on the emotional level, but also on the political, the economical and the social level in order to shape our common European future.

The conference „The Future of Europe“ is inspired by the Commission's White Paper, and Mr. Juncker's subsequent State of the Union speech as well as statements of some of the European leaders, and aims to discuss the challenges of more or less Europe, the current challenges to the Euro-zone, the current challenges to the Schengen-Zone, the range of PESCO and other current issues.

As a result of five workshops regarding the future of Europe by 70 students from the University of Zagreb a common youth declaration will be presented at the conference.

We are pleased to invite you to the conference **„The Future of Europe“** which will take place on 9th February 2018 in Zagreb at the University of Zagreb, Trg Republike Hrvatske 14, „Aula“, (University hall, ground floor).

The working language is English. Enclosed please find the registration form.

We look forward to seeing you at our conference!



Auswärtiges Amt



Programme

- 9.30 – 10.00 Registration of Participants
- 10.00 **Opening of the conference**
Dr. Lidija Kos-Stanišić, Dean, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb
Dr. Klaus Fiesinger, Regional Director for South-East Europe, Hanns Seidel Foundation
H.E. Branko Baričević, Head of Representation, European Commission
Dr. Margarita Veleva, Deputy Head of Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria
- 10.20 Keynote speech:
Ms Marija Pejčinović Burić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia
- 10.30 – 12.30 Moderator: **Morana Kasapović**, Journalist
“Youth Declaration on the Future of Europe” presented by a representative of students of the University of Zagreb
Mr Markus Ferber, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-Chairman of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Germany
Dr. Marin Strmota, State Secretary, Ministry of Demographics, Family, Youth and Social Policy of the Republic of Croatia
H.E. Ms Smiljana Knez, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Croatia
Mr Sébastien Maillard, Director of the Jacques Delors Institute, France
Dr. Arnold Kammel, Director, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy, Austria
Dr. Đana Luša, Vice-Dean, Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb
- 12.30 End of Conference
Reception