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Cross-border Cooperation in Europe Conference of the AUB and KAS

Budapest, 14-16 October 2021

Andrassy University Budapest
3 Pollack Mihály tér, Budapest 1088

Thursday, 14 October

18.30 Opening Remarks

Professor Dr. Zoltán PÁLLINGER

Rector, Andrassy University Budapest

Michael WINZER

Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Hungary

18.50 *Introduction of the Minister and the State Secretary*

Dr. Heinrich KREFT

Holder of the Chair of Diplomacy II and Head of the Centre for
Diplomacy at the AUB

19.15 **Dr. Orsolya PACSAY-TOMASSICH**

State Secretary for the Hungarian Diplomatic Academy and
Stipendium Hungaricum Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
Trade, Hungary

19.30 The Importance of Cross-border Cooperation in Europe

Natasa TRAMISAK

Croatian Minister for Regional Development and EU-Funds

Reception



Friday, 15. October

- 8.30 *Short Thematic Introduction*
Dr. Heinrich KREFT
Holder of the Chair of Diplomacy II and Head of the Centre for Diplomacy at the AUB
- 8.45 *The Development of Cross-border Cooperation in the "Greater Region" "SaarLorLux" between Germany (Saarland/Rhineland-Palatinate), France (Lorraine/Grand Est), Luxembourg and Belgium (East Belgium/Wallonia/Brussels)*
Jun.-Prof. Dr. Florian WEBER
European Studies/ Focus on Western Europe and Border Areas, Faculty of Empirical Human Sciences and Economics, Saarland University
- Successes and Challenges of Cross-border Cooperation in the "Greater Region" - Insights from Practice*
- 9:30 *North Rhine-Westphalia and the Development of Cross-Border-Cooperation*
Mark SPEICH
State Secretary for Federal, European and International Affairs, State of North Rhine-Westphalia
- The Political Project of Cross-border Cooperation from a German perspective*
Bernhard KASTER MdB a.D.
Mayor (ret.) Trier-Land
- Cross-border Cooperation – the Outcomes of the Franco-German Reconciliation*
Christophe AREND
Member of the Assemblée Nationale, France (via ZOOM)
- 10.30 Coffee Break
- 11.00 *Successes and Problems - Insights from Practice (Part II)*
- The Legal Challenges of Cross-border Cooperation*
The Concept of the "Cross-Border Mechanism" – a Luxembourg Proposal
Léon GLODEN
Member of the Luxembourg Parliament and Mayor of Grevenmacher
- Cross-border Economic and Cultural Cooperation*
Ralf BRITTEN
Head of Department of the City of Trier and President of the German-Luxembourg Business Initiative



*Cross-border Cooperation in the Areas of Safety and Health –
Experience with the Corona Pandemic*

Günther SCHATZ

Prefect, District Trier-Saarburg

*The Importance of INTERREG Projects for Cross-border
Cooperation*

Pascal ARIMONT

MEP, full member of the Committee on Regional Development,
INTERREG negotiator. EPP Vice-Coordinator in the East Belgium
Regional Policy Committee (participation via ZOOM)

13.30

Lunch

14.30

*Hungary's Relations with Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia
An Overview of Contemporary History*

Ferenc NÉMETH

Research Fellow, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Budapest

Status and Potential of Cross-border Cooperation

From Hungarian Perspective

Gyula OCSKAY

Head of European Institute of Cross-Border Studies and Secretary
General of CESCO

From Croatian Perspective

Stella ARNERI

Director for European Territorial Cooperation
Ministry of Regional Development and EU-Funds, Croatia

From Serbian Perspective

Gabriella Haas

Special Advisor For European Affairs,
European Affairs Fund of AP Vojvodina (via ZOOM)

From Slovenian Perspective

Janesz MAGYAR

Mayor, Lendava, Slovenia

16.30

Coffee Break

17.00

*Status and Potential of Cross-border Cooperation from the
Perspective of Hungarian, Slovenian, Croatian and Serbian Border
Municipalities (panel discussion between local politicians and
municipal representatives)*

Zoltán BALI

Deputy Mayor, Zalaegerszeg, Hungary



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Janesz MAGYAR

Mayor, Lendava, Slovenia

Vladimir HAM

Chairman of the City Council of the City of Osijek, Chairman of the Council for national minorities in Croatia, Chairman of the German Community - Landsmannschaft der Donauschwaben in Croatia

Sanda SIMIC STAMBOLIC

Assistant Director, Department for Cross-border and transnational cooperation Programmes, Ministry of EU-Integration, Government of Serbia

18:00

Pre-Dinner speech

„Do we need a European Business Law?“

Roland THEIS

State Secretary for Europe, Ministry for Europe, Justice and Finance, Saarland

19:30

Dinner

Saturday, 16 October

9:00

Presentation of the INTERREG Projects Programme of the EU

Katalin KOVÁCS-TOPERCZER

Senior Economic Advisor
Representation of the European Commission in Hungary

9:45

Coffee break

10:15

Similarities and Differences between the "Greater Region" (SaarLorLux) and Hungary-Slovenia-Croatia-Serbia.

Moderated Discussion between all Speakers with Questions from the Audience

Moderation:

Dr. Heinrich KREFT

Holder of the Chair of Diplomacy II and Head of the Centre for Diplomacy at the AUB

12.00

Lunch

German-Hungarian-English simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

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