# THE FUTURE OF GERMANY IN EUROPE

ASSESSMENTS AND PERSPECTIVES AFTER THE GERMAN FEDERAL ELECTIONS









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Venue: Lecture Hall III, Corvinus University of Budapest Time and Date: 15:00 – 19:30, October 10th, 2017

15:00 – 15:30 **REGISTRATION** 

15:30 – 15:40 **OPENING REMARKS** 

Balazs Kenyeres (CEA)

15:40 – 17:10 HOW DO ELECTION RESULTS RECONCILE WITH THE

POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF

**GERMANY?** 

Zoltán Szalai (Managing Director, Mathias Corvinus Collegium)

Ágoston Sámuel Mráz (Chief Executive, Nézőpont Institute)

Inotai Edit (Senior Fellow, CEID)

Balazs Orbán (Research Director, Századvég Foundation)

MODERATOR: Dániel Varga (CEA)

Q&A

17:10 – 17:20 **COFFEE BREAK** 

17:20 – 19:00 GERMANY'S INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

ASPIRATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS

**Péter Balázs** (former FM, former EU commissioner, director, CENS)

Gergely Prőhle (former ambassador of Hungary to Germany, former

Secretary of State for EU & Cultural Diplomacy)

Istvan Szent-Iványi (former Ambassador of Hungary to Slovenia)

Szabolcs Takács (Secretary of State for EU Affairs, PMO)

MODERATOR: István Kollai (CEA Advisory Board)

Q&A

19:00 – 19:30 **CLOSING RECEPTION** 



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#### THEMATICAL FOCUS

### **EXPERT PANEL: What do the election results mean for Germany?**

### After the detailed introduction of results of the federal elections, invited political analysts will engage in a panel discussion focusing on

- the predicament of the German political parties and their policy proposals,
- highlighting the specific features of German domestic politics and key policy issues,
- the political, economic and social context leading to the election results,
- the evaluation of the latest term of the CDU/CSU-SPD grand coalition government and
- the meaning of the results for the German society and political life.

# DIPLOMATIC PANEL: What do the results mean for Germany's international aspirations, European politics and the international community?

# The second panel of the conference, consisting of current and former political and diplomatic stakeholders will be discussing

- key aspects of Germany in international relations,
- the country's relation with the European Union and the Union's member states,
- the German role in tackling European and global challenges and
- the meaning of the election results for Hungary, the Visegrad Group, the EU and the global community.