

## Visions of Europe for 2019

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The Robert Schuman Institute works as the education and training center of parties and politicians belonging to the European People's Party family, since 1991, in Budapest. The young generation of this center-right political elite from Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, that is the network built up by RSI, makes its contribution to discourse on the answers to immediate future challenges in 3 main themes:

Panel 1: Trends and development of the EU after 2019 elections: New institutional leadership, transformation of the political spectrum, post-Brexit

Panel 2: Expectations and challenges of the next EU mandate concerning West Balkan enlargement and Eastern Partnership

Panel 3: Development and rejuvenation of parties: Involving women and the millennial generation, organisational and campaign innovation

### **12 October 2018 (Friday)**

12:00 – *Registration, lunch*

14:00 – 14:30 – *Opening*

*DORIS PACK MEPai, RSI President*

*KINGA SZABÓ, RSI Director*

*GÁBOR BERCEZLI, RSI Acting Director*

14.30 – 16:30 – *Keynote speeches, debate*

*KINGA GÁL MEP, Vice President of the European People's Party, Supervisory Board Member of the Robert Schuman Institute, former Board Member of the Robert Schuman Foundation (Luxembourg) (conf)*

*ZSOLT NÉMETH MP, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Hungary (conf)*

16.30 – 17:00 – *Coffee break*

17:00 – 19:00 – *Alumni presentations and debate in 3 parallel panels*

Panel 1 moderator: *MAREK DEGRO, Director, Anton Tunega Foundation (conf)*

- *BALÁZS SZÉCHY: Changing political landscape in the European Parliament*
- *MATE CURIC: More Europe or more EU?*
- *BORIS STANIMIROV: From globalism / nationalism cleavage towards an European patriotism*

Panel 2 moderator: *JAN MULDER, RSI International Board Member, Eduardo Frei Foundation Trainer (conf)*

- *VASKO NAUMOVSKI: Political and security challenges of the Western Balkans - NATO's role, Russia's ambitions and the migration crisis*
- *ARDIT GIJNALI: Enlargement as a response to Russian influence*
- *HRISTO GADZHEV: Security challenges in front of Eastern Europe: Security perceptions and the 2019 European elections*

Panel 3 moderator: *CAYETANA MURIEL, Program Manager, Christian Democratic International Centre*

- *AZRA SULIC: How millennials and/ or millennial women can change our politics?*
- *OLENA ILLIASHEVICH: Increasing women's participation and leadership at all levels of decision making*
- *JULINDA PESHKU: The importance of women candidates and what is needed to have them*

19:00 – *Welcome dinner*

Welcome speech: *ZOLTÁN BALOG, former Minister, Chairman of the Board, Foundation for a Civic Hungary (tbc)*

**13 October 2018 (Saturday)**

08:00 – 09:00 - *Breakfast*

9:00 – 12:30 – Alumni presentations and debate in 3 parallel panels

Panel 1 moderator: *MARTIN KASTLER*, Regional Representative for the Czech and the Slovak Republic and Hungary, Hanns Seidel Stiftung (tbc)

- *HRVOJE BUTIGAN*: Croatian EU presidency in 2020
- *RAMI JABBOUR*: EU foreign policy challenges, especially regarding the Middle East and North Africa
- *STEFAN CANKOV*: Lack of a real common foreign and security policy of the EU

Panel 2 moderator: *JOVAN ANDONOVSKI*, former Deputy Ombudsman, Board Member of Institute for Social Research MK91

- *ZINETA HUSIC*: Three concentric circles of cooperation for the Western Balkans and the EU
- *ZLATKO JANKOVSKI*: Possibilities and opportunities for creative and different levels of the Western Balkans' in the EU
- *OLEKSANDR NOVAK*: Eastern Partnership – How to continue and what to change in it

Panel 3 moderator: *PETER NOORDHOEK*, Eduardo Frei Foundation (conf)

- *MARIAM KASRASHVILI*: Modern day politics and millennials – do we speak for them?
- *Khrystyna MOROZOVA*: Why youth still don't have their voice in politics of the first line?
- *OLEKSANDRA BRASHOVETSKA*: Leadership based on values

10:30 – 11:00 – *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:30 – Alumni presentations and debate in 3 parallel panels

Panel 1 moderator: *NICO VAN BUREN*, Eduardo Frei Foundation (conf)

- *ZAKHIA AL ACHKAR*: Peace building and conflict prevention through educational planning
- *ALEXANDER SZALONNAS*: Cross-party cooperation for implemented results on the municipal level
- *IVAN BOKULIC*: Unemployment as a key challenge

Panel 2 moderator: *BENCE BAUER*, Project Coordinator, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Hungarian Office

- *ANA ROBU*: Current challenges of the EU-EaP cooperation and the role of political youth organizations
- *STEFAN ANDONOVSKI*: The educated young leader – a solution to the progress of Balkan societies
- *EDITH HARXHI*: The stability vs democracy pattern in the Western Balkans
- *MAKSYM KYIAK*: Soft power of the EU in hard times – The Eastern Partnership Dimension

Panel 3 moderator: *HILLIE VAN DE STREEK*, Secretary General, EPP Women, Eduardo Frei Foundation Trainer (tbc)

- *NATALIIA MASLOVA*: Building gender equality in Ukraine
- *LILIANA ANDRUSIV*: Women's emancipation in the post-soviet countries
- *MARIIA KRAVCHENKO*: Gender quotas in political parties – the Ukrainian perspective

12.30 – *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:30 – Alumni presentations and debate in 3 parallel panels

Panel 1 moderator: *TBA*

- *PAWEL PIASECKI*: Lack of a clear vision on the center-right - major chances and risks for an upcoming millennial generation
- *MARTIN HARANGOZÓ*: tba
- *TBA*

Panel 2 moderator: *VAIDAS AUGUNAS*, President of EDUCATIO Institute (conf)

- *MARINA MURADYAN*: Armenian self-transformation as a success story for reviving the European project
- *DZMITRY MITSKEVICH*: What role Belarus can play in ensuring better security of the EU member states?
- *ALEKSANDRA JUGOVIC*: Preconditions and commitments for the EU's greater engagement with the Western Balkans
- *MILAN RADIN*: Serbia today

Panel 3 moderator: *ANNET DOESBURG*, Eduardo Frei Foundation Trainer (tbc)

- *NINA BYDANTSEVA*: The challenge for “new faces” breaking barriers from community to national politics
- *VOLHA PAVUK*: Young women in Belarusian politics – what we have reached and what to do for improvement
- *GEORGETA MINCU*: tba
- *ORMELA LIKAJ*: Women are a force for global development

15:30 – 16:30 – *Coffee break*

16:30 – 18:30 – Summary from panel rapporteurs, plenary debate

Closing remarks:

*KATALIN NOVÁK*, Vice-President of FIDESZ, former State Secretary for Family and Youth (conf)

*DORIS PACK MEPAI*, RSI President

18:30 - *transfers from the hotel*

19:00 – 21:00 – Gala dinner (boat on the Danube)

Opening speech: *GYÖRGY HÖLVÉNYI* MEP, EPP Group in the European Parliament, Board Member of the Robert Schuman Foundation (Luxembourg) (conf)

21:00 transfers to the hotel

**Note:**

Registration is mandatory, and can be made exclusively via the Robert Schuman Institute at [office@schuman-institute.eu](mailto:office@schuman-institute.eu)