

**The European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and Club Romania-EU
cordially invite you to the high-level policy debate**

„THE FUTURE OF THE SCHENGEN AREA“

**14 June 2011, 12:00-15:00
European Parliament, P7C050**

Hosted by Marian Jean Marinescu MEP

During the past six months the Schengen area has moved into the centre of the European public debate. While the initial discussions focused on Romania's and Bulgaria's accession to the Schengen area, this issue together with the increased migration pressure following the events in North Africa have led to a lively debate about the future of the Schengen system. The discussions about the governance of the Schengen area will also be a crucial and controversial topic on the upcoming European Council.

Key questions are inter alia: How should the Schengen regime be reformed in order to be able to respond in the case of a massive influx of migrants? How can – also after accession to the Schengen area – the proper implementation and application of the Schengen acquis by the member states be guaranteed?

The objective of this high-level debate with key policy makers from the EU institutions and the member states is to bring together different perspectives on the current and future effectiveness of the Schengen area and the possible impact of its future enlargements in achieving its goals.

A standing lunch will be available from 12:00.

Please confirm your participation by filling in the [registration form](#) at <http://bit.ly/lCsKas> by 10 June 2011. We kindly remind you to bring a piece of identification when entering the premises of the European Parliament.

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Agenda

12:00 **Registration & Standing Lunch Reception**

13:00 **Welcome**

Mr Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP, Vice-Chair European People's Party

13:15 **Panel Discussion**

Mr Peter Altmaier MP, Chief Whip of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group, German Bundestag

Mr Ioan Dascalu, Secretary of State in the Romanian Ministry of Administration and Interior

Mr Carlos Coelho MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament Rapporteur on Schengen

Moderator:

Dr. Stefan Gehroid, Director, European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung