



**THE DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN SECURITY  
AND DEFENCE AND BULGARIA'S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU IN 2018**

5 June, 2017, Sofia.

**9:00 – 9:30 Registration of Participants and Coffee**

**Opening Remarks**

**9:30 – 10:00 Mr. Thorsten Geißler**, Head of the 'Konrad Adenauer Foundation' bureau for Bulgaria

**Mr. Yordan Bozhilov**, President of Sofia Security Forum

**H.E. Roland Hauser**, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Bulgaria, part of the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union in the "Troika": Estonia - Bulgaria - Austria

**PANEL: The Debate on the Future of Europe in the Context of the forthcoming Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council in 2018.**

**Moderator: Yassen Georgiev, Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute**

**10:00 – 10:15** The presidency of the Council of the EU in 2018: perspectives for the European Union and Bulgaria as a rotating president.

**Ms. Lilyana Pavlova, Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018**

**10:15 – 10:30** A strategic vision for Europe beyond 2020 and potential priorities for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2018.

**Prof. Dr. Ingrid Shikova, Sofia University 'St. Kliment Ohridski'**

**10:30 – 10:45** EU security and defense in the context of the scenarios for the future of Europe outlined in the White Paper and identifying priorities for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2018,

**Dr. Monika Panayotova, Sofia Security Forum, Member of the European Parliament (2012-2014)**

**10:45 – 11:00 Discussion**

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**



**PANEL: The debate on the future of Europe in the context of European security and defence**

***Moderator: Yordan Bozhilov, President of Sofia Security Forum***

**11:30 – 11:50**            **Bulgaria's view on: the implementation plan for the European Global Strategy, the Joint NATO-EU Declaration and the creation of a European Defense Fund for a strong, intelligent, and innovative European defense industry.**

***Lieutenant General (r) Atanas Zapryanov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria***

**11:50 – 12:10**            **Europe and European security in ‘the new global order’**

***Mrs. Vessela Tcherneva, Senior Program Director and Director of the Sofia Office, European Council on Foreign Policy***

**12:10 – 12:30**            **The White Paper on the Future of Europe, an opportunity for more integration or a danger of "Europe at different speeds"?**

***Gen. Anyu Angelov, Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria (2010 - 2013)***

**12:30 – 13:30**            **Discussion**

**123:30– 14:30**            **Cocktail**

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS – approximately 100:

60 representatives from NGOs, Academia, students, and Bulgarian ministries and agencies from;

40 representatives from foreign embassies