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10 – 11 June 2017, Göttweig Abbey

**Saturday 10 June**

10.00 a.m. **Arrival** at the Abbey of Göttweig

10.30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION**, Altmann Hall

**Rt. Rev. Columban Luser**

Abbot of Göttweig

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**Johannes Hahn**

Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations, Brussels

**Pavlo Klimkin**

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Kyiv

**Karl-Heinz Lambertz**

First Vice-President of the Committee of the Regions, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Senator of the German-speaking Community of Belgium, President of the AEBR, Brussels

**Beate Merk**

State Minister for European Affairs and Regional Relations in the Bavarian State Chancellery, Munich

**Ivica Dačić**

Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

followed by **Reception** given by Federal Minister **Sebastian Kurz**  
Restaurant of the Abbey, Terrace

2.00-4.30 p.m. **WORKING GROUPS**

1. The EU Global Strategy: how can it help the EU ensuring its security?
2. Europe of Diversity and Subsidiarity: efficient, people-oriented Decision making
3. Between Asia and US: how can Europe remain competitive?
4. All culture? Tensions between Migration, Democracy and rule of law

**Sunday 11 June**

09.00 a.m. **Holy Mass** in honour of Alois Mock, former Vice-Chancellor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria at the Abbey of Göttweig

10.30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION**, Altmann Hall

**Presentation of the Reports** of the Working Groups with contribution of the students of the high school of Klosterneuburg

**Johanna Miki-Leitner**

Governor of Lower Austria, St. Pölten

**Ulrike Guérot**

Head of the Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy, Danube University Krems, Krems

**Fiona Hyslop**

Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs, Scottish Government, Edinburgh

**Ekaterina Zaharieva**

Deputy Prime Minister for Judicial Reform and Foreign Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia

**Wolfgang Brandstetter**

Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister of Justice of the Republic of Austria, Vienna

followed by **Reception** given by Governor **Johanna Miki-Leitner**  
Restaurant of the Abbey, Terrace



Working Group 1

**"The EU Global Strategy: how can it help the EU ensuring its security?"**

**Chair: Gerhard Jandl**, Security Policy Director, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Policy, Vienna

**Rapporteur: Milan Pajević, B.A.**, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the ISAC Fund, International and Security Affairs Centre, Belgrade

**Introductory Statements:**

**Kurt Hager**, Department for Security Policy, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Vienna

**Merle Maigre**, Security Policy Adviser to the President, The Office of the President of the Republic of Estonia, Tallinn

**Carola Van Rijnsoever**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the EU Political and Security Committee, Brussels

**Aurora Mejía Errasquín**, Deputy General Director for Security, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid

Working Group 2

**"Europe of Diversity and Subsidiarity: efficient, people-oriented Decision making"**

**Chair: Hubert Wachter**, Publicist and Writer, St. Pölten

**Rapporteur: Thomas Ratka**, Head of Department for Business Law and European Integration, Danube University Krems, Krems

**Introductory Statements:**

**Christian Macho**, Mayor, Municipality of Kottlingbrunn, Kottlingbrunn

**Brigitta Pallauf**, President of the State Parliament of Salzburg, Salzburg

**Jean-Claude Felten**, Counsellor 1st class, Head of the Greater Region unit, Ministry for Families, Integration and the Grand Region, Luxembourg

**Lukas Mandl**, Regional Parliament, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Europe and the European Union, Vice-President Assembly of European Regions, Gerasdorf

Working Group 3

**"Between Asia and US: how can Europe remain competitive?"**

**Chair: Martin Gebhart**, Chief-Editor, newspaper "Niederösterreichische Nachrichten", St. Pölten

**Rapporteur: Michaela Roither**, Managing Director, Federation of Lower Austrian Industries, Vienna

**Introductory Statements:**

**Rainer Singer**, Senior Economist Eurozone/USA, Major Markets and Credit Research, Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna

**Romain Schmit**, Secretary General of the Luxembourg Chamber of Crafts, Luxembourg

**Želimir Kramarić**, Vice President for International Affairs and EU, Croatian Chamber of Economy, Zagreb

**Gudrun Mosler-Törnström**, President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Working Group 4

**"All culture? Tensions between Migration, Democracy and rule of law"**

**Chair: Harald Katzmaier**, Director and Founder of FASresearch, Vienna

**Rapporteur: Ulrike Guérot**, Head of the Department for European Policy and the Study of Democracy, Danube University Krems, Krems

**Introductory Statement:**

**Manfred Zentner**, Scientific Staff, Department for Migration and Globalization, Danube University Krems, Krems

Limited number of participants!