

International Conference

Program

Bulgaria:

**Ten years after Accession to the European Union
and before the Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2018
Berlin, November 21 / 22, 2017**

- Conference Venue 1 **November 21, 2017:** Akademie der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung,
Tiergartenstr. 35, 10785 Berlin
- Conference Venue 2 **November 22, 2017:** Hotel Berlin, Berlin, Lützowplatz 17, 10785 Berlin
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Conference languages: German / Bulgarian (simultaneous translation)

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Venue: Akademie der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Tiergartenstr. 35, 10785 Berlin

17:30 hrs Welcome and Opening

- Dr. h.c. Gernot **Erl**er, President of the Southeast Europe Association (SOG) / Chairman German-Bulgarian Forum
- Dr. Wolfgang **Büche**le, Chairman of the German Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations
- Dr. Hans-Gert **Pöt**tering, Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

18:15 hrs: KEY NOTE

GEORG **GEORGIEV**, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

19:00 HRS: PANEL DISCUSSION

SHAPING EUROPE: BULGARIA'S ROLE WITHIN AND FOR THE EU

Panelists

- Dr. Meglena **Kuneva**, former Deputy Prime Minister / EU-Commissioner, Sofia
- Peter **Beyer**, MP, German Bundestag; Vice-President of the Southeast Europe Association, Berlin
- Dr. Daniel **Smilov**, Assoc. Prof., Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia
- Vessela **Tcherneva**, Senior Director and Head of European Council on Foreign Relations Office, Sofia

Moderation: Dr. h.c. Gernot **Erl**er, President of Southeast Europe Association (SOG) / Chairman German-Bulgarian Forum

20:00 hrs: Reception

WEDNESDAY, November 22, 2017

Venue Hotel Berlin Berlin, Lützowplatz 17, 10785 Berlin

09:00 HRS: PANEL 1: CONSEQUENCES AND EFFECTS OF BULGARIA'S EU-ACCESSION

- Social / Societal Changes: Dr. Michael **Hein**, University Göttingen
- Bulgarian citizens between chances and barriers: Prof. Rumiana **Stoilova**, Institute for Society and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia
- Media: Kristina **Hristova**, Association of European Journalists Bulgaria, Sofia

Moderation: Alexander **Andreev**, Head Bulgarian Service, Deutsche Welle, Bonn

10:30 hrs: Coffee Break

11:00 HRS: PANEL 2: JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

- Rule of law: Stela **Ivanova-Manthey**, Institut für Ostrecht, Regensburg
- Fight against corruption: Ruslan **Stefanov**, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia
- Judicial reform: Hristo **Ivanov**, former Minister of Justice, Chairman of the political Party “Da Bulgaria”, Sofia
- Political culture and political landscape: Prof. Dr. Antoniy **Galabov**, New Bulgarian University; National Center for Parliamentary Studies, National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia
- Minorities: Dr. Boryana **Dimitrova**, Assoc. Prof., Alpha-Research – Agency for social and market research, Sofia

Moderation: Thorsten **Geißler**, Head regional office Bulgaria, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Sofia

12:30 hrs Lunch

14:00 HRS PANEL 3: GERMAN-BULGARIAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION – Tendencies and Perspectives

- Investment in Bulgaria today: Dr. Mitko **Vassilev**, General Manager, German-Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce (DBIHK/AHK Bulgaria), Sofia
- Economy and industry 4.0: Dr. Teodor **Sedlarski**, Assoc. Prof., Dean Faculty of Economy, St.-Kliment-Ohridski-University Sofia, former Minister of Economy, Sofia
- View from the OECD: Dr. Elena **Miteva**, Deputy Head Southeast Europe Program, OECD, Paris
- Globalisation, Migration, Sustainability. Perspectives for German-Bulgarian Cooperation – a Bank’s View: Christoph **Freytag**, Management Board, ProCreditBank, Frankfurt am Main/Sofia

Moderation: Helge **Tolksdorf**, Head Department EU-Enlargement, Southeastern Europe, Turkey, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

15:30 hrs Coffee Break

16:00 HRS PANEL 4: CHALLENGES COMMON FOREIGN AND SECURITY POLICY

- Migration and refugees: Gerald **Knaus**, Chairman, European Stability Initiative, Berlin
- Cross-border organized crime and terrorism: Yordan **Bozhilov**, President of Sofia Security Forum

- Black Sea region (Crimea) and Syria: Prof. Dr. Plamen **Pantev**, Director, Institute for Security and International Studies (ISIS), Sofia

Moderation: Diljana **Lambreva**, Journalist, Sofia/Vienna

17:30 HRS: PANEL 5 BULGARIAN EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCY 2018: CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES

- Relations to Russian and Turkey: Dr. Ognyan **Minchev**, Director, Institut for Regional- and International Studies, Sofia
- Western Balkans: Andrey **Kovatchev**, MEP, member of the foreign affairs committee of the European Parliament
- Brexit and its consequences: Antoinette **Primatarova**, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia

Moderation: Franz-Lothar **Altmann**, University Bucharest / Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association (SOG), Munich

18:30 hrs End of the conference