

Future of Europe After Juncker's Commission

“It should not be a lost cause: forum on institutional reforms with innovative ideas”

In September 2016, just months after the citizens of the United Kingdom decided to leave the European Union, the European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker delivered his State of the Union Address. He stressed that despite the UK leaving us, we shall walk “towards a better Europe - a Europe that protects, empowers and defends”.

In March 2017, his Commission presented the White Paper on the Future of Europe, presenting the five distinct scenarios for the future development of the EU until 2025. These were meant to “help steer a debate on the future of Europe (...) offer a series of glimpses into the potential state of the Union by 2025 depending on the choices we will jointly make. (...) the five scenarios are illustrative in nature to provoke thinking.” And indeed they did provoke the debate.

On September 12, 2018 President Juncker will again and for the last time deliver his annual State of the Union Address. Now that we are in the last year of this Commission's term, let's ask:

Where did this debate take us? In which direction has the Commission steered the Union since 2016? What are the main takes from the last SOTEU Address? What can next European Election and new Commission bring into the future of Europe debate?

We invite you to join us at hotel Tatra to discuss these issues with invited experts and between ourselves!

WHERE: Hotel Tatra, Námestie 1. mája 5, 811 06 Bratislava

Conference Room “Grand”

WHEN: Friday September 21, 2018

REGISTRATION HERE

The event will be held in English without translation!

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Programme:

09:30 Registration

10:00 First panel: The main takes of the SOTEU 2018

Vladimír Bilčík, Department of Political Science, Comenius University in Bratislava

Jana Capello, Head of Press and Political Section, Representation of the European Commission to Slovakia

Marek Lenč, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica

Franz Neunteufl, IGO, Austria

Moderated by Tomáš Madleňák, Slovak Foreign Policy Association

11:30 World Café A: Legitimacy of European Elections with Slovak Turnout. What are the ways to achieve higher levels of participation?

Initial contribution by Ursula Serafin, Maison de l'Europe de Paris

Moderator: Tomas Madlenak, SFPA

World Café B: Ever More Disunited Union?

After the speech of President Juncker.

Initial contribution by Pier Virgilio Dastoli, European Movement Italy

Moderator: Miklós Barabas, European House, Budapest

12:30 Conclusion and Small Lunch

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