

EP Elections and Beyond: Active Participation of EU citizens at All Levels

First Transnational Reflection Group Meeting

30.11.2018 (Friday), Bratislava, Slovakia

9:30 - 10:30

Session 1: What Europe Do We Want? Hopes and Fears – View Outside the Brussels Bubble

What is the state of the European Union before the European Parliament elections in 2019? What to expect from these elections? Will we talk about Europe or national issues will preempt European ones? What would be the possible consequences for the EU after 2019 if Eurosceptic parties win significantly number of seats? What follows after Brexit?

Panelists:

- František Ružička, *State Secretary of European Affairs, Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- Jakub Wisniewski, *Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute*

Moderator: Vladislava Gubalova, *Research fellow, GLOBSEC Policy Institute*

10.30 – 10:45

Short break

10.45– 12.00

Thematic Working Groups (part 1)

- Education and opportunities for the youth
- Economic affairs and the eurozone
- EU migration policy, internal and external security
- Employment, social affairs and inclusion
- EU as a global actor
- Environment and sustainability

Goal: to identify main Fears and Hopes in each thematic area

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch break

13.00 – 14.00

Session 2: How to Get the Europe that We Want? Vision and Recommendations.

The citizens' consultations led from April to October 2018 throughout most of the European Union Member States aimed at placing the European issues at the heart of public debate. Can this exercise constitute a replicable format over time, where it becomes an effective connecting tool between citizens' demands and European decision-making? How to keep the momentum of active engagement after the EP elections?

Panelists:

- Ladislav Miko, *Head, Representation of the European Commission in Slovakia*
- Alena Kudzko, *Deputy Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute*

Moderator: Kinga Brudzinska, *Senior research fellow, GLOBSEC Policy Institute*



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14.00 – 15.00

Thematic Working Groups (part 2)

Goal: Drafting recommendations for each thematic area

15.00 – 15.20

Presentation of the Outcomes of Working Groups

15.20 – 15.30

Final Conclusions

15.30

End of First Transnational Reflection Group Meeting

*While the participants are not asked to prepare presentations, they are expected to actively contribute to the discussions. This meeting is to drive an honest conversation about the future of Europe and our place in it as active EU citizens.



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