**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

# 25 YEARS OF VISEGRAD COOPERATION: A GROWING POWER WITHIN THE EU

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

## TUESDAY, 1 MARCH
*Venue: Embassy of the Czech Republic **(by invitations only)***

**18:00—20:00 OFFICIAL OPENING AND RECEPTION**
**Welcome:**
**Mr. Karlheinz Kopf,** Second President of the National Council, Austria

## WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH
*Venue: Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Favoritenstraße 15a, 1040 Vienna*

**9:00        OPENING SESSION**
**Mr. Hans Winkler,** Director, Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Austria
**Mr. Hubert Heiss,** Director General for Europe, Federal Ministry
for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

**9:20—10:40    25 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS, NEW CHALLENGES AND VISION FOR FUTURE**
**Chair: Mr. Christian Ultsch,** Head of Foreign Policy Department, Die Presse, Austria

**Panelists:**
**Mr. Erhard Busek,** Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region
and Central Europe (IDM), former Vice-Chancellor, Austria
**Mr. Eduard Kukan,** MEP, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovak Republic
**Mr. Janos Martonyi,** former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary
**Mr. Wojciech Jerzy Gizicki,** The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland
**Mr. Libor Rouček,** former Vice-President of the European Parliament, Czech Republic

**10:40—11:00  COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00—12:45  REGIONAL COOPERATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND
PRIORITY ISSUES: CURRENT DYNAMICS**
**Chair: Ms. Beata Jaczewska,** Executive Director of the International Visegrad Fund

**Panelists:**
**Mr. Dániel Bartha,** Centre of Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID), Hungary
**Mr. Vít Dostál,** Association for International Affairs (AMO), Czech Republic
**Mr. Jakub Groszkowski,** Center for Eastern Studies (OSW), Poland
**Mr. Gorazd Justinek,** Centre for European Perspective (CEP), Slovenia
**Mr. Otmar Lahodynsky,** Profil weekly, President of Association
of European Journalists (AEJ), Austria
**Mr. Milan Nič,** Central European Policy Institute (CEPI), Slovak Republic

**12:45—13:00  CONCLUSIONS**
**Mr. Tomáš Kafka,** Central Europe Department Director,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech V4 Presidency