

FUTURE OF THE TRANSATLANTIC BOND

High-level conference organized by the Association for International Affairs (AMO), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in the Czech Republic.

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Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czernin Palace, Loretánské náměstí 5, Prague 1

Working Language: English, Czech translation will be provided

BACKGROUND

One hundred years ago, the United States played a crucial role in the establishing of the independent nations in Central and Eastern Europe. Thanks to the leadership of President Woodrow Wilson, the Czech Republic, together with other countries, is celebrating 100 years of its existence in 2018. The United States also contributed significantly to the freedom of the European nations after WWII as well as after the Cold War. The dream of “Europe whole and free” as put by G. H. Bush in his Mainz speech in 1989 started to become a reality just a few months after. American prudence then helped to navigate Central European nations towards NATO.

However, current Euro-American relations face many challenges. The role of the West in global issues is contested by resurgent and new regional powers. Many European NATO allies do not meet their defense spending pledge. European defense cooperation has been boosted in recent years and it is often doubted, whether NATO and the EU can co-exist or if they will ultimately clash. The trade relationship is a new issue on the agenda, which makes U.S.-EU relations even more tense.

PROGRAM

9:00 Opening Remarks

Tomáš Petříček, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

H.E. Stephen King, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic

H.E. Christoph Israng, German Ambassador to the Czech Republic

Vladka Mušálková, Director of the Association for International Affairs (AMO)

9:30 Panel I – Political Relationship: Is Transatlantic Cooperation a Value of Itself? – What Can Be Done on Both Sides of the Atlantic to Nourish It and Strengthen It?

Ondřej Benešík, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic

Ian Brzezinski, Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council

Jakub Landovský, Deputy Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic

Miroslav Poche, Member of the European Parliament

Jana Puglierin, Head of the Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

Chaired by **Michael Žantovský**, Executive Director of the Václav Havel Library

Followed by Q&A

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Panel II – Security Relationship: EU-NATO Partnership for Stronger Transatlantic Strategic Superiority

Rainer Meyer zum Felde, Senior Fellow at the Institute for Security Policy Kiel University, Government Fellow at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Andrew Michta, Dean of the College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Petr Pavel, former Chairman of the NATO Military Committee

Tomáš Pojar, Vice-President of the CEVRO Institute

Alexander Vershbow, Distinguished Fellow at the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council and former NATO Deputy Secretary General

Chaired by **Jiří Schneider**, Executive Director of the Aspen Institute Central Europe

Followed by Q&A

13:00 Buffet lunch

14:30 Panel III – Economic Relationship: Transforming Industries – A Trans-Atlantic Perspective

Milena Jabůrková, Government Programs Executive at IBM, Vice President of the Confederation of Industry of the Czech Republic

David Pavlis, CEO, Javlin

Jack Spencer, Vice President of the Institute for Economic Freedom, Heritage Foundation

Weston Stacey, Executive Director of the American Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic

Milan Šlapák, President & CEO Czech Republic and Slovakia at GE Aviation

Chaired by **Martin Tlapa**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Followed by Q&A

16:00 Reception in the Gardens of the Czernin Palace

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