



PRAGUE ENLARGEMENT DIALOGUE

22nd October 2012

PROGRAMME

13.00 – 14.30 **PANEL I: Role and place of the enlargement in the current strategic EU debate**

- *The latest European Commission enlargement report and possible directions of enlargement policy*
- *General assessment of EU enlargement policy*
- *Enlargement in the light of the current EU „crisis management“: how strong is now the case for enlargement?*
- *Enlargement in a „multi-speed“ and internally differentiated EU*
- *Scenarios for a future of enlargement policy*

Speakers

- His Excellency Mr Karel Schwarzenberg, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- Mr Štefan Füle, Member of the European Commission for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy
- Her Excellency Ms Suzana Grubješić, Vice Prime Minister for European Integration, Serbia
- Her Excellency Ms Vesna Pusić, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia
- Mr Michael Clauß, Director General, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Moderator: Mr Karel Kühnl, Advisor to the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs; former Minister of Defence and of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic

14.30 – 14.45 **Coffee-Break**

14.45 – 16.15 **PANEL II: Enlargement as a part of the EU growth agenda?**

- *EU enlargement policy so far: costs and benefits in political, economic and social perspective*
- *Enlargement of internal market and EU rules*
- *Contribution of enlargement to growth (in the light of the „growth and jobs“ agenda)*
- *Enlargement as a business opportunity; its future potential*

Speakers

- Ms Bernadette Gierlinger, Director General, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria
- Mr Peter Balas, Deputy Director General, DG Trade, European Commission
- Mr Branko Azeski, President, Economic Chamber of Macedonia
- Mr Güven Sak, Acting Rector of TOBB Economy and Technology University, Director of Turkish Policy Research Foundation, Turkey
- Mr Martin Tlapa, former Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic

Moderator: Mr Radek Špicar, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Prague; Vice President, Confederation of Industry, Czech Republic