



20 YEARS IN THE EU: BREAKTHROUGHS ACHIEVED AND LESSONS LEARNED



25 APRIL | 15H00-16H30 | AT EUROPA HOUSE

14:30 Doors open / coffee

15:00 Introduction by the moderator Mr. Haitze SIEMERS, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Japan

EU Enlargement THEN and NOW

15:05 Prof. Marie BRIGUGLIO, University of Malta / video message

15:10 Mr. Márton SCHÖBERL, Chief Executive Officer of the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs (HIIA) / video message

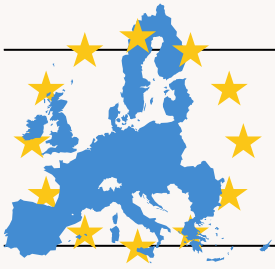
15:15 Mr. Krzysztof IZDEBSKI, Senior Policy Officer at the Stefan Batory Foundation / video message

15:20-15:40 Mr. Makoto NAKAGAWA, former Ambassador of Japan to Slovakia, and Dr. Boštjan BERTALANIČ, Associate Professor at Josai University, Slovenia / moderated discussion

15:40 Ambassador of Cyprus Mr. Yannis MICHAELIDES / "Europe we aspire to" / message readout

15:45 Ambassador of Estonia Mr. Mait MARTINSON / "The Effects of the EU Enlargement on Japan"

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Today's CHALLENGES as SEEN by the 10 MEMBER STATES

15:50–16:30

Mr. Andrius, KLEIVA, an author and communication specialist from Lithuania, Dr. Talis Juhna, Professor and Rector of Riga Technical University (RTU) and Mr. Václav BARTUŠKA, Czech Republic Special Envoy for Energy Security / panel discussion

16:30

Closing



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

CZECH REPUBLIC: **Václav BARTUŠKA** was the point-man between the EU and Russia/Ukraine during the gas crisis, at the time of the Czech Presidency of the European Council in 2009. An international energy expert, Professor at New York University (NYU), Czech Technical University, and College of Europe, Member of the Administrative Board of ACER (EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators) and a bestselling book author.

Mr. Bartuška was one of the student leaders of the revolution in November 1989; due to previous experience with Secret Police (first detained at 20) elected by Parliament to the Commission investigating the Secret Police: „Disbanding the Secret Police shortly after the Revolution was the best job I ever had “.

HUNGARY: **Márton SCHOBERL** worked in the world of business information systems and from 2010 in the central administration in various positions in the field of higher education and state asset management. He led the Hungarian think-tank Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT) between 2014 and 2018, then served as a Deputy State Secretary responsible for cultural diplomacy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in the fourth Orbán government (2018–2022). Since 2015, he has served as an Ambassador of Hungary. Márton returned to IFAT in July 2022, starting his second directorial term. He is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs (HIIA) from April 2023.

LATVIA: **Tālis JUHNA** obtained Doctoral degree in Water Technologies in 2002 in Sweden. He has created one of the most advanced Water Research and Biotechnology Laboratories in the Baltic States. Professor's main research is focusing on the application of biotechnologies in drinking water, wastewater systems and renewable energy production.

Professor Tālis JUHNA is involved in several research boards in industry-academia clusters including climate technologies, biotechnology, and material science. He is a Board Member of Riga Water Company and co-founder of a high-tech biotech start-up

LITHUANIA: **Andrius KLEIVA** was born and raised in a small seaside town in Lithuania. His studies in Paris Institute of Political Studies eventually led him to Japan, where he currently works in communication, has authored two bestselling books and occasionally reports on current affairs in Japan.

MALTA: **Marie BRIGUGLIO** is a resident academic at the University of Malta (UM) lecturing mainly in Behavioural Economics and Environmental Economics, and expert on themes of economics of wellbeing, environmental cooperation, political preferences, cultural participation and market failure. She returned to academia in 2011 after a 15-year career in the public sector working in the same fields.

She has published extensively in her field and has secured numerous research grants/scholarships (including 2 Horizon 2020 grants, Malta's Research Excellence Grant and a Chevening Scholarship). An experienced public speaker, Marie has delivered over 150 conference presentations, keynote speeches, public talks and webinars to diverse audiences including the Parliament of Malta, the EU commission and the Holy See. Marie is also a prolific audio-visual/print media writer. She has won multiple awards such as the STEM Engaged Researcher Award, the World Intellectual Property Organisation Award for Creativity, the Malta Innovation Award, the Malta National Book Prize, WWF Green Personality and three Broadcasting awards.

POLAND: **Krzysztof IZDEBSKI** is a lawyer specialized in access to public information, re-use of public sector information and relations between technology and democracy. He is the author of publications on freedom of information, technology, public administration, corruption, and public participation including "Transparency and Open Data Principles: Why They Are Important and How They Increase Public Participation and Tackle Corruption" and "The Digital Battlefield for Democratic Principles". Marshall Memorial, and Recharging Advocacy for Rights in Europe (RARE) Fellow, Member of the OECD's Innovation Citizen Participation Network.

He is also specialized in legal aspects of the prevention of corruption. In 2012–2018 he was a Local Research Correspondent for Poland in the European Commission Anti-Corruption project (Anti-Corruption report) that aimed to improve anti-corruption policies in the Member States. In 2020 he was listed by Dziennik Gazeta Prawna daily as one of 50 most influential Polish lawyers.

SLOVAKIA: Makoto NAKAGAWA was based in Bratislava from 2020 till late 2023 as Ambassador of Japan to Slovakia. Before, Mr. NAKAGAWA worked for 6 years (2014–2020) at Prime Minister’s Office crafting a unique new legislation to introduce new business in Japan of Integrated Resorts with gaming facilities. During the same time, he also acted as Project Manager for construction of new National Stadium for 2020 Olympic Games. Mr. Nakagawa has more than 10 years experience working at major international institutions, such as IMF, the World Bank and OECD.

