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JOINT CITIZENS' FORCES – COMMON EUROPEAN FUTURE

CONFERENCE

Euroscepticism – roots, challenges and prospects

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

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Szentendre, Hungary



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PREAMBLE

Panurope Hungary defines Hellenic democracy, Roman law and Judeo-Christian spirituality as the basic pillars of European values. These fundamentals are currently challenged by political disunity on European level and raising distrust against European institutions and European integration as such. The EU has reached its breaking point, never before has it faced so many threatening challenges to its existence as nowadays. The conference offers a platform for innovative, inclusive and interactive pro-European discussion.

Friday, 26 October 2018

Venue: V8 Center, Szentendre (H-2000) Kálvária str 16/c

12:00 – 12:40	Opening of the event: Understanding the European History
	- Aba Béla , President of Panurope Hungary
	- Laris Gaiser , President of Slovenian Panuropean Movement
	- Alain Terrenoire , President of International Panuropean Union
	- Georg von Habsburg , Hungary
12:40 – 13:10	Keynote speaker
	- Lovász László , Ministerial Commissioner
13:30 – 15:00	Combatting Euroscepticism with more Europe
	- Jan Machacek , Institute for Politics and Society, Czech Republic
	- Janik Szabolcs , Deputy Director, Migration Research Institute
	- Charles Nonne , Homopolitikus, Slovenia
	Moderator: Csiszér Annamária , Member of Presidency, Panurope Hungary
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Discussing driving forces of Euroscepticism in EU member states
	- Miszlivetz Ferenc , Jean Monnet Professor, Director of Institute for Advanced Studies in Kőszeg
	- Marko Stojić , Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic
	- Máthé Áron , Vice President – National Remembrance Committee
	Moderator: Dejan Hribar , Secretary General, Slovenian Panuropean Movement
17:00 – 17:30	Public remarks
17:30	Special remarks
	- Andrássy Gábor , Honorary President of Panurope Hungary
19:00	Reception – cultural evening

Saturday, 27 October 2018

Venue: Szentendre

10:00 – 11:30	Economic, political and security crisis - what is next?
	- Willem Pieter de Groen , Centre for European Policy Studies, Belgium
	- Kalmár Ferenc , Ministerial Commissioner, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
	- Emanuele Sessa , Euro-Mediterranean Economists Association, Italy
	Moderator: Rainhard Kloucek , Secretary General, Paneurope Austria
11:30	Closing remarks

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Due to citizens' mistrust in EU institutions and decision makers, we have to build on a strong bottom-up approach, empower the citizens and civil society organizations to be able to understand the importance of continuing on the path of European integration. Moreover, building trust and fostering mutual cooperation between citizens and policy makers at EU level is crucial. The aim of the project is to attract and engage European citizens and civil society organizations in structural dialogue with EU policy and decision makers on how to reduce Euroscepticism and spread the realization that European integration is still necessary. Particular focus will be put on increasing the level of understanding of the EU policy-making process, how to transform and translate citizens' ideas and needs in the EU decision-making process, how to improve the communication channels between citizens, civil society organizations and decision makers, and on the importance of having unified and strong common European policies and approaches. By offering a platform for engaging European citizens in debates on their and thus our common future, this project promises to be innovative, inclusive and interactive.

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