

GLOBSEC TATRA SUMMIT 2016 28 - 30 October, Bratislava

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GLOBSEC Tatra Summit is a prominent annual conference on the most pressing European political, economic and financial issues with an ambitious goal – to contribute to the shaping the future of Europe. Since its foundation, GLOBSEC Tatra Summit has made a significant contribution to defining challenges, solutions and actions of the regional and wider European agenda. Gradually, it has become an indispensable meeting place of stakeholders and everyone who contributes to the shaping of European political and economic policies. Hundreds of states and EU representatives, experts from the most influential European organizations and think-tanks, academia and private sector gather every year in Bratislava to exchange views and to engage in debates that have a real impact on the current European agenda. Over time, the top-guest list has already included representatives such as **Jeroen Dijsselbloem, David Lidington, Maroš Šefčovič, Valdis Dombrovskis, Werner Hoyer, Gunter Verheugen, Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, Robert Fico, Jean-Claude Piris, Jörg Asmussen, Hans Jörg Schelling, Carsten Pillath**, and other personalities.



GLOBSEC TATRA SUMMIT 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- Taking place during the first-ever Slovak Presidency in the Council of the EU, GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will be the main public event during this period.
- Investment strategies and projects will be discussed at the GLOBSEC Tatra Summit Investment Forum.
- A few days prior to U.S. election, GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will look at the future of transatlantic relations.
- In the light of current crises in the European Union, GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will discuss the future make-up of the European Union and the relations between member states' and EU institutions.
- With the ongoing influx of asylum seekers, European Union has been striving to adopt the right measures to help member states in dealing with this challenge. GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will look at the EU strategies for integration of migrants into the societies and economies within the EU member states.
- Side events: GLOBSEC Tatra Summit conference will be preceded by Investment Forum. The conference programme includes closed policy sessions, roundtables, expert working groups and many other formats that offer opportunities to deepen discussions on various topics.
- Attendance of top leaders and stakeholders: heads of governments and EU institutions, ministers, state secretaries and top-level representatives of economic and financial institutions, think tanks, universities and private sector from the whole Europe.

TOPICAL FRAMEWORK

After the new European Commission took office in 2014, several new initiatives were introduced to the public and the European Union is currently on the path of creating the legislative framework of these policy areas, including Energy Union, Digital Single Market and others. At the same time, the EU is also facing several challenges calling for reconsideration of previous strategies. All these issues will be crucial not only for the Slovak Presidency, but also for the future of the whole EU.

Topics of this year's edition of GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will include:

1. ENERGY SECURITY | One of the Commission's top priorities is creating a single energy market and enhancing the energy security which is strongly connected to reduction of dependency of the member states on one supplier. With the exception of reliable Northern countries, European energy security is exposed to potentially unstable supplies from Russia, the Middle East and Mediterranean. GLOBSEC Tatra Summit 2016 will contribute to the discussion on securing stable transit routes beneficial for the whole Union.

2. EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS TO CURRENT CHALLENGES | Unprecedented amounts of illegal migrants are crossing the EU borders every day, stimulating heated debates among public and political elites. While we all agree that help must be provided to those in need, the issue is much more complex. It touches many policy areas – freedom of movement, asylum policy, protection of external borders and integration of refugees. GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will focus on the solutions of the crisis across these policy areas, already implemented measures and evaluation of their outcomes.

3. SECURITY UNION | Recent terrorist attacks in Paris and Brussels reminded us of prevailing weaknesses in European internal security. Terrorism has a very dynamic character and operates in transborder and virtual space. In order to maintain the area of freedom of movement, sharing of intelligence and stronger cooperation of agencies in countering terrorism becomes essential. GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will discuss necessary steps to be taken in order to fight radicalisation and protect European security.

4. FUTURE OF TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS AFTER U.S. ELECTIONS | In recent years Europe and the United States have not worked so closely in the area of security nor economy. Challenges which the U.S. and EU are facing might seem diverse, however, none of the powers are able to solve these problems alone and cooperation is inevitable. Moreover, the conference will also discuss the future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the United States and the EU which could be one of the most important milestones in shaping the global trade system.

5. ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION – OUR COMMON FUTURE | Recovering from the financial and currency crisis, the EMU reform is currently underway. The course has been set by the Five Presidents' Report calling for deeper integration, common fiscal tools and

economic coordination, although it is not definite that this will indeed be the final course. Top EMU stakeholders will exchange their views on the future of the EMU while trying to find a common route to the stability of the common currency.



ACCOMPANYING EVENTS

INVESTMENT FORUM | As a part of GLOBSEC Tatra Summit, Investment Forum will take place once again. It will offer an excellent opportunity for more specific topics to be discussed. The Forum will bring together investors, state representatives and private sector representatives who will debate on investment strategies, pension funds in the Central and Eastern Europe, cyber security, industry 4.0 and other highly important topics.

GLOBSEC TATRA SUMMIT GALA DINNER | GLOBSEC Tatra Summit will host a high-profile Gala Dinner where a prominent speaker will deliver a speech on the most pressing questions that the European leaders have to deal with.

YOUNG EUROPEANS' FORUM | For the first time GLOBSEC Tatra Summit 2016 will launch Young Europeans' Forum. The aim of the forum is to give emerging young professionals an opportunity to contribute to the debate on the European Union's political, economic and financial agenda.

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