



“The Visegrad Group and the Future EU Economy: Standing Together or Falling Apart?”

Date and Place: 21st June 2012,
Mirror Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague

Programme

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Opening Remarks

Jaroslav Kurfürst, Director General, European Section of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Keynote speech

Marcin Zaborowski, Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

10:00-11:30 Panel I

The V4 Countries, the Euro-Crisis and the Future of the Eurozone. The Fiscal Pact as a Way Out of the Crisis?

Chair: Agata Gostyńska, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

Czech Republic – **Petr Zahradník**, Project Manager and Consultant of the EU Office of Česká spořitelna, Member of the National Economic Council, Government of the Czech Republic

Slovakia – **Robert Auxt**, Advisor in the Office of the State Secretary, Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic

Hungary – **Zoltán Gálik**, Senior Research Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Budapest

Discussion

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:15 Panel II

The V4 as an Economic Macroregion: Working Together towards the Goals of Strategy 2020?

Chair: András Rácz, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Budapest

Czech Republic – **Daniela Grabmüllerová**, Director of the European Affairs Department, Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic

Poland – **Adam A. Ambroziak**, Minister Counsellor in the Committee for European Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland. Professor at the Warsaw School of Economics

Hungary – **Zoltán Pogátsa**, International Political Economist, Faculty of Economics, University of West Hungary

Discussion

13:15-14:15 Buffet lunch

14:15-15:45 Panel III

The EU Financial Framework 2014 - 2020. Opportunities, Limits and Challenges for the V4

Chair: Tomáš Strážay, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava

Czech Republic – **Jiří Georgiev**, Deputy Secretary of State for European Affairs, Government of the Czech Republic

Slovakia – **František Ružička**, Director of the Department of European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Poland – **Marcin Kwasowski**, Deputy Head of Department of Economic Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Discussion

15:45-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Panel IV

V4 Presidencies 2011 – 2013

Chair: Michal Kořan, Head of Research Department, Institute of International Relations, Prague

Jiří Čištecký, Czech National V4 Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Zbigniew Krużyński, Polish National V4 Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Discussant: Rick Fawn, University of St. Andrews, Great Britain

17:30 Closing remarks

Michal Kořan, Head of Research Department, Institute of International Relations, Prague

Working language: English.