

Austrian Institute for European Security Policy

„The EU facing existential challenges – Efficient Governance, Borders and Absorption Capacity“

November 24th 2006, Sallinger-Saal, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Wiedner Hauptstr. 63,
1045 Wien

PROGRAMME

09:15

Introduction

Dr. Werner Fasslabend, MP, former Minister of Defence and President of the AIES

Welcome

Dr. Richard Schenz, Vicepresident of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber

Opening Speech

Dr. Hans Winkler, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

09:45

The EU: mood and reality

Mag. Othmar Karas, MEP, Vicepresident of the EPP-ED

10:15

Securing efficient EU governance and problem solving capacity, Constitutional Process

Prof. Dr. György Schöpflin, MEP, Hungary

Amb. Dr. Philippe de Schoutheete, former Permanent Representative of Belgium to the EU

Dr. Caspar Einem, MP, former Minister of the Interior and of Science; Member of the Convention on the Future of Europe

Janis A. Emmanouilidis, Centre for Applied Policy Research, Munich

Chair: Amb. Dr. Manfred Scheich, former Permanent Representative of Austria to the EU

11:45

Coffee

12:00

Internal cohesion: the need for a European identity as a basis for further integration

Univ. Prof. Dr. Michael Gehler, University of Hildesheim

Univ. Prof. DDr. Christian Stadler, University of Vienna

Chair: *Dr. Andreas Unterberger*, Editor in Chief, Wiener Zeitung

13:15

Lunch

14:30

Borders of the EU and the Union's absorption capacity (cultural, political, economic, institutional)

Dr. Andreas Schockenhoff, MP, Vicepresident of the CDU in the German Bundestag

Amb. Prof. Dr. Michel Foucher, Robert-Schuman-Foundation

Amb. Dr. Manfred Scheich, Former Permanent Representative of Austria to the EU

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Quaisser, Political Academy Tutzing and Eastern European Institute, Munich

Chair: *Amb. Dr. Erich Hochleitner*, Director of the AIES

16:00

Coffee

16:15

The EU as a strategic actor: State of ESDP and Security Challenges

Amb. Dr. Franz-Josef Kuglitsch, Austrian Representative to the Political and Security Committee

Amb. Dr. Günter Burghardt, former Director General for International Affairs, Germany

Prof. Dr. Anthony Glees, Brunel University, UK

Chair: *Dr. Werner Fasslabend*, MP and President of the AIES

18:00

Final Remarks

Dr. Werner Fasslabend, MP and President of the AIES

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