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57th International Congress

Prague, November 1.3, 2019

Way out of a Deadlock: Which Reforms Need the European Union?

**Borders of Europe and Europe of Borders:
“Schengen” Between Hopes and Reality**

**Role of the Euroregions to Overcome the European
Scars History and Shape a New Europe**

Friday, November 1, 2019 – Arrival day

Accommodation in Hotel "Majestic Plaza", Štěpánská 33,
(near by Wenzel Square)
(www.hotel-majestic.cz)

7:30pm get-together on a river ship

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Congress' venue: Residence of the Lord Mayor, Prague, Mariánské náměstí 1

9:00am

Welcome greetings

Lída Rakušanová, fr. EJ President and Congress 'organizer

9:05am

Welcome addresses

Mayor of Prague Zdeněk Hřib, Patron of the Congress

9:20am

Opening of the Congress
EJ President Paolo Magagnotti

9:25am

Introduction to the Congress' theme

Gianni Bonvicini, frn. Director of the “Institute of International Affaires” in Rome (IAE) and present Scientific adviser of the same Institute; Professor at the University “Roma 3”; EJ Honorary member.

9:50am

Mapping the Outcome of the European Elections in Perspective

Rotger H. Kindermann, EJ Vice-president – Vassil Sotirov, EJ Vice-president

10:10am

30 Years European Integration with Central-Eastern Countries and Future prospects

Ludek Niedermayer, Czech MEP, Group of the European People's Party, ViceChairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

10:30 Coffee break

10:45pm

Way out of a Deadlock- European Republic is feasible!

Ulrike Guérot, Professor at Danube University Krems, Head of the Department for European Politics and the Study of Democracy and Founder of European Democracy Lab in Berlin

11:30am

Discussion

Moderator, Michael Jäger, VEJ and TAE Secretary-General

12:30pm

End of the morning session and lunch

1:30pm Press Conference (separate room)

2:00pm

Polarization of Central and Eastern European countries: causes and effects on the EU

Dr. Detmar Doering, project manager Central Europe and Baltic States, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

2.30pm

Analyzing the Experiences of “Schengen” on overcoming the European Borders

Jiri Pehe, Direktor of New York University in Prague, Member of International Forum for Democratic Studies Research

3:00pm

Microdiplomacy and Euroregions in Shaping a New Europe

1. Kaspar Sammer, Head of the EUREGIO Bavarian Forest - Bohemian Forest
2. Czech Representative of EUREGIO Plzen

3:30pm

Discussion

Moderator, Felicia Ristea, EJ Deputy Secretary-General; Romanian public Radio

4:30pm Congress' Conclusion

and

General Assembly (*members only*)

7:00pm

Bohemian evening with dinner and bohemian music in the pub "U medvidku".

Sunday, November 3, 2019

City tour 4 hours, return at noon and departure