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“European Journalists Association –  
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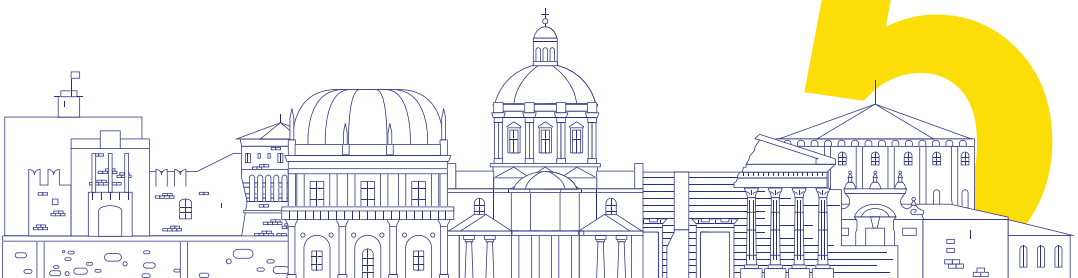
**DEMOCRACY  
UNDER THREAT  
*CHALLENGES FOR  
THE FUTURE  
OF EUROPE***

**Brescia (IT) Centro Pastorale Paolo VI  
Via Gezio Calini 30**

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# Thursday, May 2, 2024

18:00 p.m. Dinner at Centro Pastorale Paolo VI.  
Via Gezio Calini 30

# Friday, May 3, 2024

10:30 a.m. Departure for Capriano del Colle,  
Via Industriale 108.  
Visit to **"IMG"** (<https://www.imgmacchine.it/en>)  
Discussion on economic and social issues related to  
**"IMG"** strategies.

12:30 p.m. **Remarks on World Media Freedom Day**

## *AI Snapshot*

### **Katalin Toth**

*EJ members, Founder of KAI Solution*

**Navigating the AI-Driven Future of Journalism:  
What is Next?**

### **Plamen Trifanov**

*EJ member; IT engineer*

**AI for Media**

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Return to Brescia city.

5:30 p.m. Departure from "Centro Pastorale Paolo VI" to the  
world-renowned wine country of "Franciacorta".

6:00 p.m. Guided visit to the historical winery **"BERLUCCHI"**  
([www.berlucchi.it](http://www.berlucchi.it))  
with following dinner in wine cellar.

9:00 p.m. Return to Brescia city.

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**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

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Centro Pastorale Paolo VI

9:00 – **Italian National Anthem**  
10:00 a.m. **European Anthem**

**Opening by EJ president Paolo Magagnotti**

***Welcome addresses***

**Laura Castelletti**  
*Mayor of Brescia (tbc).*

**Simona Tironi**  
*Regional Councilor for Education, Training and Labor  
of the Lombardy Region.*

**Eugenio Spina**  
*Chief of Police for the Province of Brescia.*

**Greeting and messages by Guests of Honor**

**Paolo Catti De Gasperi**  
*Grandson of the Italian Prime Minister and EU  
Founding Father Alcide De Gasperi.*

**Sven-Georg Adenauer**  
*Grandson of the German Chancellor and EU  
Founding Father Konrad Adenauer.*

9:45 a.m. ***Introductory remarks***

**Angela Giebelmann**  
*International lawyer and adjunct professor on EU  
Institutions.*

10:00 a.m. **Chair: Michael Jäger**  
*EJ ExCom member; EJ-VEJ Secretary-general; CEO  
European Economic Senate; President of Taxpayers  
Association Europe.*

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**Ivan Koedjikov**

*frm. senior member of the Council of Europe Secretariat and Political Adviser for the CoE enlargement; EJ Honorary Member*

**Barbarians at the Gate of European Democracy.**

10:30 a.m.

**Franco Buzzi**

*Monsignor of the diocese of Milan; member of the College of Doctors of the Ambrosian Library; international academic on Philosophical, religious and social issues.*

**Building the Future of Society and EU on Principles and Values.**

10:55 a.m.

**Gianni Bonvicini**

*Frm. Director and Deputy-Vice-President of the Institute of International Affairs (IAI) in Rome and present IAI scientific adviser.*

**The Future of the European Union in a Geopolitical Disorder.**

11:20 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:40 a.m.

**Chair: Vassil Sotirov, EJ Vice-President**

**Tommaso Guerini**

*Adjunct professor at the Universities of Bologna and Naples.*

**Media Freedom in Europe**

12:05 a.m.

**Video presentations**

**Chair: Paolo Magagnotti**

*EJ President*

**Dennis DeConcini**

*U.S. Senator, Rt.*

**Euro-Atlantic Alliance: What a Future?**

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## **Angelina Kariakina**

*Head of News of the Ukrainian public broadcaster UA: PBC; cofounder of “Public Interest Journalism Lab.”*

### **Being a Journalist in War**

## **Taisiya Bekbulatova**

*Russian journalist in exile; Founder of the “Holod Media”; BBC 100 Women.*

### **Freedom of Press in Wartime**

12:35 a.m.

## **Chairs: Ralf Schneider**

*EJ Vice-President*

*EJ-VEJ President*

## **Tinatin Dvalishvili**

*Manager, Center for Formation of Young Journalists of the Caucasus Region; EJ ExCom member.*

### **Discussion on the Congress’s Theme with Q&A.**

## **Felicia Ristea**

*Frm. EJ President*

*Radio Romania’s Reporter (Romania)*

## **Yusuf Kanli**

*EJ ExCom member; Vice-chairman of the Association of Journalists, Ankara (Turkey)*

## **Tamar Kintsurashvili**

*Director of the Media Development Foundation (Georgia)*

## **Alberto Comuzzi**

*Editor in Chief of the News Networks of Alpi Media Group (Italy)*

## **Andras Radetzky**

*Director of Catholic Radio Network EJ Vice-President (Hungary)*

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1:10 p.m. **Presentation of a project on  
“Going Local in Communicating Europe”  
Il Giornale delle Giudicarie – Il Melo – Valsugana News.**

1:25 p.m. Final remarks

1:30 p.m. Free time

5:00 p.m. EJ General Assembly (EJ members only)

6:00 p.m. **Chiesa di San Cristo**  
Via Giovanni Piamarta 9  
<https://www.saveriani.it/sancristo>

**Anna Loro – Concerto Arpa**  
Song in the Night - Carlos Salzedo  
Fantasia su temi da “Moldava”  
di B. Smetana

6:15 p.m. **Concert by the "Coro del Noce"**  
Val di Sole (TN)  
<https://www.corodelnoce.it/>

**Coordination: Boglarka Fenyvesi-Kiss**  
*Europe Direct Trento (PAT)*  
Songs and reading of message from the EU founding  
fathers and Europe’s Women by the actresses  
**Federica Chiusole**  
**Alessandra Evangelisti**

7:30 p.m. End and Going Dutch dinner

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**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Departure day.

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We pay a special tribute of gratitude to

**Jacques DELORS**

**President of the European Commission  
in the “Golden Age”  
of the European integration 1985-1995.**



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