

Summer Seminar

Exploring Post-COVID Scenarios for Eastern Europe & Bulgaria

*7 – 11 September 2020
Ara Hall, Flamingo Hotel Complex
Albena, Bulgaria*

PROGRAM

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Arrival of participants & room check-in after 14:00. Individual free time

17:30 – 18:30*Ara Hall, Flamingo Grand Hotel***Agenda Overview & Ice-breaking Session***facilitated by EPI***18:30 – 19:15****Opening Ceremony & Welcome addresses***Yasen Georgiev, Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia**Tanya Mihaylova, Director of the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs**Cvetan Kyulanov*, Acting Head of Representation of European Commission in Bulgaria**TBC*, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria***19:30****Welcoming Dinner****Tuesday / 8 September 2020****07:30 – 09:00****Breakfast** (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)*Morning Session**Ara Hall, Flamingo Grand Hotel***PANEL I: Shifting Global Planes. Regional Resonance Wave****09:00 – 10:00****Global Order Shifts***Velina Tschakarova*, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES)***10:00 – 11:00****Risks and Vulnerabilities in our Region***Oana Popescu*, Global Focus Center (Bucharest)***11:00 – 11:30****Coffee break****11:30 – 12:30****Rethinking EU's Role in the 'Asian Century': tech, trade & investment regulations***Mariana Trifonova, Program Director and Senior Analyst, Economic Policy Institute (Sofia)***12:30 – 14:00****Lunch** (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)*Afternoon Session**Ara Hall, Flamingo Grand Hotel***PANEL II: The EU Agenda & COVID-19 Recovery****14:00 – 15:30****Pathways to Europe's Economic Recovery****Prof. Ingrid Shikova*, European Studies Department, Sofia University***15:30 – 16:00****Coffee break****16:00 – 17:00****Inside-Out: SEE and Black Sea Countries in Light of Europe's Integration Dynamics***Yasen Georgiev, Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute (Sofia)***19:30 – 21:00****Dinner** (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)

<u>Wednesday / 9 September 2020</u>	
07:30 – 09:00	<i>Breakfast (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)</i>
<i>Morning Session</i> <i>Ara Hall, Flamingo Grand Hotel</i>	INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS
09:00 – 10:30	<i>Contemporary Challenges of Public & Economic Diplomacy</i> <i>Assoc. Prof. Plamen Ralchev, International Relations Department,</i> <i>University of National & World Economy (Sofia)</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Foresight Session I: Eastern Europe & Bulgaria Navigating Uncertainty <i>Interactive group activity, facilitated by EPI</i>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)</i>
14:15 <i>Meeting point: Lobby of</i> <i>Flamingo Grand Hotel</i>	Field trip to Kaliakra & Balchik <i>Please wear casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes. Sun/rain protection is advisable.</i>
19:30 – 21:00	<i>Dinner (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)</i>
<u>Thursday / 10 September 2020</u>	
07:30 – 09:00	<i>Breakfast (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)</i>
09:00 – 09:30	<u>Key-note speech:</u> <i>Dr. Klaus Fiesinger, Regional Director for Southeast Europe, Hanns Seidel Foundation</i>
<i>Morning Session</i> <i>Ara Hall, Flamingo Grand Hotel</i>	PANEL III: Bulgarian Diplomacy, Foreign Policy Priorities & Regional Cooperation Modalities <i>(in partnership with the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute)</i>
09:30 – 11:00	<i>TBC*, MFA of the Republic of Bulgaria</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	<i>TBC*, MFA of the Republic of Bulgaria</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)</i>
<i>Afternoon Session</i> <i>Ara & Jaco Hall, Flamingo Grand</i>	PANEL III (cont.): Bulgarian Diplomacy, Foreign Policy Priorities & Regional Cooperation Modalities
14:00 – 15:00	EU Enlargement – the Bulgarian Perspective <i>Monika Panayotova, former Deputy Minister for the 2018 Bulgarian EU Presidency</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Foresight Session II: Eastern Europe & Bulgaria Navigating Uncertainty <i>Interactive group activity, facilitated by EPI</i>
19:30 – 21:00	<i>Dinner (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)</i>

<u>Friday / 11 September</u>	
<i>Morning Session</i> <i>Ara Hall, Flamingo Grand Hotel</i>	KEY-NOTE SPEECHES
09:00 – 10:00	German EU Presidency 2020: Together for Europe’s Recovery <i>H.E. Christoph Eichhorn*</i> , Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Bulgaria
10:00 – 11:00	TBC* <i>Prof. András Inotai</i> , Honorary President, Economic Policy Institute (Budapest)
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Foresight Session III: Eastern Europe & Bulgaria Navigating Uncertainty <i>Interactive group activity, facilitated by EPI</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch (Atrium Restaurant, Flamingo Grand Hotel)</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Scenarios for the Future: Eastern Europe & Bulgaria Navigating Uncertainty <i>Presentation of foresight session outcomes by seminar participants</i>
15:30 – 16:00	Wrap-up Discussion & Final Reflections <i>facilitated by EPI</i>
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Closing Ceremony & Awarding of Certificates <i>Prof. Lena Russenova*</i> , Chairperson, EPI (Sofia) <i>Yasen Georgiev</i> , Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia <i>Tanya Mihaylova</i> , Director of the Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs <i>Dr. Klaus Fiesinger</i> , Regional Director for Southeast Europe of Hanns Seidel Foundation <i>Cvetan Kyulanov*</i> , Acting Head of Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria
20:00	Farewell Cocktail
<u>Saturday / 12 September 2020</u>	
<i>Breakfast & check-out, followed by individual departure of participants</i>	

* Speaker participation and/or topic to be confirmed.

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