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17 – 18 May 2014, Göttweig Abbey

**Saturday 17 May**

10.00 a.m. **Arrival** at the Abbey of Göttweig

10.30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION**, Altmann Hall

Rt. Rev. Columban Luser

Abbot of Göttweig

Barbara Schwarz

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Erwin Pröll

Governor of Lower Austria, St. Pölten

Alfred Gusenbauer

Former Federal Chancellor, University Teacher and Entrepreneur, Vienna

Othmar Karas

Vice-President of the European Parliament, Strasbourg/Vienna

Frans Timmermans

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands, The Hague

Sebastian Kurz

Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna

followed by **Reception** given by Federal Minister **Sebastian Kurz**
Restaurant of the Abbey, Terrace

2.00-4.00 p.m. **WORKING GROUPS**

1. Comprehensive Security in an interconnected world – conclusions from the CSDP-Review
2. Europe 2020 – impulses for the future
3. Free trade agreements between the EU and strategic partners as a panacea for economic growth?
4. 25 years after the sea change of 1989 in Europe – what has become of the great expectations?

Sunday 18 May

09.00 a.m. **Holy Mass** at the Abbey of Göttweig

10.30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION**, Altmann Hall

Presentation of the Reports of the Working Groups with contribution of the students of the BG/BRG Krems, Piaristengasse

Erwin Pröll

Governor of Lower Austria, St. Pölten

Johannes Hahn

European Commissioner for Regional Policy, Brussels

Aleksandar Vučić

Prime Minister, Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

Michael Spindelegger

Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister of Finance, Vienna

followed by **Reception** given by Governor **Erwin Pröll**
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Working Group 1

”Comprehensive Security in an interconnected world – conclusions from the CSDP-Review“

Chair: Tilman Brück, Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Solna

Rapporteur: Britta Sandberg, Senior Foreign Editor, "DER SPIEGEL", Hamburg

Introductory Statements:

Joško Klisović, Deputy Minister for Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of Croatia

Benno Laggner, Ambassador/Security Policy Director, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, Bern

Kazimierz Sikorski, Director of the Strategic Analyses Department in the National Security Bureau, Republic of Poland, Warsaw

Kurt Hager, Head of the Office for Security Policy, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Vienna

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Working Group 2

”Europe 2020 – impulses for the future“

Chair: Hubert Wachter, Senior-Editor, news magazine "NEWS", Vienna

Rapporteur: Peter Filzmaier, Professor for Political Science, Danube University Krems, Krems

Introductory Statements:

Friedrich Faulhammer, Rector, Danube University Krems, Krems

Klaus Bergsmann, Head of Group Environmental Management, Erste Group Bank AG, Vienna

Rudolf Mallinger, Rector, Karl Landsteiner University of Health Sciences, Krems

Isabella Chiodi, IBM Europe Vice-President, Brussels

Sabina Čudić, Lecturer, Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, Sarajevo

Working Group 3

”Free trade agreements between the EU and strategic partners as a panacea for economic growth?“

Chair: Martin Gebhart, Chief-Editor, newspaper "Niederösterreichische Nachrichten", St. Pölten

Rapporteur: Gudrun Biffel, Dean, Faculty of Business and Globalisation, Danube University Krems, Krems

Introductory Statements:

Bruce Stokes, Director, Global Economic Attitudes, Pew Research Center, Washington

Luminita Odobescu, State Counselor, Adviser to the Prime Minister of Romania, Bucharest

Manabu Miyagawa, Minister, Mission of Japan to the European Union, Brussels

Tome Nenovski, Board Member of the Ohrid Institute, Skopje

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Working Group 4

”25 years after the sea change of 1989 in Europe – what has become of the great expectations?“

Chair: Martin Eichtinger, Ambassador, Director General for Cultural Policy at the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna

Rapporteur: Mercedes Echerer, Artist, Moderator and former Member of Parliament, Vienna

Introductory Statements:

Juri Durkot, Publicist, Lviv

Gjergj Sinani, Head of the Institute for Philosophy of the University of Tirana, Tirana

Joachim Bißmeier, Actor, Vienna

Tomas Zierhofer-Kin, Artistic Director, "donaufestival", Krems

Zdenka Becker, Writer, St. Pölten