

GLOBSEC 2016 Bratislava Global Security Forum

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THE PREMIER FORUM IN CENTRAL EUROPE

Current global security situation demands a strong platform for policy-makers to discuss and employ solutions to the most urgent issues. For the eleventh consecutive year GLOBSEC will essentially contribute to the shaping of regional, European and wider transatlantic policy agenda. It has become an indispensable meeting place of stakeholders and everyone who contributes to foreign and security policy especially in Central and Eastern Europe. In just a few years, GLOBSEC has risen from humble beginnings to become the premier foreign policy and security forum in Central Europe and one of the top five conferences of its kind in the world. Hundreds of most influential experts from leading European and transatlantic think-tanks, academia, business leaders and politicians will once again come to GLOBSEC to discuss issues that make headlines in the global media. Over the years, GLOBSEC's guest list has included **David Cameron, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Donald Tusk, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, John Allen, John McCain, Carl Bildt, Ahmed Rashid, George Friedman, Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic** and other personalities.



GLOBSEC 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

- Positioned only months before the upcoming Warsaw NATO Summit, GLOBSEC will serve as a key platform for pre-summit debates in the run up to the Alliance's 2016 gathering;
- GLOBSEC will consider the impact of the upcoming US presidential elections on future developments around the world and will serve as a platform for presenting of expectations of

the Central European region with regards to future of transatlantic partnership;

- GLOBSEC 2016 aims to serve as a gateway for announcement of tangible initiatives formulated together with partners from Poland and the Czech Republic aimed at Central European contribution to transatlantic security;
- Critical situation in the Middle East with a complex of issues resulting in rise of so called Islamic State and consequent violence with civil war in Syria causing unprecedented numbers of refugees fleeing to European continent will be assessed;
- Russian actions in Ukraine and Syria will be discussed from the perspective of the West, strategies to face Russian challenge to international order will be contemplated;
- Multiple formats at the 2016 Forum will include side events, bilateral meetings, closed policy sessions etc.;
- Attendance of top leaders: presidents, ministers of foreign affairs, ministers of defence, EU and NATO officials and other top level politicians from Europe, North Atlantic area and beyond;
- Special public format GLOBSEC City Talks designed to reach wider spectrum of audience;

TOPICAL FRAMEWORK

GLOBSEC 2016 Bratislava Global Security Forum will come in crucial times for European and transatlantic security. As the consequences of crises in hot spots are now more urgently affecting the Central European region the situation demands a stronger commitment and initiative in addressing tough questions of security. GLOBSEC will focus on a number of issues pivotal to the region, the EU and the transatlantic community, including:

1. NATO SUMMIT – WAKE UP! | With the Warsaw NATO Summit approaching, GLOBSEC is ready to provide platform for Allies to set their goals ahead of the Summit. GLOBSEC will actively contribute to shaping debates on implementation of tasks agreed on the Wales Summit and encourage a closer look at the broader picture of transatlantic relations, including in the

economic and energy dimensions, seeking to provide a fresh impetus to Atlanticism in the region and beyond.

2. FUTURE OF EUROPEAN PROJECT | With rising concerns about eroding political cohesion in Europe GLOBSEC will address the question of unity being challenged by both UK reform initiative as well as by recent migration crisis. GLOBSEC will also provide the ground for discussions on future developments and crafting strategies for long term solutions to political and economic threats. GLOBSEC will push for initiating policies on strengthening the vision of European project.

3. WESTERN ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TURMOIL | Influx of refugees fleeing violence in Middle East as North Africa reminded the transatlantic community of urgency of the insecurity in the region. GLOBSEC will contribute to discussion on strategies to stabilise the region and fight radicalism spreading its influence in the region as well as in Europe.

4. RUSSIA CHALLENGE | Since the annexation of Crimea Russia continues to dictate the flow of international affairs significantly, whereas the West remains reactive and does not seem to find the right instruments to limit Russian involvement in critical regions. GLOBSEC will contribute to a constructive reality check of policies of the West towards Russia and offer more resolute approach. GLOBSEC community will contemplate strategies to limit impact of propaganda on Western societies and to shape response to the Ukraine crisis and broader Russia challenge.

5. US FOREIGN POLICY – WHAT DO WE EXPECT? | With the US presidential elections approaching, GLOBSEC will offer a platform for elaboration of expectations of the Central European region regarding foreign and security policy of the new US administration.

MORE THAN A FORUM

THE THREE-DAY FORUM will consist of main debates, keynotes, night-owl sessions and focused break-out dinner sessions – creating room for formal and informal debates on front-page topics that drive developments in the region and beyond. The program also includes closed policy sessions, receptions and other formats conducive to policy-shaping and networking.

GLOBSEC CITY TALKS | With the aim of introducing prominent policy-makers and expert figures to a wider audience, GLOBSEC will provide a series of dynamic public debates held in the heart of Bratislava. The event will not only expose top GLOBSEC speakers to the broader public; streamed live and covered by

international media, it is also designed to reach vast audiences and stakeholders – well beyond the walls of Bratislava's Old Town.

GLOBSEC GALA DINNER | GLOBSEC 2016 will again host a high-profile Gala Dinner. Traditionally, the event will feature the **Czech and Slovak Transatlantic Awards**, a joint initiative of the Slovak Atlantic Commission and the Jagello 2000 Association. The Awards annually recognise personalities who have substantially contributed to strengthening transatlantic ties and overall stability of the Euro-Atlantic area, while emphasising the awardees' ties to Central Europe, especially to the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

SIDE EVENTS | GLOBSEC 2016 will bring together heads of government, foreign and defence ministers and influential policy-makers in order to generate new ideas, partnerships and solutions to issues of central concern to the GLOBSEC community. The formats will include bilateral government meetings, expert working groups, policy sessions, and tête-à-têtes.

YOUNG LEADERS AT GLOBSEC | Traditionally, GLOBSEC hosts dozens of young experts and leaders from some 20 countries – engaging them not only in the Forum's official agenda, but also in a series of tailor-made debates, workshops and networking activities designed to contribute to both their professional development and to the infusion of fresh ideas into Forum's debates.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE FORUMS | As companies are key partners in finding answers to pressing political, security and economic challenges, GLOBSEC remains committed to engaging business leaders into its community. Based on the success of previous years, a variety of business-oriented events and meetings, with special focus on defence industry cooperation, start-ups, cyber defence and energy, will continue to accompany the GLOBSEC Forum.

ORGANISER | Slovak Atlantic Commission

HONORARY CHAIRMANSHIP | Year after year, influential public figures assume the honorary chairmanship of the GLOBSEC Forum and give the organisers political support and valuable advice. For the 2016 conference, the chairmanship has been assumed by **H. E. Miroslav Lajčák**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, and **H.E. Lubomír Zaorálek**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.