

2017 Aspen Annual Conference

The Shape of (Central) Europe

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PROGRAM

9:00 **Opening and Welcome**

Ivan Hoďáč, President and Founder, Aspen Institute
Central Europe

9:15–10:45 **Part I: The Shape of Central Europe – How to
succeed in Europe and globally**

Chair: **Jiří Schneider**, Executive Director, Aspen Institute
Central Europe

Aspen Expert Report: **David Vávra**, OG Research, Czech Republic

Mikuláš Dzurinda, President, Wilfried Martens Centre, former
Prime Minister of Slovakia

Jacek Rostowski, former Vice Prime Minister and Minister
of Finance, Poland

Zsuzsanna Szelényi, Member of Parliament, Hungary

Ivan Vejvoda, Permanent Fellow, Institute for Human
Sciences, Vienna

11:15–12:45 **Part II: The Shape of Central Europe – How to
increase our resilience**

Chair: **Michael Žantovský**, Václav Havel Library

Aspen Expert Report: **Jan Havránek**, Policy Adviser, Office of the
Secretary General, NATO

Zsolt Németh, Member of Parliament, Hungary

Milan Nič, Senior Fellow, German Council on Foreign
Relations, Berlin

Jiří Šedivý, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic
to NATO

Tomasz Wardyński, Wardyński & Partners, Poland

12:45–14:00 **Lunch**

14:00–15:15 **Part III: The Future of Europe – Is the
integration project flexible enough?**

Chair: **Ivan Hoďáč**, President and Founder, Aspen Institute
Central Europe

János Martonyi, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

Martin Povejšil, Permanent Representative of the Czech
Republic to the EU

Ulrich Speck, Permanent Research Fellow, Elcano Royals
Institute, Brussels

15:45–17:15 **Part IV: A New Era of the Transatlantic
Partnership?**

Chair: **Martin Bútor**, Advisor to Slovak President Andrej Kiska

Michał Kobosko, Director, Atlantic Council, Poland

Michael Leigh, Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the
United States, Brussels

Réka Szemerényi, Executive Vice President, Center for
European Policy Analysis, Washington D.C.