

DAY 1 - 06 March

POLICY DEBATE 1

13:20-14:00 EET

Securing A Sustainable Future: Navigating Between Climate Scepticism and Green Idealism

Organised by KKA and INAK:



Discussants:

Marko Balažič
President, Slovenian People's Party (SLS)

Juli Winkler
MEP, Vice-Chair INTA Committee, EPP

Maria da Graça Carvalho
Executive Board Member, Martens Centre

Moderator:

Dimitar Lilkov
Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre

POLICY DEBATE 2

15:05-15:20 EET

A Vision for Europe: The European Parliament's Perspective

Organised by AZAD:



Discussant:

Roberta Metsola
President, European Parliament

Moderator:

Tomi Huhtanen
Executive Director, Martens Centre

POLICY DEBATE 3

16:00-16:30 EET

Is Demographics the Next Big Challenge for the EU?

Organised by KKID and ZHDZ:



Discussants:

Dubravka Šuica
Vice-President EC, Democracy and Demography

Sofia Zacharakis
Minister of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs, Greece

Moderator:

Sandra Pasarić
Project Officer, Martens Centre

POLICY DEBATE 4

17:00-17:30 EET

Labour Immigration from Outside the Bloc: Problem or Remedy?

Organised by CEDER and Reformismo21:



Discussants:

Dolors Montserrat
MEP, Chair PETI Committee, EPP

Annelies Verlinden
Minister of Interior, Institutional Reforms, and Democratic Renewal, Belgium

Moderator:

Vít Novotný
Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre

POLICY DEBATE 5

18:30-19:00 EET

EU Energy Policy in a Time of Transition: Realities and Priorities

Organised by CDAwi and HSS:



Discussants:

Harris Georgiades
MP, Chairman Clerides Institute, former Minister of Finance, Cyprus

Tom Berendsen
MEP, EPP

Moderator:

Peter Hefe
Policy Director, Martens Centre



Wilfried
Martens Centre
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EYES AHEAD: FORGING THE EU'S PATH

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DAY 2 - 07 March

POLICY DEBATE 6

09:00-09:30 EET

Expanding EU's Reach: The Geopolitical Imperative of Enlargement

Organised by PolAk and NTPT:



Discussants:

Reinhold Lopatka
Member of the National Council of Austria, ÖVP's Spokesperson for Foreign and European Affairs

Ivan Štefanec
MEP, EPP

Moderator:

Katerina Jakimovska
Senior Project Officer, Martens Centre

POLICY DEBATE 7

11:00-11:30 EET

What Role for the EU in Defence?

Organised by TOPAZ and IJEK:



Discussants:

Ondřej Kolář
MP Czechia, Vice-Chair of the Committee on European Affairs

Matej Tonin
Chair of the Slovenian National Assembly delegation to the NATO PA, President of the New Slovenia - Christian Democrats (NSI)

Moderator:

Ionela Ciolan
Research Officer, Martens Centre

INTERVIEWS

Building a Healthier Tomorrow: The Role of Medical Innovation in the EU

Guest:
Roberta Savli
Executive Director Public
Affairs, EFPIA

Host:
Eoin Drea
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

Fostering a Competitive and Resilient Tech Industry in Europe

Guest:
Riccardo Masucci
Director of Security and
Technology Policy,
Intel Corporation

Host:
Dimitar Lilkov
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

A Europe Fit for the Digital Age: Reflections and Future Directions

Guest:
Claudia Selli
Vice President, International
External and Regulatory
Affairs, AT&T

Host:
Sara Pini
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

Stronger Together: Envisioning the Future of Transatlantic Relations

Guest:
Susan Danger
CEO, AmCham EU

Host:
Federico Ottavio Reho
Strategic Coordinator and Senior
Research Officer, Martens Centre

Navigating Disruption: What Place for Social Media in our Modern Democracies?

Guest:
Marco Pancini
Head of EU Affairs,
Meta

Host:
Margherita Movarelli
Head of Communications and
Marketing, Martens Centre

Exploring the Growth Potential in Europe: AI and Technology

Guest:
Karen Massin
Head Government Affairs
& Public Policy - EU
Institutions, Google

Host:
Dimitar Lilkov
Senior Research Officer,
Martens Centre

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SHORT INTERVIEWS

Interviews with EPP Leaders and Representatives on a Rolling Basis

Hosted by:

Eleftheria Katsi
Communications and
Press Officer

Theo Larue
Editorial and
Publications Officer

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