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REGISTRATION -& NETWORKING LUNCH **12:30-14:15**

OPENING REMARKS

14:15-14:30



Mikuláš Dzurinda President, Martens Centre

PANEL 1 —— 14:30-15:45

THE EU RESPONSE TO THE CHALLENGES OF DEMOCRACY, RISING EXTREMISM AND POLARISATION



Siegfried Muresan Vice Chair, EPP Group

Suzanne

Schneider

Fszter

Lakos MEP, EPP Group



Welle Academic Council Chairman, Martens Centre



Angelos Chryssogelos

Research Associate, Martens Centre

POLICY DISCUSSION - 17:30-18:00

CHARTING THE EU'S MEDITERRANEAN STRATEGY



Misetic Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for the Mediterranean Dubravka Šuica

Tena



Kawa Hassan



Nonresident Fellow with Stimson's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Program, Founder of Shrova Strategies



Hefele

INTERVIEWS ______ 16:30-17:00

BEYOND CONNECTIVITY: EUROPE'S OPPORTUNITY IN THE 6G & AI ERA



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Sara Pini Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre



DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY IN EUROPE: **FROM VISION TO PRACTICE**



Microsoft

Nanna-Louise Linde

Vice-President, European Government Affairs, Microsoft

MEDIA PARTNERSHIP PANEL — 18:00-19:00

In Media partnership with

GEOPOLITICS, FOREIGN RELATIONS curonews AND TRANSATLANTIC AFFAIRS: SHAPING A DISTINCT EUROPEAN ROLE



In co-operation with



Janusz Lewandowski Zovko



Željana



Bruno Lété



Defence Policy Director & Diplomatic Advisor, Cabinet of the Minister of Defence of Belgium



lan Lesser Brussels Office Head and Distinguished Fellow, German Marshall Fund



Méabh Mc Mahon

European Affairs Correspondent, Euronews

INTERVIEW -

19:00-19:30

UNLOCKING EUROPE'S DEFENCE CAPABILITIES



Andrius Kubilius EU Commissioner for Defence and Space



Klaus Welle Academic Council Chairman, Martens Centre

COFFEE BREAK 15:45-16:30 & 17:00-17:30 **WALKING COCKTAIL & DINNER 19:30**











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PANEL 3 —— 10:00-11:00

THE FUTURE OF CLIMATE POLICIES



Dolors Montserrat MEP, EPP Group (Member of ENVI) and EPP Secretary General



Garcia Jones Mettler Cabinet Member of the Commissioner for Climate, Net Zero and Clean Growth Wopke



Member of the Academic Council, Martens Centre



Peter Hefele Policy Director, Martens Centre

INTERVIEW _____ 11:30-12:00

PANEL 4 -

14:00-15:00

EUROPE'S FUTURE AMID CRISES



Metsola President, European Parliament



Tomi Huhtanen Executive Director, Martens Centre

EUROPE'S COMPETITIVENESS CONUNDRUM: BALANCING GROWTH AND POLITICS



Gros European Policymaking, Bocconi University of



Versterbacka Vegnere Director of the Institute for European Policymaking, Bocconi University of Entrepreneur, founder of FinEst Bay Area and Slush



Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Economy and



Gotink



Drea Senior Research Officer Martens Centre

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INTERVIEW 12:30-13:00

AI, SECURITY, AND SOVEREIGNTY: **EUROPE'S DIGITAL CHALLENGE**



Henna Virkkunen



Lilkov

Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre

INTERVIEWS -

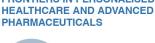
PUTTING CONSUMERS AT THE CENTRE OF **EUROPEAN TECH**



Matt **Browne**

Head of European Government Affairs, Apple

NEW TECHNOLOGICAL FRONTIERS IN PERSONALISED





In co-operation with Bristol Myers Squibb



15:00-15:30

Richard Robinson Vice President, European Policy & Government Affairs, Bristol Myers Squibb

Lilkov Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre

CLOSING REMARKS





de Oca López Project Assistant

MASTERS OF CEREMONIES



Antonio López-Istúriz MEP, AFET Committee Member, EPP Group; Martens Centre Secretary-Treasurer

COFFEE BREAK 11:00-11:30 & 12:00-12:30 WALKING LUNCH 13:00-14:00 CLOSING COCKTAIL 16:00











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