

2017 Aspen Annual Conference

# The Shape of (Central) Europe

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## PROGRAM

**9:00 Opening and Welcome**

**Ivan Hodáč**, 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 Hodáč**, 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 Bútora**, 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.