The Shape of (Central) Europe
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8.50—9.00 Opening
Ivan Hodáč, President, Aspen Institute CE
Zuzana Řezníčková, President, Economia Media House
Milan Vašina, Executive Director, Aspen Institute CE

9.00—9.40 Restarting Central Europe
The panel will be in English with simultaneous translation in Czech.
Introductory Presentation:
Dan Svoboda, Managing Partner, McKinsey & Company
Czech Republic and Slovakia
Speakers:
Andrej Babiš, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic
Sebastian Kurz, Chancellor of Austria (Video Message)
Karoline Edtstadler, Federal Minister for the EU and Constitution, Austria
Karel Havlíček, Deputy Prime Minister, Czech Republic

9.40—9.50 Break

9.50—10.50 City Strategies — Getting Back to the Next Normal
The panel will be in English with simultaneous translation in Czech.
Introductory Presentation:
Dan Svoboda, Managing Partner, McKinsey & Company
Czech Republic and Slovakia
Speakers:
Zdeněk Hřib, Lord Mayor of Prague
Gergely Karácsony, Lord Mayor of Budapest
Rafal Trzaskowski, Lord Mayor of Warsaw
Matúš Vallo, Lord Mayor of Bratislava

10.50—11.05 Break

11.05—11.30 How Will the Pandemic Change Europe?
Speaker:
Ivan Krastev, Centre for Liberal Studies, Sofia / Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna (IWM)
Ivan Krastev’s reflection on the world after the Covid-19 pandemic. He is a globally renowned political scientist and author of the bestseller After Europe and the essay Is It Tomorrow Yet? Paradoxes of the Pandemic. Has the pandemic just accentuated some of the long-standing trends? What challenges will the national states and the EU face?

11.30—11.45 Break

11.45—12.45 Security—Innovations
Defense & Space: Opportunities for Science and Industry
The panel will be in Czech with simultaneous translation in English.
Introductory Presentation:
Tomáš Pojar, Head of Aspen Institute CE Expert Group / Vice-President, CEVRO Institute
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Ladislav Stahl, Director of SATCEN, Military Intelligence
Petr Bareš, President, Czech Space Alliance / Managing Director, Iguassu Software Systems
Patricie Ondriašová, OHB System
Jan Souček, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Academy of Science of the Czech Republic

12.45—13.00 Break

13.00– 13.10 Digitalization: A New Impulse for the Central European Economy
The panel will be in Czech with simultaneous translation in English.
Speaker:
Petr Šmíd, Head of Consumer Marketing CEE, Google

13.10– 13.15 Break

13.15—14.15 Regional Differences — Education Background to Failures in Education: Social Problems and Funding
The panel will be in Czech with simultaneous translation in English.
Introductory Presentation:
Daniel Prokop, Head of the Aspen Institute CE Expert Group / Founder, PAQ Research
Speakers:
Robert Plaga, Minister of Education, Youth and Sports
Daniel Münich, Advisor to the Aspen Institute CE Expert Group / Executive Director of think-tank IDEA, CERGE-EI
Zuzana Ramajzlová, Head of Educational Services, People in Need
Jan Straka, Co-founder, TeachLive
Libor Witassek, Independent Businessman, Representative of the City of Opava

14.15—14.20 Break

14.20—14.30 Aspen Central Europe Leadership Award 2020 Ceremony
Michaela Bakala, Philanthropist, Representative of the Aspen Institute CE’ General Partner, Bakala Philanthropy
Ivan Hodáč, President, Aspen Institute CE

Michala Hergetová will chair the conference, guide the panels and facilitate the talks.