

2023 Bled Strategic Forum international conference CONCEPT NOTE AND SESSIONS

SOLIDARITY FOR GLOBAL SECURITY

We live in a world defined by polycrisis. Uncertainty and insecurity best describe the current moment in the international geostrategic community – but they also mark future challenges in the clearest possible terms. These challenges permeate every single aspect of our societies and cut against the grain of institutional and organised life in the twenty-first century. Every new crisis in the last decade, and in particular the COVID-19 pandemic, brought new strain to the existing, rules-based international system. Populism, nationalism, and autocratic regimes continue to gain strength – and they will continue to do so unless new and fresh ideas for the future are brought forward.

Indeed, our sense of security was crucially diminished with the Russian aggression on Ukraine, which challenges the geopolitical reality of Europe. In parallel, our basic security has been compromised and many of our needs have been hijacked and weaponised; climate, food, water, energy and human security are under threat.

How do we ensure security in these times? How do we ensure safe access to food and energy, not just in Europe but in the entire world, especially in the developing and least developed regions? How do we address factors that present themselves as obstacles to food and energy, in particular climate change and conflicts with climate-induced economic motivations? How do we ensure that these factors are addressed in a way that does not put into question values that we take for granted: human rights and fundamental freedoms?

The contemporary international community affords itself too many fragmentations, too much protectionism, and too little will to cooperate and realign. Much has changed since the end of the Cold War. However, we must adjust the current multipolar geostrategic environment in order to support and not hinder effective global governance. In this respect, it is essential that Europe accept its own share of responsibility. If it wants to be a beacon of change and burden carrier, that is.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Speakers are listed in alphabetical order of surnames

| Monday, 28 August |

9:00–12:30 | Ministerial meeting: “Digital Transformation in the Region of the Western Balkans” (by invitation only)

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold Hall

Azir Aliu, Minister of Information Society and Administration of North Macedonia
Edin Forto, Minister of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Dragiša Janjušević, State Secretary, Ministry of Public Administration, Montenegro
Mihailo Jovanović, Minister of Information and Telecommunications of Serbia
Ivan Malenica, Minister of Justice and Public Administration of Croatia
Getoar Mjeku, Deputy Minister of Economy of Kosovo
Nevila Repishti, Director of the e-Albania portal, National Agency of Information Society, Albania
Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Minister of Digital Transformation of Slovenia

Moderated by **Igor E. Bergant**, Journalist and TV anchor, Slovenia

13:00–14:00 | Gathering

Bled Festival Hall

14:00–14:30 | Opening

Bled Festival Hall

Welcome address by **Tanja Fajon**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia

Keynote addresses:

Robert Golob, Prime Minister of Slovenia
Charles Michel, President of the European Council

Moderated by **Peter Grk**, Secretary General, Bled Strategic Forum, Slovenia

14:30–15:45 | Leaders’ panel

Bled Festival Hall

Dritan Abazović, Prime Minister, and Coordinator, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
Ana Brnabić, Prime Minister of Serbia
Nikolai Denkov, Prime Minister of Bulgaria
Dimitar Kovačevski, Prime Minister of North Macedonia
Borjana Krišto, Chairwoman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Albin Kurti, Prime Minister of Kosovo
Andrej Plenković, Prime Minister of Croatia
Edi Rama, Prime Minister of Albania

Moderated by **Ali Aslan**, International TV presenter and journalist, Germany

16:00–17:15 | Is There a Future for Multilateralism in the Global Grid of a Multipolar and Multi-Stakeholder World?

Bled Festival Hall

Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, Minister of State for the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia and United Nations at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the United Kingdom

Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland

Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia

Park Jin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Korea

Mélanie Joly, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada

Shashi Tharoor, Author, politician, and former international civil servant, India

Wu Hongbo, Special Representative of the Chinese Government on European Affairs

Moderated by **Sunjoy Joshi**, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation, India

16:30–17:45 | European Sustainable, Industrial and Innovation Leadership

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold Hall

Keynote address by **Thierry Breton**, European Commissioner for Internal Market [VIDEO ADDRESS](#) and **Richard Saynor**, Chief Executive Officer, Sandoz AG Basel, Switzerland

Milan Chrenko, Minister of the Environment of Slovakia

Mirek Dušek, Managing Director, World Economic Forum

Matjaž Han, Minister of Economy, Tourism and Sports of Slovenia

Lilyana Pavlova, Vice-President, European Investment Bank

Kiril Petkov, Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria, Co-founder and co-leader, We Continue the Change

Maive Rute, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission

Richard Saynor, Chief Executive Officer, Sandoz AG Basel, Switzerland

Moderated by **Matevž Frangež**, State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport of Slovenia

17:50–19:00 | Transformation as an Opportunity

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold Hall

Keynote address by **Janez Potočnik**, Partner at SYSTEMIQ, Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel, United Nations Environment Programme, Slovenia

Ekaterina Egorova, CEO and CSO, IKEA South East Europe, Serbia
Stjepan Orešković, President, IEDC Supervisory Board, and Owner, M+ Group, Croatia
Fabris Peruško, Chief Executive Officer, Fortenova Group, Croatia
Iztok Seljak, Director, Hidria Holding, Slovenia
Aurela Shtiza, Vice President, A.SPIRE, and Director, IMA Europe
Dirk Stenkamp, Chairman of the Executive Board, TUV NORD AG, Germany

Moderated by **Ana Struna Bregar**, CEO, CER – Sustainable Business Network, Slovenia

20:00–21:00 | Celebrating Solidarity: The BSF's Creative Legacy

Bled Festival Hall

Opening address by **Nataša Pirc Musar**, President of Slovenia

Immersive audio-visual experience reflecting on past and current global challenges
Featuring special guests **Montserrat M. Caballé**, **Maja Keuc**, and **Klemen Slakonja**
Presentation of the **BSF Distinguished Partner 2023 Award**

22:30–00:00 | Night Owl Session: What's the Menu of the Future, Chef?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold Hall

Keynote address by **Robert Golob**, Prime Minister of Slovenia

Iñaki Bolumburu, Chef, Contrast, The Netherlands
Séverine Demanet, Co-founder, The Agrarian Kitchen, Australia
Jeanne Dumas Chalifour, Biodynamic grower and farmer, Slovenia
Rodney Dunn, Chef and co-founder, The Agrarian Kitchen, Australia
Santiago Lastra, Chef and co-owner, KOL, United Kingdom
Ana Roš, Chef, Hiša Franko, Slovenia

Moderated by **Kaja Sajovic**, Food journalist, Slovenia

| Tuesday, 29 August |

9:00–10:15 | Presidential panel: Global Challenges - Voices from the Youth

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold Hall

Introduction and facilitation by **Nataša Pirc Musar**, President of Slovenia

Vehid Fetić, Student, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
Dunja Mijatović, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
Mirjana Nikolovska, Merit HP d.o.o.
Katerina Sakellariopoulou, President of Greece
Maia Sandu, President of Moldova
Nina Vukoslavčević, International Cultural Diversity Organization

9:00–10:15 | Building up Europe's Cyber Resilience

Rikli Balance Hotel, Sonce Hall

Keynote address by **Andrej Benedejčič**, State Secretary for National and International Security, Office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia

Gianluca Galasso, Head of Operations and CSIRT Italia, National Cybersecurity Agency, Italy
Jacob Phillipps, Central Europe Cyber Lead at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom

Vesna Prodnik, Member of the Management Board responsible for technology, Telekom Slovenije

David Rio, Head of Strategy and Portfolio Management for Cyber Defence Solutions, Thales, France

Tanel Sepp, Ambassador at Large and Director-General, Cyber Diplomacy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia

Uroš Svete, Director, Government Information Security Office of Slovenia

Moderated by **Burak Ünveren**, Journalist and freelance moderator, and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab

10:45–12:00 | The European Union: The Decision Maker?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold I Hall

Tiago Antunes, Secretary of State for European Affairs of Portugal

Laurence Boone, Minister of State for Europe of France

Mariya Gabriel, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

Gordan Grlić Radman, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia

Jessika Roswall, Minister for EU Affairs of Sweden

Péter Szijjártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

Marko Štucin, State Secretary for European affairs, international law and the protection of interests, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia

Daniela Schwarzer, Member of the Executive Board, Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany

Moderated by **Jörn Fleck**, Senior Director, Europe Center, Atlantic Council

10:45–12:00 | The Return of Hunger? Building the Food Systems of Tomorrow: Available, Affordable, and Sustainable

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold II Hall

Maryna Domushkina, Peace and security expert, Visiting Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, and former political affairs officer, Black Sea Grain Initiative, United Nations

Martin Frick, Director, World Food Programme Global Office Germany

Maciej Golubiewski, Head of Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Agriculture, European Commission [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)

Deike Potzel, Director General for Crisis Prevention, Stabilisation, Peace Building and Humanitarian Assistance, German Federal Foreign Office

Moderated by **Gregoire Roos**, Head of Political Dialogue and Policy Innovation, BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt, Germany

10:30–11:45 | Media Independence, Censorship and Reach: What Really Limits Information and Facts?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Zrak Hall

Julia Jaroschewski, Journalist without borders and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab

Guillaume Klossa, Executive President, EuropaNova, France

Lenart J. Kučič, Media Adviser to the Minister of Culture of Slovenia

Eirliani Abdul Rahman, Doctoral student, Harvard University and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab, United States Non-Profit Leader in Change Management

Katerina Sinadinovska, Former President of the Managing Board, Council of Media Ethics of North Macedonia

Moderated by **David Patrician**, Freelance journalist, presenter, and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab

10:30–11:45 | Water Crisis – Is Water Diplomacy up to the Challenge?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Sonce Hall

Welcome address by **Gregor Umek**, Deputy Director General at Water and Investments Directorate, Ministry of Natural Resources and Spatial Planning of Slovenia

Christian Bréthaut, Scientific Director, Geneva Water Hub

Simon Gimson, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Interpeace, Switzerland

Johan Schaar, Associate Senior Fellow, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Sweden

Susanne Schmeier, Head, Water Governance Department, and Associate Professor of Water Law and Diplomacy, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands

Diego Osorio, Facilitator, curator, 2023-2024 Harvard Weatherhead Fellow in International Affairs, public servant, and Professor of Practice Global Governance and Public Policy, and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab, Canada

Danilo Türk, Former President of Slovenia

Moderated by **Richard Elelman**, Head of Politics, EURECAT – Technology Centre of Catalonia, Spain

10:00–13:00 | Knowledge-Based Society and Professions of the Future in Tourism

Grand Hotel Toplice, Grand Hall

Opening remarks by **Matevž Frangež**, State Secretary, Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport of Slovenia and **Maja Pak**, Director, Slovenian Tourist Board

Panel I

Dubravka Kalin, Director-General, Directorate of Tourism, Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport of Slovenia

Alessandra Priante, Director for Europe, World Tourism Organization

Panel II

Ulrika Björklund, Executive Director of Industry Affairs and Career Services, Swiss Education Group

Danica Purg, President, IEDC-Bled School of Management, Slovenia

Panel III

Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Minister of Digital Transformation of Slovenia

Marie Audren, Director General, HOTREC (Association of Hotels, Restaurants, Pubs and Cafes in Europe)

Moderated by **Igor E. Bergant**, Journalist and TV anchor, Slovenia and **Martina Gojkošek**, Head of Corporate Communications, Slovenian Tourist Board

12:15–13:30 | New Security Architects: Who?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold I Hall

Michael Carpenter, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

Adel Al-Jubeir, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Council of Ministers, and Envoy for Climate Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Mehmet Kemal Bozay, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye

Wojciech Gerwel, Undersecretary of State for Economic Cooperation, the United Nations, Asia and the Americas of Poland

Ararat Mirzoyan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia

Feliciano de Sá Guimarães, Associate Professor, Institute of International Relations - University of São Paulo, and Academic Director, Brazilian Center for International Relations

Nathalie Tocci, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy

Jonatan Vseviov, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia

Moderated by **Sabina R. Stadler**, Head, Department for Strategic Studies and Analyses, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia

12:15–13:30 | The Future Nexus of Globalisation

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold II Hall

Manas Chawla, CEO and Founder, London Politica

Hideki Hayashi, Project Professor, Faculty of Economics, Keio University, Japan

Henry Huiyao Wang, Founder and President, Center for China and Globalizations, and Counselor, China State Council (2015–2022), China

Sunjoy Joshi, Chairman, Observer Research Foundation, India

Gregoire Roos, Head of Political Dialogue and Policy Innovation, BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt, Germany

Moderated by **Martina Fuchs**, TV Anchor, business journalist, China / Middle East Expert

12:00–13:15 | The Age of Hybrid Warfare: Europe at the Frontline

Rikli Balance Hotel, Zrak Hall

Robin Geiss, Director, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

Jakub Kalensky, Deputy Director, European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, Finland

Robert Ivanschitz, Associate General Counsel, Corporate External Legal Affairs, Microsoft Central Europe, Middle East & Africa

Friso Roscam Abbing, Senior Adviser on Strategic Communication, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Moderated by **Francesca Bosco**, Chief Strategy Officer, CyberPeace Institute, Switzerland

12:00–13:15 | Effective Tools for Ensuring Accountability for Atrocity Crimes: The MLA Treaty

Rikli Balance Hotel, Sonce Hall

Beti Hohler, Trial Lawyer, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

Matevz Pezdirc, Head of Genocide Network Secretariat, EUROJUST, The Netherlands

Dominika Švarc Pipan, Minister of Justice of Slovenia

Moderated by **Marko Rakovec**, Director-General, Directorate for International Law and Protection of Interests, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia

13:00–14:30 | Networking lunch

Rikli Balance Hotel

13:15–14:45 | Rethinking the Social Contract: Harnessing the Power of Global Citizens as Catalysts for Change

Rikli Balance Hotel, Sonce Hall

Nika Kovač, Director, Zavod raziskovalni inštitut 8. marec, Slovenia

Nikola Dimitrov, President and co-founder, non-governmental organisation "Solution", and Former Foreign and Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs of North Macedonia

Rosa Galvez, Senator, Senate of Canada

Aly Zulficar Rahim, Program Manager, Global Partnership for Social Accountability, The World Bank [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)

János Kóka, Former Minister of Economy and Infrastructure, and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab, Hungary

Mark P. Lagon, Ambassador, Chief Policy Officer at Friends of the Global Fight against AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. Former U.S. Ambassador-At-Large to Combat Trafficking in Persons, Senior Fellow with the Trinity Forum, Professor at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Co-Author of Human Dignity and the Future of Global Institutions

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Facilitated by **Diego Osorio**, Facilitator, curator, 2023-2024 Harvard Weatherhead Fellow in International Affairs, public servant, and Professor of Practice Global Governance and Public Policy, and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab, Canada, and **Vivian Valencia**, Research Chair in Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Action, Bishop's University, and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab, Canada

14:00–14:30 | Discussion on Human Rights (one-on-one conversation)

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold I Hall

Michael O'Flaherty, Director, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Moderated by **Nik Gowing**, International broadcaster and Visiting Professor, King's College, United Kingdom

📺 13:30–14:40 | Goodbye Europe!(?) – Global Vassal or Global Leader: Europe in a New Geopolitical Age

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold II Hall

Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia

Aranca González, Dean, Paris School of International Affairs, France

Bojan Marichikj, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs of North Macedonia

Federica Mogherini, Rector, College of Europe, Belgium

Miroslav Wlachovský, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia

Moderated by **Gregoire Roos**, Head of Political Dialogue and Policy Innovation, BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt, Germany

13:20–14:35 | How can Digital Transformation be Turned into a Development Transformation for All?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Zrak Hall

Ana Carrero, Deputy Head, Vocational Education and Training Unit, European Commission

Boštjan Golob, Rector, University of Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Tawfik Jelassi, Assistant Director-General for Communication and Information, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

Medeja Lončar, CEO, Siemens in Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia, Slovenia

Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Minister of Digital Transformation of Slovenia

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union

Moderated by **Igor E. Bergant**, Journalist and TV anchor, Slovenia

📺 14:45–16:00 | The EU's Eastern Partnership at the Crossroads: New Reality, New Approach?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold I Hall

Lasha Darsalia, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Vahan Kostanyan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Armenia

Denis Mancevič, Partner, NC3 GLOBAL d.o.o., Slovenia

Jan Marian, Deputy of the Cabinet Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechia

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, National Leader, and Head, United Transition Cabinet, Belarus

Moderated by **Milan Nič**, Senior Fellow, German Council for Foreign Relations

📺 14:45–16:00 | Loss and Damage or Lost and Damaged?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold II Hall

Adel Al-Jubeir, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Council of Ministers, and Envoy for Climate Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Niels Annen, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Tina Kobilšek, Lead Negotiator for Climate Change, and Head, Climate Policy Department, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy of Slovenia

Tadashi Maeda, Special Advisor to the Cabinet, Office of the Prime Minister of Japan, and Chairman of the Board, Japan Bank for International Cooperation

Avinash Persaud, Special Envoy to the Prime Minister of Barbados on Investment and Financial Services [ONLINE SPEAKER](#)

Moderated by **Seku Mady Condé**, Journalist and TV presenter, Radio-Television of Slovenia

14:45–16:00 | From Gas Guzzlers to Green Giants: Decarbonising Transport with a Twist!

Rikli Balance Hotel, Zrak Hall

Slavko Ažman, Head, Business Management, Porsche Slovenija

Darja Kocjan, Managing Director, Slovenian Railways – Passenger traffic

Tine Tomažič, Group CTO and Director of Research & Development, Pipistrel, Slovenia

Moderated by **Matej Zakonjšek**, Director, Transport Community

14:45–16:00 | The Role of Emerging Technologies and Transatlantic Partnership for EU Competitiveness and Economic Growth

Rikli Balance Hotel, Sonce Hall

Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Minister for Digital Transformation of Slovenia

Marko Grobelnik, Chief Technical Officer, International Research Center on Artificial Intelligence, Founder, and Deputy Head of the Laboratory of Artificial Intelligence, Jozef Stefan Institute, Slovenia

Jamie L. Harpootlian, Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Slovenia

Igor Zgrabljič, Government Affairs and Public Policy Manager for CEE, Google

Moderated by **Ajša Vodnik**, CEO, AmCham Slovenia, and Vice President, AmChams in Europe, Slovenia

📺 16:15–17:30 | The Southern Mediterranean and the EU: So Close and Yet So Far

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold I Hall

Wadie Abunassar, Director and founder, International Centre for Consultations, Israel

Tiago Antunes, Secretary of State for European Affairs of the Portuguese Republic

Senén Florensa Palau, Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean

Gabriel Haritos, Research Fellow, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP-Greece), and Ben-Gurion Research Institute (BGRI-Israel)

Moderated by **Burak Ünveren**, Journalist and freelance moderator, and Member, Global Diplomacy Lab

📺 16:15–17:30 | Ukraine: The power of Solidarity

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold II Hall

Damir Črnčec, State Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Slovenia
Holger Haibach, Country Director, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung for Croatia and Slovenia
Krzysztof Jan Olendzki, Ambassador of Poland to the Republic of Slovenia
Krsto Perović, State Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Montenegro
Andrii Taran, Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Slovenia

Moderated by **Katja Geršak**, Co-Founder and Executive Director, Regional Dialogue, and Editor-in-Chief, Bled Strategic Times, Slovenia

16:15–17:30 | No Culture, No Democracy!

Rikli Balance Hotel, Zrak Hall

Federica Mogherini, Rector, College of Europe, Belgium
Niels Righolt, Vice-president, Culture Action Europe, and Chief Executive Officer, Danish Center for Arts
Maja Smrekar, Intermedia Artist, Slovenia
Asta Vrečko, Minister of Culture of Slovenia

Moderated by **Matjaž Gruden**, Director, Directorate of Democratic Participation, Directorate General Democracy and Human Dignity, Council of Europe

16:15–17:30 | From a Dangerous Cocktail to a Recipe for Peace: Addressing the links between climate, conflict and food security

Rikli Balance Hotel, Sonce Hall

Dirk Brengelmann, Dean, Global Diplomacy Lab, Germany
Cyril Ferrand, Resilience team leader for Eastern Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
Hassan Ismail, Country Representative, Kenya
Tina Jaskolski, Climate, Peace, and Security Policy Scientist, CGIAR, France
Eva Tomič, Climate Policy and Human Rights Adviser to the President of Slovenia

Moderated by **Renée Larivière**, Senior Director of Programme Management, Interpeace, Switzerland

17:45–19:00 | The Western Balkans: Everything Changes, but Everything Remains the Same?

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold I Hall

Alexandre Adam, Member of the French Council of State, and former Europe advisor to the French President, France
Ivica Dačić, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Serbia
Tanja Fajon, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia
Megi Fino, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania
Donika Gërvalla-Schwarz, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of Kosovo

Miroslav Lajčák, EU Special Representative for the Belgrade–Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues, European External Action Service

Bujar Osmani, Minister for Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia

Elmedin Konaković, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Keynote listeners: **Christian Schmidt**, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina and **Marko Makovec**, Deputy Managing Director (EUROPE.DMD), European External Action Service

Moderated by **Peter Grk**, Secretary General, Bled Strategic Forum, Slovenia

17:45–19:00 | Securing European Energy Security

Rikli Balance Hotel, Arnold II Hall

Olha Boiko, Coordinator, Climate Action Network Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, Ukraine

Bart Jan Hoevers, President, European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas, Belgium

Dejan Paravan, Chief Executive Officer, GEN Group, Slovenia

Tina Seršen, State Secretary for energy, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy of Slovenia

Ana Stanič, English Solicitor Advocate/Irish Solicitor, E&A Law Limited

Moderated by **Nik Gowing**, International Broadcaster and Visiting Professor, King's College, United Kingdom

17:45–19:00 | Beyond Value: Climate Transformation and the Future of the Market Economy

Rikli Balance Hotel, Zrak Hall

Pranab K. Bardhan, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of California, Berkeley, College of Letters & Science, United States

Marty Deacon, Senator, Senate of Canada

Kohei Saito, Associate Professor of Philosophy, University of Tokyo

Moderated by **Gregoire Roos**, Head of Political Dialogue and Policy Innovation, BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt, Germany

17:45–19:00 | Apocalypse Tomorrow? Increasing Climate Justice Instead of Climate Insecurity

Rikli Balance Hotel, Sonce Hall

Niels Annen, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

Lučka Kajfež Bogataj, Full Professor, Department of Agronomy, and Chair of Agrometeorology, Agricultural Land Management, Biotechnical Faculty, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ann Linde, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Maria Laura da Rocha, Secretary General of Foreign Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Brazil

Moderated by **Claudia Detsch**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Climate and Social justice, Belgium

19:00–19:15 | Closing remarks by **Tanja Fajon**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia

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