

GLOBSEC 2015 Bratislava Global Security Forum

19 – 21 June 2015

10 YEARS OF THE PREMIER FORUM IN CENTRAL EUROPE

This year, GLOBSEC marks 10 years since its establishment. Already for a decade, GLOBSEC has been essentially contributing to the shaping of regional, European and wider transatlantic policy agenda. It has become an indispensable meeting place of stakeholders and everyone who matters in foreign and security policy especially in Central and Eastern Europe. In just a few years, GLOBSEC has risen from humble beginnings to become the premier foreign policy and security forum in Central Europe and one of the top five conferences of its kind in the world. Hundreds of most influential experts from leading European and transatlantic think-tanks, academia, business leaders and politicians will once again come to GLOBSEC to discuss issues that make headlines in the global media. Over the years, GLOBSEC's guest list has included **Zbigniew Brzezinski, Donald Tusk, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, John Allen, Radosław Sikorski, Carl Bildt, Ahmed Rashid, George Friedman, Franco Frattini** and other personalities.



GLOBSEC 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- One of the **top five foreign and security conference** in the world will be celebrating its **10th anniversary**;
- Part of the official Slovak Visegrad Presidency events, held only one year before the Slovak EU Presidency in 2016, planned meeting of top V4

representatives and high level politicians from major EU countries;

- The Ukrainian crisis and its implications for the European security architecture at the centre of GLOBSEC attention. Defence, energy security and cyber security will be discussed as the topics with special importance for the CEE region;
- ISIL and the rise of Islamic extremism as one of the key security challenges for free world;
- Positioned in-between the Wales and the upcoming Warsaw summits, GLOBSEC will serve as a key platform for pre-summit debates in the run up to the Alliance's 2016 gathering in Warsaw.
- Attendance of top leaders: Presidents, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministers of Defence, EU and NATO officials and other top level politicians from Europe and the North Atlantic area;
- Special public format GLOBSEC City Talks designed to reach wider spectrum of audience, with outreach to about 1 000 people.

TOPICAL FRAMEWORK

The 2015 Forum will be even more important than the previous ones. The European and transatlantic order has been under attack simultaneously from East and South as never before and Central Europe is facing an unprecedented challenge to its stability and security since the fall of Communism. GLOBSEC will focus on a number of issues pivotal to the region, the EU and the transatlantic community, including:

1. RESPONDING TO RUSSIA & HELPING UKRAINE |

Given Central Europe's own history and vicinity to Russia, GLOBSEC will again seek to provide greater clarity about Moscow's evolving objectives and Europe's policy towards Kremlin than policy discussions anywhere in Europe or North America. Placing special emphasis on Ukraine, the debate will explore the behaviour of nations in the "arc of crisis" around Russia and how the West can better support their aspirations for defining their own future.

2. TACKLING THE CHALLENGE OF RADICAL ISLAMISTS AND TERRORISM

The Middle East continues to radicalise, the so-called Islamic State and al-Qaeda fight for attention, funding and influence, which not only destabilises regional security, but proves to have impact on safety of Western Europe and North America. GLOBSEC will contribute to answers how we – together with our partners in the Arab world – should tackle this new face of radicalism both in European countries and directly in the broader Middle East.

3. RUN-UP TO WARSAW: ADAPTING NATO AND EUROPEAN SECURITY

One year before the upcoming 2016 Summit in Warsaw, the GLOBSEC community will assess how the Allies have implemented the taskings of the last Wales Summit to make NATO's defence and deterrence credible and relevant to the security challenges emanating from Russia and the Middle East. We will also look at the broader picture of transatlantic relations, including in the economic and energy dimensions, seeking to provide a fresh impetus to Atlanticism in the region and beyond.

4. EMPOWERING EUROPE

Surveying Europe's strategic landscape through the prism of key capitals, international organisations, think tanks and private companies, GLOBSEC will examine the willpower of the Europeans to engage internationally while fixing the ailing economies at home. Given the EU's dependence on Russian gas, discussions will zoom in on the common actions that must be taken on energy policy to broaden Europe's strategic choices.

MORE THAN A FORUM

THE THREE-DAY FORUM will consist of main debates, keynotes, night owl sessions and focused break-out dinner sessions – creating room for formal and informal debates on front-page topics that drive developments in the region and beyond. The program also includes closed policy sessions, receptions and other formats conducive to policy-shaping and networking.

GLOBSEC CITY TALKS | With the aim of introducing prominent policy-makers and expert figures to a wider audience, GLOBSEC will provide a series of dynamic public debates held in the heart of Bratislava. The event will not only expose top GLOBSEC speakers to the broader public; streamed live and covered by international media, it is also designed to reach vast audiences and stakeholders – well beyond the walls of Bratislava's Old Town.

GLOBSEC GALA DINNER | GLOBSEC 2015 will again host a high-profile Gala Dinner. Traditionally, the event

will feature the **Czech and Slovak Transatlantic Awards**, a joint initiative of the Slovak Atlantic Commission and the Jagello 2000 Association. The Awards annually recognise personalities who have substantially contributed to strengthening transatlantic ties and overall stability of the Euro-Atlantic area, while emphasising the awardees' ties to Central Europe, especially to the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

SIDE EVENTS | GLOBSEC 2015 will bring together heads of government, foreign and defence ministers and influential policy-makers in order to generate new ideas, partnerships and solutions to issues of central concern to the GLOBSEC community. The formats will include bilateral government meetings, expert working groups, policy sessions, and tête-à-têtes.

YOUNG LEADERS AT GLOBSEC | Traditionally, GLOBSEC hosts dozens of young experts and leaders from some 20 countries – engaging them not only in the Forum's official agenda, but also in a series of tailor-made debates, workshops and networking activities designed to contribute to both their professional development and to the infusion of fresh ideas into the Forum's debates.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE FORUMS | As companies are key partners in finding answers to pressing political, security and economic challenges, GLOBSEC remains committed to engaging business leaders into its community. Based on the success of previous years, a variety of business-oriented events and meetings, with special focus on defence industry cooperation, start-ups, cyber defence and energy, will continue to accompany the GLOBSEC Forum.

ORGANISER | Slovak Atlantic Commission

HONORARY CHAIRMANSHIP | Year after year, influential public figures have assumed the honorary chairmanship of the GLOBSEC Forum and given the organisers political support and valuable advice. For the 2015 conference, the chairmanship has been assumed by **H. E. Miroslav Lajčák**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia.

