

Agenda

The European Political Community: Changing Everything so that Nothing Changes?

Mathias Corvinus Collegium, Tas Vezér utca 3-7, Budapest 1113.

9.30 – 10.00: Registration.

10.00 – 10.10 Opening remarks – **Rodrigo BALLESTER**,
**Head of the Center for European Studies, Mathias
Corvinus Collegium (MCC)**

10.10 – 10.20 Keynote speech – **Péter SZTÁRAY**,
**Secretary of State for Security Policy and Energy
Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

10.15 – 10.30: Keynote speech on the European Political
Community – **Zviad Barkaia Deputy Head of the
Government Administration, Georgia**

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10.30 – 11.45 Panel I: **The European Political Community: What is the point exactly?**

- **Péter SZTÁRAY**, Secretary of State for Security Policy and Energy Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- **Szabolcs HORVÁTH**, Cabinet expert – Cabinet of Commissioner Olivér VÁRHELYI – Neighbourhood and Enlargement, European Commission
- **Daniel HÖLTGEN**, Director of Communication, Council of Europe
- **Rodrigo BALLESTER**, Head of the Center for European Studies, MCC

*Moderated by **Réka MÁTHÉ**, Senior researcher at MCC, research fellow at the National University of Public Service, and senior lecturer at Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania*

12.00 – 13.15 **Lunch break**

13.15 – 13.30 **Keynote Speech – Romina Kuko**, Deputy Minister for Internal Affairs, Republic of Albania



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13.30 – 14.45 Panel II: **EPC, a new impulse, or a refurbished waiting room for the Western Balkans?**

- **Romina KUKO**, Deputy Minister for Internal Affairs of Albania
- **Igor BANDOVIC**, Belgrade Centre for Security Policy (Serbia)
- **László DUX**, Head of Department, Western Balkans Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- **Alexsandar NACEV**, Center for Security Research. (Northern Macedonia)

*Moderated by **Livia PAVELKA**, Researcher at the Center for European Affairs, MCC*

14.45 – 15.15: Keynote speech – **Pavlo Klimkin**, *Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ukraine*



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15.15 – 16.30 Panel III: **The EPC, the right boost of the EU's Eastern's partnership in times of geopolitical turbulences?**

- **Pavlo KLIMKIN**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Ukraine
- **Márton UGRÓSDY**, Deputy State Secretary for the Political Director's Office, Hungarian Government
- **Tomasz Grzegorz GROSSE**, Editor-in-chief of the International Analyzes quarterly
- **Attila DEMKÓ**, Head of the Center for Geopolitics, MCC

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