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**Saturday 11 June**

10.00 a.m. **Arrival** at the Abbey of Göttweig

10.30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION**, Altmann Hall

Rt. Rev. Columban Luser

Abbot of Göttweig

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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Romania, Bucharest

Daniel Mitov

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia

Sebastian Kurz

Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna

followed by **Reception** given by Federal Minister **Sebastian Kurz**
Restaurant of the Abbey, Terrace

2.00-4.30 p.m. **WORKING GROUPS**

1. The EU – a relevant player in security policy for the 21st century?
2. Global crises – regional solutions
3. Economic growth – Social union – Sustainability: European attempts at squaring of the circle?
4. The soft power of culture: Cultural diplomacy as a foreign policy tool of the EU?

Sunday 12 June

09.00 a.m. **Holy Mass** at the Abbey of Göttweig

10.30 a.m. **PLENARY SESSION**, Altmann Hall

Presentation of the Reports of the Working Groups with contribution of the students of the BRG Kremszeile

Erwin Pröll

Governor of Lower Austria, St. Pölten

Franz-Josef Lersch-Mense

Minister for Federal Affairs, Europe and the Media of North Rhine-Westphalia and Head of the State Chancellery, Düsseldorf

Wilhelm Molterer

Managing Director of the European Fund for Strategic Investment, Luxembourg

Václav Klaus

Former President and Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Prague

Reinhold Mitterlehner

Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister of Science, Research and Economy, Vienna

followed by **Reception** given by Governor **Erwin Pröll**
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Working Group 1

“The EU – a relevant player in security policy for the 21st century?”

Chair: Gerhard Jandl, Minister, Department for Security Policy, Common Security and Defence Policy, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Policy, Vienna

Rapporteur: Katarzyna Pisarska, Director of the European Academy of Diplomacy, Warsaw

Introductory Statements:

Werner Weidenfeld, Director of the Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich

Antje Leendertse, Ambassador, Head of Task Force for the OSCE Chairmanship 2016, Federal Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany, Berlin

Martin Weiss, Head of Department Intelligence Collection, Investigation, Analysis and Data Processing Federal Ministry of the Interior / Federal Agency for State Protection and Counter Terrorism, Vienna

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Working Group 2

“Global crises – Regional solutions”

Chair: Hubert Wachter, Publicist and Writer, St. Pölten

Rapporteur: Gerald Steiner, Dean of Faculty of Business and Globalization, Danube University Krems, Krems

Introductory Statements:

Lukas Mandl, Regional Parliament, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Europe and the European Union, Deputy Mayor, Gerasdorf

Oliver Paasch, Prime Minister of the Government of the German-speaking Community of the Kingdom of Belgium, Eupen

Peter Egardt, Governor of Uppsala County, Kingdom of Sweden, Uppsala

Franz Schausberger, Chairman of the Institute of the Regions of Europe (IRE), Former President of Salzburg, Salzburg

Working Group 3

“Economic growth – Social union – Sustainability: European attempts at squaring the circle?”

Chair: Martin Gebhart, Chief-Editor, newspaper “Niederösterreichische Nachrichten”, St. Pölten

Rapporteur: Dieter Lutz, Managing Director Benda-Lutz Werke GmbH, Member of Executive Committee of Lower Austrian Federation of Industry, Nußdorf ob der Traisen

Introductory Statements:

Radován Jelasić, Chairman of the Board, Erste Bank Hungary Zrt., Budapest

Brigita Schmögnerová, former Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic and former Executive Secretary of the UNECE, Bratislava

Konstantinos Bitsios, Executive Vice-Chairman, Hellenic Federation of Enterprises, Athens

Adriaan Schout, Senior Fellow and Coordinator Europe, Clingendael, Netherlands Institute of International Relations, The Hague

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Working Group 4

“The soft power of culture: Cultural diplomacy as a foreign policy tool of the EU?”

Chair: Stephan Vavrik, Ambassador, Head of Department for multilateral cultural policy, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna

Rapporteur: Márton Mehes, former Director of the Collegium Hungaricum Wien, Vienna

Introductory Statements:

Walter Zampieri, Head of Unit, DG Culture, European Commission, Brussels

Diego Marani, European External Action Service, Brussels

Beatrix Kramlovsky, Writer and Visual Artist, Promoter of international literature, Bisamberg

