

Friday, 8. November 2024

09h00 - 13h45

Democracy in Central Europe & Building mutual trust within society

09h00

Welcome address

- **Mikel Burzako** - CEO of the Institute of European Democrats

Opening

- **Ján Figel**, former European Commissioner
- **Peter Jancovic** - Lord Mayor of Piešťany
- **Lutjona Lula**, Founder of ESN Albania (videomessage)

Introduction and moderator

- **Mario Nicolini**, Co-founder Confident Slovakia

09h30 - 11h30

How to Renew the trust within national societies in Europe

- **Richard Rybníček**, Lord Mayor of Trenčín and President of Union of Towns in Slovakia
- **Anna Galovicova**, President of the Slovak-Indian Friendship Society
- **Janka Zálešáková**, Vice President of European Spas Association and President of Slovak Spa Association
- **Ivo Kaplán**, Head of the Evropský Institut Renaissance
- **H.E. Apoorva Srivastava**, Ambassador of India to Slovakia
- **Milos Lichner, D.Th.SJ**, Principal of Trnava University
- **Alice Bernard**, Secretary General of YDE
- **Katarina Slobodova Novakova**, Principal of University St. Cyril and St. Methodius
- **Peter Gombita**, founder of Oasis

12h00 – 13h45

Resilience of the Democracy in the Central Europe. How to face the present challenges?

- **Martin Poliačik**, *political scientist active on the US-Ukraine relations*
- **Arnaud de Vibraye**, *cyber-security expert*
- **Veronika Hincová Frankovská** *Institute for a well-managed society (for CEDMO)*
- **Petr Jantač**, *legislative lawyer*
- **Francois Pauli**, *co-founder of IED, former Secretary-General of ALDE Group in the European Parliament*
- **Radimír Čačíč**, *former deputy prime Minister in Croatia*
- **Miodrag Vlahovic** – *President of Montenegrin Helsinki Committee, former MFA*

13h45 – 14h00

Conclusions

- **Gabi Schmidt** – *Vice President of the Institute of European Democrats*