



## EU Stakeholder Brunch

### EU turning 60: Will it get a second wind?

24 March 2017 10:00 – 12:00

European Information Centre, Palisády 29, Bratislava

#### Background

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, the European Commission published the White Paper in which the President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker outlined five possible scenarios for further development of the EU until 2025.

“White Paper on the future of the EU” points out at a wide range of options for the future of Europe of 27 member states and is meant as an input for the discussion of leaders at the Rome summit to be held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Treaties of Rome of 1957 and should complete the so-called “Bratislava Process”. The Rome declaration should become a political manifesto for the next stage of European integration.

What is the Slovak take on the White Paper? Can Slovakia embrace one of the scenarios or do we have our own ideas? Is Slovakia ready to give up on some of the common ambitions? What could “less EU” and the greater use of multiple speeds mean for Slovakia?

#### Speakers

##### Dušan Chrenek

Head

Representation of the European Commission in the SR

##### Iveta Hricová

Director general

Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the SR

##### Michal Polák

Advisor to Minister

Ministry of Finance of the SR

##### Karolína Stach

Author of “Bruselo” blog

(Political advisor to the European Conservatives and Reformists Group in the EP)

#### Moderator

##### Zuzana Gabrižová

Editor-In-Chief, EurActiv.sk

#### Program

09:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 12:00 Discussion

Networking a refreshment

The event will be held in Slovak with simultaneous translation into English

