

EU Reform After Parliamentary Elections in Germany

Friday, 6 October 2017 | 10:00 – 12:00
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BACKGROUND

The European Union is at the crossroads. Although "multi-speed integration" has been under discussion for a long time, we find ourselves in a situation when some of the EU members are promoting deeper integration in number of key areas - fiscal and economic policies, social policy, defense, tax, - and are willing to proceed even in a narrower group of countries.

Last year's concerns about the unstoppable rise of extremism and anti-European political forces have not been fully confirmed. A victory of the centrists in France and parliamentary elections in Germany, which are likely to confirm political continuity, will open a window of political opportunity for more fundamental reforms of the functioning of the EU, and specifically of the Monetary Union.

What is the shape of the future EU and how should the "integration core" look like? Who is going to participate on deeper integration, and under what conditions? How would be these plans affected by the outcome of parliamentary elections in Germany? These are issues we will discuss at the stakeholder event.

OPENNING REMARKS

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PROGRAM

09:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 - 12:00 Discussion

The event will be held in Slovak and German with simultaneous interpretation