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AGENDA

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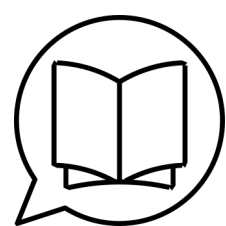
Navigating Conflict in a Changing World

9TH ANNUAL POLICYMAKERS DIALOGUE

27-29 September, 2024

Zagreb, Croatia





## AGENDA

Please note this is a preliminary agenda and still subject to changes.

The 9th Open European Dialogue will convene a select group of 50 policymakers from across Europe and the political spectrum, alongside esteemed international scholars and practitioners. Over 2.5 days, participants will engage in deep dialogue on the 'Age of Turmoil', exploring the socio-political implications of conflict for democratic societies. Through peer-to-peer exchanges and expert insights, participants will have a unique opportunity to explore the topic of conflict under multiple perspectives, learning about best practices, tools, and relevant policy challenges, while reflecting on the vital role of policymakers in navigating the complex challenges of heightened societal, political, and international tensions.

The exchange will begin on Friday, September 27th (17:00 CEST) and close on Sunday, September 29th (16:00 CEST).

### DAY 1: FRIDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER

16:30 **Registration and Meet & Greet**

 [The Westin Zagreb](#), Panorama Room

17:00 **Orientation | Big-Picture Framing and Kick-Off of High-Level Political Dialogue**

Welcome from the City of Zagreb with Mayor [Tomislav Tomašević](#)

'The Age of Turmoil' | Thought Piece: Laying the Foundation with [Raffaele Alberto Ventura](#), author of "The War of Everyone" and analyst for the Groupe d'Études Géopolitiques in Paris and the magazine "Esprit"

Peer-to-Peer Exchange: Sharing of Policymakers' Perspectives

19:00 **Walking Tour | Exploring Zagreb and the Croatian Context**

20:00 **Policymakers' Dinner**

 [Vinodol Restaurant](#), [ul. Nikole Tesle 10, 10000, Zagreb](#)

### DAY 2: SATURDAY, 28TH SEPTEMBER

08:40 **Check-in**

 [The Westin Zagreb](#), Panorama Room

09:00 **Problem Exploration | How and Where Does Conflict Manifest?**

*In what ways do we observe heightened societal tensions and conflict manifesting? What case studies or data can inform the way we understand the phenomena?*

Datapoints for Policymakers: Insights from [Adam Traczyk](#), Executive Director of More in Common Poland and Associate Fellow of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

**Diagnosis | Policymakers' Differential Interpretations of Conflict Signals**

10:50 *Break*

- 11:20 **Experience | Navigating Conflict in the Democratic System through the Transformative Scenarios Process (TSP)—Interactive Workshop** with Mille Bojer, Director of Reos Partners and international expert facilitating complex and high-stakes multi-stakeholder conflict processes
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 **Dig Deeper | Policy Deep-Dives into Conflict: Challenges, Case Studies and Opportunities**  
*Explore entrenched conflicts, inflamed national debates, and relevant case studies. Engage in thematic deep dives, led by experts, and share best practices and country perspectives on today's societal and political challenges.*
- Expert-led sessions will be organized based on demand, supported by:*
-  **DEMOCRACY, STABILITY AND THE EU'S PERIPHERY | Kristof Bender**, Deputy Chairman of the European Stability Initiative (ESI) and Europe's Futures Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM Vienna)
  -  **THE COST OF CONFLICT AND GEOPOLITICAL RISK | Anna Gilmour**, Senior Director and Head of Global Risk Insights at Verisk Maplecroft
  -  **ETHICS OF POLITICAL COMMEMORATION | Hans Gutbrod**, Researcher and Professor at the School of Arts and Sciences of Georgia's Ilia State University
  -  **PUBLIC OPINION AND CONFLICT | Isabell Hoffmann**, Senior Expert at the Bertelsmann Stiftung and Head of "Eupinions", an independent platform for European public opinion
  -  **EUROPEAN SECURITY AND THE UKRAINE FRONT | Francesco Strazzari**, Professor of International Relations at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa and the School of Advanced International Studies of John Hopkins University (SAIS)
  -  **EU POLICYMAKING & CONFLICTS | Cornelius Adebahr**, independent political analyst, Interim Executive Director of the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD Germany), and Non-Resident Fellow at Carnegie Europe; Barbara Mittelhammer, mediator, foreign policy expert, political analyst, and consultant.
- 15:50 *Break*
- 16:20 **Emerging Insights | Policymakers' Group Work on Political Postures Towards Conflict**
- 17:00 **Intractable Problems | The Right to Truth? Exploring Information and Conflict**  
Thought Piece by Carl Miller, Co-Founder of the Centre for the Analysis of Social Media at Demos and tech expert on online electoral interference, radicalization, digital politics, cyber-crime, and Internet governance.
- Reflect & Reframe | Policymakers and Experts Deliberation**
- 18:00 *Close*
- 19:30 **End-Of-Day Informal Dinner**  
 Baltazar 1982, Nova Ves 4, 10000, Zagreb, Croatia

## DAY 3: SUNDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER

08:40

### Check-in

 The Westin Zagreb, Panorama Room

09:00

**Seeds of Change | Instances of Conflict Transformation** with Beatrix Austin, Head of Conflict Transformation Research at the Berghof Foundation and curator of the Berghof Handbook for Conflict Transformation

**MP Case Studies | Conflict & You: Bringing Fresh Eyes to Policymakers' Challenges**



### SET THE AGENDA | Propose Your Own Policy Deep-Dive

This is your chance to spotlight a topic that matters deeply to you. Present your case study in dialogue with parliamentary colleagues and leading experts, exploring new perspectives that could lead to impactful ideas.

To take advantage of this unique opportunity, send us a brief description of your proposal for a chance to present it during the dialogue in Zagreb.

11:30

*Break*

12:00

**Zooming In | Case Study Exploration: A Dialogue on Israel and Palestine** with Dan Levy, President of the US/Middle East Project, and former Israeli Lead Drafter of the Geneva Initiative and Israeli peace negotiator at the Oslo talks

**Timeout | Group Work: Holding the Tension and Policymakers' Reflections**

13:30

*Lunch*

14:30

**Tutorial | Leading Difficult Conversations** with Mia Forbes Pirie, #1 UK Mediator of the Year, international facilitator and coach

15:30

**Stocktaking | Parliaments, Parliamentarians and 'The Age of Turmoil'**

16:00

*Close*





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