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PROGRAMME

Monday 12 May 2025, Prague Castle

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Pursuing Prosperity in a Shifting World.



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MONDAY 12 MAY

PRAGUE CASTLE

13:00—14:30

Registration

14:30—15:15

Keynote Speeches

Petr Pavel, President of the Czech Republic

Sauli Niinistö, Special Adviser to the President of the European Commission, Former President of Finland and author of the Niinistö Report

Teresa Ribera, Executive Vice-President for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, European Commission

15:15—16:45

High-level panel discussion: Pursuing Prosperity in a Shifting World

Moderator:

Kateřina Šafařiková

Journalist, Seznam Zprávy

“Security is the foundation on which everything is built,” says Sauli Niinistö in his key report on strengthening Europe’s preparedness and readiness. In other words, security not only includes its economic standpoint among its many dimensions, but it is the very precondition for our prosperity. With the rules-based world order shaken by the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the recent erosion of the transatlantic bond, Europe must rethink its defence policy and find new ways to boost its competitiveness at the same time. The task seems even more complex with twin transitions on our hands and growing uncertainties in the global environment. Some even question whether Europe can afford to keep its climate and social ambitions intact in such challenging times. What should the EU do not only to survive, but to thrive?

Jozef Sikela, Commissioner for International Partnerships

Anders Ahnlid, Director-General, National Board of Trade Sweden

Luuk van Middelaar, Director, Brussels Institute for Geopolitics

Vessela Tcherneva, Deputy Director, European Council on Foreign Relations

16:45—18:00

Glass of Wine

You will be guided through the entire programme by **Jan Bumba**, Journalist, Český rozhlas Plus

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