

FREE MARKET ROAD SHOW® - BRATISLAVA APRIL 27TH 2012
April 27th-May 25th 2012

Europe at a Turning Point
Europe on the Road to Serfdom?

Venue: Crowne Plaza Bratislava, London Conference Room
Hodžovo námestie 2
81625 Bratislava
Registration: 8:00 – 8:30

8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr. Barbara Kolm (Austrian Economics Center)
Dr. Peter Gonda (Conservative Institute of M.R. Štefánik)

Panel 1: **Individualism vs. Collectivism: How much government can we afford?**

Time: 8:45 – 10:20
Chair: Ondrej Sočuvka (CEBSI)
Keynote: Prof. Klaus Emmerich
Podium: Frederik Cyrus Roeder (European Students For Liberty)
Mario Fantini (Hayek Institut)
Juraj Kotian (Austrian Erste Group Bank)
Radovan Ďurana (INESS)

Break **10:20 – 10:40**

Panel 2: **Harmonization vs. Competition: What brings us back on track on the road to growth?**

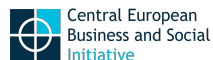
Time: 10:40-12:15
Chair: Dr. Richard Ďurana (INESS)
Keynote: Dr. Daniel Mitchell (CATO Institute)
Podium: Dr. Ján Oravec (Entrepreneur Association of Slovakia, Hayek Foundation Bratislava)
Zdeněk Vilímek (Coca-Cola Czech rep. and Slovakia)
Martin Oravec (TREND Analyses)

Break **12:15 -12:45**

Panel 3: **The European Stability Mechanism: The End of financial sovereignty? Euro vs. Sound money**

Time: 12:45-14:20
Chair: Dr. Ján Oravec (Entrepreneur Association of Slovakia, Hayek Foundation Bratislava)
Keynote: Dr. Barbara Kolm (Austrian Economics Center)
Podium: Dr. Richard Otto Zundritsch (Added Value)
Dr. Peter Gonda (Conservative Institute of M. R. Štefánik)
Juraj Karpiš (INESS)

14:20-14:30 **Evaluation and conclusions**
Dr. Barbara Kolm (Austrian Economics Center)
Dr. Peter Gonda (Conservative Institute of M.R. Štefánik)



Panel Overview

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Panel 1: *Panel 1: Individualism vs. Collectivism: How much government can we afford?*

We are in the middle of a public debt crisis of historical proportion and for most politicians the solution is more of the same – which means for them: more government intervention and government spending. However the most important question is often avoided: What are the reasons for the crisis - free markets or government intervention? Are our current (welfare) systems the cure or the cause for the crisis? Should governments take care of us or should we finally start taking care of ourselves? Is a paradigm shift realistic? The reasons for the current crisis and it's implications for the next generation in the light of recent European policies will be discussed.

Panel 2: Harmonization vs. Competition: What brings us back on track on the road to growth?

As a result of the current public debt crisis, especially in Europe, many politicians and so-called experts view further harmonization on a European level as solution for the skyrocketing public debts. However, isn't diversity one of the key preconditions for our prosperity? What would be the consequences of a European Central Government? Apart from the recently discussed EU policies and their consequences, new and innovative solutions for the crisis will be discussed.

Panel 3: The European Stability Mechanism: The End of financial sovereignty? Euro vs. Sound money

Will the Euro survive? Is it a precondition for a European identity and means of organizing a common market – or simply an instrument of exchange? Is the Euro an engine for integration or is it a potential cause for further conflicts and therefore dividing the European Union? Are there alternatives to the Euro and if so, what are the preconditions to avoid recent impairments? This panel will focus on any alternatives to fractional reserve, e.g. a necessity to return to gold standard and on the issue of currencies.