

BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

## SCHENGEN AT THE CROSSROADS

MONDAY, 4 JULY 2016, 13.30 – 19 hrs

Allianz Forum, Pariser Platz 6, 10117 Berlin

Three decades after the ratification of the Schengen Agreement, one of the greatest and most valued accomplishments of European integration is at risk. Growing migratory flows from the Southern neighbourhood have put the border-free Schengen zone under immense pressure. A range of member states have temporarily reintroduced internal border controls while Eurosceptic voices demanding a ‘Schexit’ are growing louder. Can the Schengen zone in its current form survive the ‘refugee crisis’? What changes and reforms are needed to make it more resilient? How can we move towards a deep and integrated European asylum system? We have invited a range of high-level speakers, decision-makers and experts from Germany and other EU member states to discuss these and other questions related to the future of the Schengen area.

**13.30 – 14.00 h    Registration**

**14.00 – 14.10 h    Welcome and introduction** *(in German with English translation)*

- **Prof. Dr. Henrik Enderlein**, Director, Jacques Delors Institut – Berlin / Associate Dean and Professor, Hertie School of Governance

**14.10 – 14.45 h    Keynote speeches** *(in English with German translation)*

- **António Vitorino**, former Commissioner of Justice and Home Affairs and President of the Jacques Delors Institute

**14.45 – 15.30 h    Panel 1: What reforms for a functioning and secure Schengen area?** *(in English with German translation)*

- **Ambassador Joachim Bitterlich**, Professor at the ESCP Europe, Campus Paris, and member of the Administrative Board of the Jacques Delors Institute
- **Dr. Emily Haber**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior
- **Dr. Steffen Angenendt**, Head of Research Division – Global Issues, German Institute for Institutional and Security Affairs (tbc)
- Chair: **António Vitorino**

**15.30 – 16.00 h**     **Keynote speech** *(in German with English translation)*

- **Peter Altmaier**, Chief of Staff of the Federal Chancellery

**16.00 – 16.30 h**     Coffee break

**16.30 – 17.15 h**     **Panel 2: How to achieve convergence in the EU asylum system?** *(in English with German translation)*

- **Prof. Dr. Boldizsár Nagy**, Associate Professor of Public International Law at Eötvös Loránd University and Central European University
- **Elisabeth Kotthaus**, Deputy Head of Political Department, European Commission Representation in Berlin
- **Karen Mets**, Senior Advocacy Advisor, Children on the move, Save the Children (tbc)
- Chair: **Christian Jakob**, TAZ

**17.15 – 18.00 h**     **Panel 3: Do we have to restore internal border controls?** *(in German with English translation)*

- **Dieter Janecek**, MdB, Spokesman for Economic Policy of the Bündnis 90/Die Grünen Parliamentary Group
- **Dr. Yves Pascouau**, Director of Migration and Mobility Policies, European Policy Centre
- **Dr. Reinhold Lopatka**, Leader of the Austrian People's Party Group in the Austrian parliament
- Chair: **Christian Jakob**, TAZ

**18.00 – 18.45 h**     **Keynote speech** *(in German with English translation)*

- **Michael Roth**, Minister of State for Europe, German Foreign Ministry

**18.45 h**                     **Concluding remarks and reception**

(The Jacques Delors Institut – Berlin reserves the right to publish photographic and film documentation of the event in print, online, and audiovisual formats)