



# Hungarian Presidency of the CEI 2013

## CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND THE POLITICS OF REFORM

### IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

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### HUNGARY

*Hosted by the Hungarian Ministry of Public Administration and Justice and the Institute for Public Policy Research under the auspices of the Hungarian Presidency of Central European Initiative, the workshop on Crisis Management and the Politics of Reform brings together decision makers and researchers from across the region to discuss issues related to crisis management (successful tools of stabilisation and growth stimulation), structural reforms (changes in public administration, public services and social insurance) and social and political costs (unpopular measures and elections, poverty and radicalisation).*

*The sessions of the international workshop are divided into panels, serving as forums for presentations and discussions. The event begins on Friday with a session consisting exclusively of public officials, followed by panels of researchers and think tankers discussing policy-related and political, social and electoral aspects of the crisis and its management. The 15-minute presentations are followed by moderated discussions.*

*On Friday, the workshop adjourns with a dinner hosted by the organizers while on Saturday it ends with conclusions followed by a farewell lunch.*



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<b>Friday, 24 May</b>	<b>Venue: Károlyi-Csekonics Rezidencia (Budapest 8, Múzeum utca 17.)</b>
8:20–8:50	Registration
<b>9:00–11:15</b>	<b>Session 1: Public officials</b>
	Mr Tibor Navracsics, Deputy Prime Minister, Hungary – opening and keynote speech
	Mr Robert Kaliňák, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Interior, Slovakia
	Mr Michał Boni, Minister of Administration and Digitization, Poland
	Mr Zoltán Cséfalvay, Secretary of State for Economic Strategy, Ministry of National Economy, Hungary
	Mr Nikola Selaković, Minister of Justice and Public Administration, Serbia
	Mr Zoran Piculjan, Deputy Minister of Administration, Croatia
	Mr Mahir Yagcilar, Minister; Ms Bardha Rrustemi Director, Ministry of Public Administration, Kosovo*
11:15–11:30	Coffee break
<b>11:30–13:15</b>	<b>Session 2: Crisis and crisis management</b>
	Mr Zoltán Egeresi, Institute for Public Policy Research, Hungary – <i>Crisis Management in Central and South-Eastern Europe</i>

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



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	Ms Desislava Nikolova, Institute of Market Economics, Bulgaria – <i>Crisis management in Bulgaria</i>
	Mr Răzvan Orășanu, Romanian Academic Society – <i>Economic and Policy Making Challenges during the recent European Crisis</i>
13:15–14:45	Lunch break
<b>14:45–16:30</b>	<b>Session 3: Political Costs and Consequences</b>
	Mr Roman Joch, Civic Institute, Czech Republic – <i>Unpopular measures and elections, poverty and radicalisation</i>
	Mr Paweł Ukielski, Freedom Institute, Poland – <i>Reforms of the Tusk Governments</i>
	Mr Grigorij Mesežnikov, Institute for Public Affairs, Slovakia – <i>Socio-economic reforms in Slovakia: public perception, social impact, political implications</i>
16:30–16:45	Coffee break
<b>16:45–18:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Politics and reform (or the lack of)</b>
	Mr Jan Erik Surotchak, International Republic Institute, Slovakia – <i>The Political Costs of an Economic and Social Reform Agenda</i>
	Mr Stjepo Bartulica, The Croatian Center for the Renewal of Culture, Croatia – <i>Structural reforms – or the lack of them – in Croatia</i>
18:30	Dinner, venue TBC



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<b>Saturday, 25 May</b>	<b>Venue: Károlyi-Csekonics Rezidencia</b>
<b>9:30–10:45</b>	<b>Session 5: Crisis and Governance</b>
	Ms Vesna Malenica, Populari, Bosnia and Herzegovina – <i>E-governance: Challenging the outdated systems</i>
	Ms Tamara Dimitrijevska, Center for Research and Policy Making, Macedonia – <i>Public Administration Reform in Macedonia with particular focus on the process of decentralization</i>
10:45–11:00	Coffee break
<b>11:00–12:45</b>	<b>Session 6: Local and Social Aspects of Public Policy Reforms</b>
	Mr Zbigniew Rau, Alexis de Tocqueville Center for Legal and Political Thought, Poland – <i>Towards a strong democracy in local government. The case of Poland</i>
	Ms Biljana Pejović, Center for Democratic Transition, Montenegro – <i>Transparency of the Montenegrin Institutions</i>
	Mr Boris Majcen, Institute for Economic Research, Slovenia – <i>Long-term sustainability of new pension reform in Slovenia</i>
12:45–13:00	Conclusions, farewell (Mark Szabo)
13:00	Lunch



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## **Additional workshop information**

Participants will be provided with the tools necessary for a PowerPoint presentation.

The first panel on Friday will be open for the press.

## **Arrival and hotel information**

The organizers will make sure that each participant arriving at Budapest Liszt Ferenc International Airport will be transported to the hotel. We will contact every participant in due time to discuss the details.

Our guests arriving by car are kindly requested to use the information provided by the hotel's website.

The hotel for our guests is: Mercure Budapest Museum Hotel; please refer to the [hotel's website](#) for GPS directions. A map of the city will be provided by the staff in the hotel.

The hotel is within easy walking distance from [the conference venue](#).

Registration will take place at the conference venue. Lunch on the first and second days will be provided at the conference venue.