



2014 Free Market Road Show @Sofia

“The Future of Europe at Stake:
European Elections Ahead – What is Next for the Union?”

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PROGRAM - Sofia

May 9, 2014 (Friday)

Grand-Hotel Sofia

1 Gurko Str.

10.00 – 10.10

Welcome and introduction by Desislava Nikolova, Acting Executive Director, IME

10.10 – 11.30

Chair: Desislava Nikolova, (Acting Executive Director, IME)

Panel 1: **Centralization vs. Deregulation:** Is more Brussels the key to prosperity or does subsidiarity provide the better path?

- ✓ **Krassen Stanchev** (Board Chairman, Founder and former Executive Director of IME)
- ✓ **Prince Michael of Liechtenstein** (Geopolitical Information Service)
- ✓ **Pieter Cleppe** (Director, Open Europe, Brussels)

Q&A session

11.30 – 12.00

Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00

Panel 2: **Brain Drain vs. Incentives:** Can enhanced competitiveness stop Europe's loss of many of the most talented and enterprising?

Chair: Krassen Stanchev, (Board Chairman, Founder and former Executive Director of IME)

- ✓ **John Chisholm** (CEO, John Chisholm Ventures)
- ✓ **Petar Ganev** (Senior Economist, IME)

Q&A session

13.00 – 14.00

Panel 3: **Progress vs. Stagnation:** What direction will the sovereign states of Europe take subsequent to the coming elections, especially as it regards immigration and single market issues?

Chair: Petar Ganev, (Senior Economist, IME)

- ✓ **Daniel Kaddik** (Friedrich Naumann Foundation)
- ✓ **John Fund** (Columnist, Wall Street Journal)
- ✓ **Barbara Kolm** (President, Hayek Institute, Vienna & Director, Austrian Economics Center)

Q&A session

The event will be held in English.

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