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History, convictions of values and their importance for a successful state

Experts Workshop

25. - 28. October 2021

Villa La Collina, Via Roma 11, Cadenabbia, Italy

Introduction

The countries of the European continent have a long and eventful history. Even if they are divided into Eastern and Western Churches, Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox, they are shaped by the Christian religion. They have lived through periods of armed conflict, but also peaceful development. Most of them have had experiences with authoritarian, if not dictatorial and totalitarian state systems, especially in their recent history.

Against this background, the question is how can the long-term establishment of democratic, law-based states succeed? What are the best mechanisms and structures to support democratic developments? How can the gap between politicians and parties on the one hand and citizens on the other be bridged?

Monday, 25. October 2021

19:00 Welcome dinner at the Villa

Tuesday, 26. October 2021

From 08:00 Breakfast

10:00 **Opening and introduction**

Claudia Crawford, Head Multilateraler Dialog KAS, Vienna

10:15

The state of the states in Central, South, West and Eastern Europe

The aim of this panel is to analyse the current situation in some exemplary countries in Europe. How stable are the political systems? What is the significance of the parties and how strong are their binding forces in the population? What are the challenges with regard to rule of law and democratic developments? What role do the media play?

Impulses:

Andrea De Petris, Scientific Director Cep - Centro politiche europee, Italy

Dr. Yuliya Bidenko, Associate Professor of V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University
Political Science Department, Kharkiv, Ukraine

Paul Schwarz, Political Adviser, Bundestag, Germany

Moderation:

Claudia Crawford, Head Multilateraler Dialog KAS, Vienna

Discussion

12:00

Lunch

14:00

The relationship between the EU and its neighbors in the east

After the fall of the Iron Curtain, the Western model of society was promising for many people in the East. This was probably due not least to the greater prosperity, but also to the personal freedoms of citizens in the West.

How much of it is left today? To what extent is there a deeper understanding of the principles and structures of a democratic constitutional state in the societies of Central and Eastern Europe? What role do the cultural differences play in relation to the Western European countries?

Impulses:

Beatrice Benocci, Senior Expert and Researcher at Università di Salerno (tbc), Italy

Adrian Balutel, MP, Parliament Moldova

Prof. Dr. Beata Piskorska, Institute of Political Science and Public Administration,
Department of International Relations and Security, The John Paul II Catholic University of
Lublin, Poland

Moderation:

Nino Galetti, Head Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Italy

Discussion

15:30

Coffee break

16:00

The role of the churches - source of strength, supporter of state power or an institution without influence

During the peaceful upheavals in the former Eastern Bloc, in some countries the church played a major role in supporting the opposition, such as in Poland and the former GDR. In the former Soviet Union, but also, for example, in Czechoslovakia, the churches were under great pressure, they lost massive numbers of churchgoers.

What role do the churches play today? Do they help shape social life? How big is their influence on politics or on people?

Impulses:

Zaza Bibilashvili, Chavchavadze Center, Chairman of the Board, Georgia

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19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, 27. October 2021

From 08:00 Breakfast

09:30 **New generations - new view of the world?**

The number of politicians who have experienced the authoritarian years of their countries in Central and Eastern Europe is declining. Rather, more and more politicians come into parliaments and take on responsibility who have experienced their socialization after the fall of the Iron Curtain.

Do they have a different view of society and the state? What are their formative experiences? Which state systems are role models for them?

Impulses:

Michael Poliansky, Junior Research Associate, HSFK, Frankfurt

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Celine la Cour, Political Scientist, Denmark

Moderation:

Natalia Corobca, Project Manager, KAS, Moldova

Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

12:00 Excursion to Lake Como, ferry ride to Bellagio

13:00 Lunch and then free time in Bellagio

16:00 Ferry ride to Cadenabbia

17:00 **Universal values - the connecting bracket on the European continent?**

For a united Europe in which the countries cooperate, connecting elements are necessary. Common experiences over centuries, cultural and economic exchange are such elements. On the other hand, there are also experiences from wars and hostility.

What values are shared across the continent? What binding force do they develop? How can bridges be built?

Impulses:

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Poland

Moderation:

Claudia Crawford, Head Multilateraler Dialog KAS, Vienna

Discussion

19:00 Dinner

Thursday, 28. October 2021

From 08:00 Breakfast

09:30 Time for informal talks
Departure of the participants

Concept and Organisation

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