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Baden-Württemberg

## EUROPE AND RUSSIA: DEFINING A NEW ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

20TH AND 21ST JUNE 2008

NEUES SCHLOSS &  
VILLA REITZENSTEIN,  
STUTTGART

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### AGENDA

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**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

*AT NEUES SCHLOSS*

16.00 – 16.30 Registration /Coffee

16.30 – 16.45 **WELCOME AND OPENING SPEECHES**

by **Minister President Günther H. Oettinger**  
*in the Marmorsaal*

**Lord Weidenfeld and Dr. Klaus Mangold**

16.45 – 19.00 **SESSION 1: RUSSIA AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT: A RIPE MOMENT TO LAUNCH COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVES?**

- Who stands to gain or lose in the medium to long term?
- New collaborative efforts: what, if anything, are the Europeans and Russians planning and can the French EU Presidency succeed in delivering a convincing common message?
- What are the international political priorities of the new Russian President?

**Chair:** Maxim Shevchenko (16.45)

**Keynote Speaker:** Andrey Sharonov (16.55)

**Speakers:** Dr. Dieter Zetsche (17.15)

Hans-Jörg Rudloff (17.25)

**Discussions** (17.35 – 18.45)

**Concluding Remarks:** H.E. Georg Boomgaarden (18.45)

*Transfer by bus from Neues Schloss to Villa Reitzenstein*

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20.00 for 20.30 **DINNER AT VILLA REITZENSTEIN**  
HOSTED BY THE MINISTER PRESIDENT

**Welcoming Remarks: Minister President Günther H. Oettinger**

**Dinner Speaker: Andrei Kortunov**

**Discussant: Dr. Klaus Mangold**

*Transfer by bus from Villa Reitzenstein to hotel*

## SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

*AT NEUES SCHLOSS*

08.15 – 08.45 *Transfer by bus or foot*

08.30 – 09.00 **Coffee**

09.00 – 10.45 **SESSION II: ENERGY AND BEYOND: HOW CAN EUROPE AND RUSSIA FURTHER THEIR MUTUAL INTERESTS?**

- Balance of interests: from energy to finance and technology can these be linked in a broader strategic approach optimising mutual benefit for both Russians and Europeans?
- Diversification, Sustainability and the Modernisation of Russia's economy: how long can Russia thrive on oil and gas exports? How much will Russia need to invest in social as well as economic infrastructure to sustain growth?
- Ownership and foreign investment: are certain forms of state protectionism justified? How can reciprocity be achieved?
- Integrating Russia into the global economy - new opportunities for WTO membership and integration into international financial markets?

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**Chair: Lord Simon (09.00)**

**Speakers: Matthias Warnig (09.05)**

**Hans-Ulrich Engel (09.15)**

**Konstantin Panin (09.25)**

**Dr. Burckhard Bergmann (09.35)**

**Erik Berglöf (09.45)**

**Discussions (09.55 – 10.45)**

10.45 – 11.15 **Coffee break**

11.15 – 13.00 **SESSION III: DEFINING NEW FORMULAS FOR ENGAGEMENT**

- EU3, EU5 or other constellations? In what form might Europe best be able to deliver a strong common position on Russia? What would Russia respond to best?
- A Free Trade Area with Russia: Is this or is WTO membership sufficient?
- Life beyond the PCA? Can and should the EU seek to engage Russia beyond economic and energy policy into the spheres of security and human rights?
- EU/NATO enlargement in Russia's 'near-abroad': how much of an obstacle to EU-Russia strategic cooperation?

**Chair: Dr. Klaus Mangold (11.15)**

**Speakers: Otto Schily MdB (11.20)**

**Elmar Brok MEP (11.30)**

**Lord Owen (11.40)**

**Jan Krzysztof Bielecki (11.50)**

**Sergey Glazyev (12.00)**

**Discussions (12.10 – 13.00)**

11.15 – 13.00 **LUNCH**