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PROGRAMME

Shaping Democratic Resilience in the European Union

The Future of European democracy in the eyes of citizens

15 November 2023 (Wednesday)
18.00 – 21.00

Raiffeisen Bank International AG
Am Stadtpark 9, 1030 Wien
SKY 1 (14th floor)

18:00 – 18:15	Opening Remarks	Paul Pasquali , Executive Director, Group European and Public Affairs, Raiffeisen Bank International Friedrich Faulhammer , Rector of the University of Continuing Education Krems (UWK), Chairman of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)
18:15 – 18:25	Presentation of Report	Vladislava Gubalova , Senior Fellow, GLOBSEC
18:25 – 19:30	Panel discussion	Elena Avramovska , Senior Researcher for Democracy, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Regional Office for International Cooperation Helfried Carl , Partner in the Innovation in Politics Institute and Founder of the European Capital of Democracy Initiative Wilhelm Molterer , Chairman of GLOBSEC Board of Directors, former Vice Chancellor and Finance Minister of Austria Nini Tsiklauri , Writer, Artist and European Activist Led by: Sebastian Schäffer , Director, Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe (IDM)
19:30 – 21:00	Reception and Networking	Buffet and Refreshments will be served after the Panel

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Concept note

Democracy, freedom, rule of law, equality and respect for human rights are among the core values of the European Union (EU). This panel discussion will look into the concept of democratic resilience, examining the challenges faced by the EU and foremost its member states. It will explore how the EU can strengthen its democratic institutions, policies, and practices to enhance resilience in the face of internal and external disruptions.

The panel will also be an opportunity to present the report [“Young Minds, Democratic Horizons: Paving the Way for the EU’s Promising Future Attitudes of Young People from Austria, Greece, Ireland and Slovakia”](#), that seeks to gauge the attitudes of the youth towards the fundamental principles of democracy and the future of the EU. To conclude, the panellists will engage in a comprehensive discussion covering the following key aspects:

1. What are the EU-specific challenges to democratic resilience?
2. What are elements of democratic resilience beyond fighting against disinformation?
3. Is the EU responding strongly enough to the threats to the democratic liberal order both internally and externally?
4. How can the EU balance the need for resilience with protecting fundamental democratic values and principles?
5. Is the EU Defence of Democracy Package a good response to the EU’s challenges?

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