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AGENDA OF THE SUMMER SEMINAR FOR YOUNG LEADERS OF THE WESTERN BALKANS

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JULY 26, 2010–AUGUST 6, 2010 BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

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## DAY 1 – JULY 26, 2010 – OPENING SESSIONS

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**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

- 0930 **Ambassador István Gyarmati**, President & CEO, International Centre for Democratic Transition:  
*Opening Remarks*
- 1000 **Ambassador Christian Mühlethaler**, Ambassador of Switzerland accredited to Hungary:  
*Why Switzerland is interested in supporting projects in the Western Balkans?*
- 1030 **István Hegedűs**, President, Hungarian Europe Society:  
*EU Membership of a Relatively New Member State: the Hungarian Case; After the Accession Talks, Facing the Referendum*

**Extracurricular activity:** *River Ride Sightseeing all around Budapest*

**Venue of Departure:** H-1051 Budapest, Roosevelt tér 7-8.

**Time of departure:** 1600

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## DAY 2 – JULY 27, 2010 – EU INTEGRATION

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**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

- 0900 **Dr. Krisztina Arató**, Associate Professor, Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences &  
**Boglárka Koller**, Ph.D., King Sigismund College:  
*Differentiated Integration in Practice: Introducing the Concept; Various Types of Differentiated Integration*  
*Theoretical Aspects of Differentiated Integration: End of Grand Theories; Legal Aspects of Differentiated Integration*

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**Extracurricular activity:** *Sight visit to the Hungarian Parliament, observing its functioning*

**Venue:** H-1055 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos tér 1-3.

**Time:** 1600

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### DAY 3 – JULY 28, 2010 – THE FUNCTIONING OF EU INSTITUTIONS

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**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

0900 **Szilvia Kalmár**, Chief Editor, EurActiv:  
*EU Communication: The « Propaganda » of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

1030 **Dr. Arnold Kammel**, Secretary General, Austria Institut für Europa und Sicherheitspolitik:  
*EU Governance and Major Contacts of the Institutions*

**Extracurricular activity:** *Sight visit to the Municipality of the Hungarian Capital, observing ongoing EU development projects in Budapest (e.g. visiting the new line 4 of the metro)*

**Venue:** H-1052 Budapest, Városház utca 9-11.

**Time:** 1400

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### DAY 4 – JULY 29, 2010 – THE EU AND THE BALKANS

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**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

0900 **Adrienn Nász**, Research Fellow, Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:  
*The Democratic Functioning of the EU*

1030 **Dr. Tanja Tamminen**, Reporting Officer, EULEX Kosovo:  
*European Perspective of the Western Balkans: Debated Pace of the Future Enlargements*



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## DAY 5 – JULY 30, 2010 – THE ROLE AND WORK OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

- 0900 **Ioan Mircea Pașcu** Vice-Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament:  
*The Role of the AFET Committee after Lisbon and Exemplify with Current Issues, like the EEAS*
- 1030 **Ambassador István Szent-Iványi**, Hungary's Accredited Ambassador to Slovenia:  
*The Future of Western-Balkans from EP Perspectives (a practitioner's view). The Soft Underbelly as a Hard Challenge for the EU*
- 1230 **Csaba Törő Ph.D.**, Research Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs:  
*The European Parliament and the External Relations of the EU - Legal and Institutional Aspects of its Role in the Division of Competences*

**Extracurricular activity:** *sight visit: Representation of the European Commission in Budapest*

**Venue:** H-1052 Budapest, Deák Ferenc utca 15.

**Time:** The exact time is still to be set

## DAY 6 – AUGUST 2, 2010 – THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE EU

**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

- 0900 **Dr. András Inotai**, Director, Institute for World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences:  
*Prospects for Further Enlargement of the EU: Experience with Previous Enlargements and the Impact of the Global Crisis*
- 1000 **Mátyás Eörsi**, former MEP:  
*Accession – the Political Dimension*
- 1115 **Bálint Ódor**, Deputy State Secretary:  
*The Hungarian EU Presidency and its Priorities*

**Extracurricular activity:** *Preparation for the Simulation of EU Negotiations (EU Negotiation Moot Society)*

**Venue:** King Sigismund College, H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

**Time:** 1400

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## DAY 7 – AUGUST 3, 2010 – MODELING EU NEGOTIATIONS

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**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

0900–1800 *Simulating EU Negotiations with the help of EU Negotiation Moot Society*

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## DAY 8 – AUGUST 4, 2010 – EUROREGIONS: OBSERVATION OF THE EGER EUROREGION

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**Venue:** H-3300 Eger, Szarvas tér 1.

1000 **Boglárka Bata**, Director, Carpathian Foundation:  
*The Work of the Carpathian Foundation in Accordance with the Regional Cooperation*

1130 **Sándor Köles**, Senior Vice-president, International Centre for Democratic Transition:  
*The EUROREGIONS*

**Extracurricular activity:** *Sightseeing in Eger, visiting the Faculty of International Studies of the Eszterházy Károly College*

**Venue:** H-3300, Eger Eszterházy tér 1.

**Time:** In the afternoon

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## DAY 9 – AUGUST 5, 2010 – REGIONAL COOPERATION IN EUROPE

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**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

0900 **Vilmos Hamikus**, Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary:  
*Euro-Atlantic Security Policy*

1030 **Zsolt Nagy**, Head of Department Hungarian Ministry of Defense, Department of Defense Policy:  
*Regional Defense Policy and Military Cooperation - the Hungarian Perspective*

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**Extracurricular activity:** *Sight visit: Regional Environmental Center (REC) in Szentendre*

**Márta Bonifert**, Acting Director, REC:  
*How does a Cross-border Cooperation in EU Function*

**Venue:** H-2000 Szentendre, Ady Endre út 9-11.

**Time:** 1500

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## DAY 10 – AUGUST 6, 2010– EXAMPLES OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

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**Venue:** King Sigismund College

H-1039 Budapest, Kelta utca 2.

- 1000 **Tomáš Strážay**, Senior Researcher, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association:  
*How the V4 Cooperation Could Serve as a Role Model for the Countries of the Western Balkans*
- 1130 **Pavol Demes**, Head of Division, Central and Eastern Europe Division, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Bratislava Office:  
*Regional Cooperation in the CEU Region*