



30 YEARS AFTER

Commemorative event on the occasion of the 30th anniversary
of the Velvet Revolution

7. November 2019

Historical Building of the National Council of the Slovak Republic
Župné nám. 12, Bratislava, Slovakia

PROGRAM

17:00 – 17:45

REGISTRATION

18:00 - 18:15

OPENING REMARKS

Mikuláš Dzurinda, President WMCES, Former Prime Minister of Slovak Republic

Matthias Barner, Head of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Czech Republic and Slovak Republic

18:15 - 18:35

KEYNOTE SPEECH

The fall of the iron curtain - expectations and reality

Wolfgang Schüssel, Former Chancellor of Austria

18:35 - 19:25

BLOCK 1: THE VELVET REVOLUTION: ARE THE CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE STILL ALIVE?

The Velvet Revolution: causes, expectations, achievements, lessons learned. Has the mission been accomplished?

František Mikloško, the Speaker of the National Parliament (1990-92); one of the organizers of the Candle demonstration in March 1988

Bartholomaeus Kalb, Former Member of Bundestag (CSU) and Chair of the Slovak-German Parliamentary Group



Alexander Vondra, Member of the European Parliament,
Former Minister of Defence; Czech Republic
Karolína Farská, For Decent Slovakia

Moderator: Pavol Demeš, Political analyst, Former Minister
of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

19:25 - 19:30 Short musical break

19:30 - 20:20 **BLOCK 2**
Is Europe whole and free? What should be done to complete
this vision and to stabilize Europe's neighbourhood?

OPENING REMARKS

Ivan Štefanec, Member of the European Parliament, Vice-
President of Anton Tunega Foundation

Iulian Groza, Executive Director of the Institute for
European Policies and Reforms, Former Deputy Prime
Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration,
Moldova

Vladimir Milov, Civic activist, Former Deputy Minister of
Energy; Chairman of the Democratic Choice, Russia

Iryna Bekeshkina, Director of the Ilko Kucheriv Democratic
Initiatives Foundation, Ukraine

Moderator: Roland Freudenstein, Policy Director WMCES

20:20 - 20:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

Ján Figel, President of Anton Tunega Foundation, Special
Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief
outside the EU

Ivan Bukovský, Program Manager, Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung,
Slovak Republic