



# 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

**Matthias Barner**, Head of KAS in Czech and Slovak rep.

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

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**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 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 neighborhood?

**OPENING REMARKS Ivan Štefanec**, Member of 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 NAT, Special Envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion or belief outside the EU

**Ivan Bukovský**, Program Manager, Hanns Seidel Stiftung Slovakia