



Declaration of the International Conference "Future of Central Europe"

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Europe today is at a historical crossroads and it is becoming increasingly clear that there is no alternative to a closer cooperation between the countries of the Central European area. Central Europeans are aware of the turbulent external conditions and risks of the transition from a unipolar to a multipolar world. At the same time, economies dependent on centers outside their region are threatened by ideological experiments associated with the Green Deal or gender ideology.

Central European cooperation should be based on the cooperation of nation states, the renewal of "national economic" thinking and a pro–population policy, which alone is indicative of the healthy development of society and addresses the issue of future labour supply.

We therefore call on the political leaders of the Central European countries to continue to strive for the creation of a Central European economic region linked by trade, investment, innovation, energy and transport infrastructure. We also call for the coordination of national economic strategies that include ambitious protection and support for families. We recommend that the burning issue of pension reform be addressed in the context of a targeted pro–natalist policy.

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