



## **Border Protection and Security in Europe – How can we make it work?**

**IDU Side Event at the EPP Congress  
Malta, 30 March 2017 1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Hotel Intercontinental, Room: CDC,  
St George's Bay, St. Julian's STJ 3310, Malta**

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The migration crisis with mass movements of people fleeing the war zones of the Middle East, illegal economic immigration, mainly coming from Africa, the increasing threat of cross-border terrorism as well as the movement of international organized crime, human and drug trafficking groups are the biggest challenges for European security today. Maintaining security and freedom for its citizens besides this reality is the utmost obligation for EU's politicians and governments. This strongly requires a functioning protection of EU's external borders as well as a controlled entrance and a thorough identification for those affected by war searching for asylum.

Controlling and managing European borders in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is a challenge, which can be solved only by strong cooperation of all member states. Coordinated and connected border management policies as well as interoperable systems are indispensable. How can the European Union use its instruments and agencies to establish a smart border which will protect its inhabitants from uncontrolled threat and maintain freedom?

*Opening:* **Reinhold Bocklet**, IDU Vice-Chairman, Germany

*Keynote:* **Sebastian Kurz**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Integration, Austria

*Panel Discussion:*

**Sebastian Kurz**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Integration, Austria

**Mark Field**, MP, Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party, Great Britain

**Pablo Casado**, Vice-Secretary General for Communication, Partido Popular, Spain (tbc)

*Moderation:* **Roland Freudenstein**, Policy Director, Wilfried Martens Center for European Studies (WMCES), Belgium

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