



2019 PACE Annual Meeting - Prague

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Friday May 17th

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venue: [Malostranská beseda](#), Malostranské nám. 21, Prague 1

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| 08:30 | 09:00 | Registration |
| 09:00 | 09:15 | Opening Address:
Maria Rosa Rotondo , President, PACE
Václav Nekvapil , Chairman of APAA, Vice-President, PACE
Klára Cetlová , Deputy Minister of Justice |
| 09:15 | 10:45 | Panel discussion I: “The role of lobbying and interest representation in today’s Europe”
<i>How does lobbying influence the quality of democracy? Is it worth regulating it? What should be the focus of effective regulation? What should be regulated? What is the role of self-regulation in Public Affairs? What are basic elements of lobbying regulations and best practices both on European and international level?</i>

Isabelle De Vinck , President, EPACA (European Public Affairs Consultancies' Association)
Martin Ohridski , Policy Officer, Transparency Unit, European Commission
Dominik Meier , Chair De’ge’pol (Germany), Vice-President, PACE
Jiří Kapras , Head of Department of Conflict of Interests and Fight Against Corruption, Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic
David Ondráčka , Director, Transparency International Czech Republic |
| 10:45 | 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 | 12:00 | Panel discussion II: Jan Chvojka (Social Democrats), Marek Benda (Civic Democrats) and Mikuláš Peksa (Pirates) |

- 12:00 13:00 **Alberto Alemanno**, Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law and Founder of The Good Lobby
“Lobbying as a new practice of democratic participation”
- 13:00 13:45 Lunch Break
- 13:45 14:15 Keynote Speaker: **Jan Matoušek**, Executive Director, the Czech Insurance Association
- 14:15 16:00 Panel discussion III: “How to improve the reputation of lobbyists?”
What could lobbyists do themselves to increase their reputation? Is the legislation on lobbying a way to increase reputation and to avoid further stigmatization? What is the role of NGO sector in education of citizens in defending their rights, i.e. lobbying? How does academic research contribute to that?
- Denisa Hejlová**, Head of Department of Marketing Communication and PR, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague
Ana Bovan and **Nenad Vuković**, Serbian Society of Lobbyists
Štěpán Drahokoupil and **Petr Machálek**, Advocacy Forum, Open Society Fund
Joao Sousa, Public Affairs Council, Brussels
Weston Stacey, Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in the Czech Republic
Rui Faria da Cunha, board member, SEAP (Society of European Affairs Professionals), Brussels
- 16:00 16:30 Closing remarks

To register: <https://bit.ly/2HZgS8D>

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