

**The 26th Forum 2000 conference will focus on the future of Ukraine. European Ministers of Foreign Affairs and President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky will participate**

**This year's worldwide renowned Forum 2000 conference entitled "Democracy's Clear and Present Danger: How Do We Respond?" takes place in the Prague Congress Centre from the 31<sup>st</sup> of August to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2022. Prime Minister Petr Fiala, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jan Lipavský and President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky will attend the opening ceremony of the Conference. The Forum 2000 Foundation is the host of this event.**

At a time when the people of Ukraine are bravely defending their country against Vladimir Putin's aggression, the conference will feature a special "Forum for Ukraine" where participants will address the post-war future of Ukraine at the heart of the European and global democratic community. The conference sessions will also discuss the global resurgence of authoritarianism, and search for ways how democratic alliances can be constructed, as well as look for new ideas on how to make democracy more resilient in the current challenging environment.

*"In these turbulent times, when democracy is under attack and in clear danger, we need new ideas, and principled leadership and actions for an effective response. The conference participants will also discuss the global resurgence of authoritarianism, search for ways how democratic alliances can be constructed, and brainstorm on how to make democracy stronger and more resilient," says **Jakub Klepal, Director of Forum 2000 Foundation.***

*"I am glad that the Forum 2000 conference, which is the bearer of Vaclav Havel's legacy, included Forum for Ukraine in the program, on which Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated closely. This event is a manifestation of strong political support for attacked Ukraine. It will be an opportunity to discuss with key partners and friends of Ukraine all of the important questions that the Czech Presidency will deal with – reconstruction of Ukraine, European perspective, Russian responsibility for the crimes, and other topics. The conference is preceded by an informal meeting of ministers and both of these events will be a symbolic sharp start of the autumn and winter part of the Czech Presidency," says **Jan Lipavský Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.***

The list of speakers at the conference includes Prime Minister **Petr Fiala**, Minister of Foreign Affairs **Jan Lipavský**, President of Ukraine **Volodymyr Zelensky**, political scientist and philosopher **Francis Fukuyama**, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President for a Stronger Europe in the World **Josep Borrell Fontelles**, German Minister of Foreign Affairs **Annalena Baerbock**, Ukrainian Minister of Foreign Affairs **Dmytro Kuleba**, Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs **Zbigniew Rau**, President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic **Miloš Vystrčil**, Vice President of the European Commission for Values and Transparency **Věra Jourová**, President of the European Investment Bank **Werner Hoyer**, Secretary General of the Organization of American States **Luis Almagro**, and **Iveta Radičová**, sociologist and former prime minister of Slovakia.

Forum for Ukraine will be available to the general public on social media through the Forum 2000 Foundation website. Here is the link: <https://www.forum2000.cz/en/projects/democracys-clear-and-present-danger-how-do-we-respond>

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