A seminar for journalists from Hungary and Austria

Germany in Europe: Politics, Security and Cooperation

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About

This seminar brings together journalists from Hungary and Austria to explore Germany's role in Europe and its responses to pressing political and security challenges. Three expert-led panels examine EU reform and joint action, European defence and support for Ukraine, and the impact of the AfD's electoral success on German politics. The programme offers space for discussion, cross-border perspectives and professional exchange. The seminar will take place in Budapest and be conducted in English.

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08:30 bis 09:00 Uhr	**Arrival and Welcome** Registration until 09:00, followed by the start of the seminar. Welcome and introduction: Manuel Knapp, European Academy Berlin
09:00 bis 10:30 Uhr	**Panel 1: The EU between Reform, Deadlock and the Capacity for Joint Action** At the end of 2026, Europe faces crucial choices on war and peace, the budget, the rule of law and populism. What position is the current German federal government taking? Which priorities are likely to emerge in the coming months as Europe approaches a packed election year in 2027? **Dr. Kai-Olaf Lang**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)
10:30 bis 10:45 Uhr	**Coffee Break**
10:45 bis 12:15 Uhr	**Panel 2: European Defence, NATO and Support for Ukraine** What does Germany expect from its NATO partners? Where do things stand on joint defence policy, support for Ukraine and security relations with the United States and Russia? **Jacob Ross**, Senior Research Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)
12:15 bis 13:00 Uhr	**Light Lunch and Networking**
13:00 bis 14:30 Uhr	**Panel 3: How the AfD's Electoral Success Is Changing Germany's Political Landscape** How is the AfD's success reshaping coalition-building and the issues other parties prioritise? A German analysis of party competition meets the perspective of a Hungarian newsroom: which parallels with Hungarian populism are useful, and where might they lead reporting astray? **Dr. Anna-Sophie Heinze**, Political Scientist University of Mainz
14:30 bis 14:45 Uhr	**Closing Remarks and Farewell** Manuel Knapp, European Academy Berlin

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