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Keynote address by

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18:00 Opening statement
Dr. **Stefan Ottrubay**

18:15 Keynote address by
Dr. **Franz Fischler**
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Central-Eastern Europe

Moderator: Prof. Dr. **Jürgen Dieringer**, Budapest

With:

Dr. **Franz Fischler**, Absam

Prof. Dr. **Thomas Fleiner**, Fribourg/Belgrade

Prof. Dr. **Ilona Pálné Kovács**, Pecs

Prof. Dr. **Miroslav Kusý**, Bratislava

Prof. Dr. **Elena Tanasescu**, Bucharest

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9:00 Regionalization in Central European Countries
Stefan August Lütgenau

Country Sessions

Poland

Chair: Dr. **Martin Grosse Hüttmann**, Tübingen

9:15 Regionalisation and Decentralisation in Poland: Status quo and
future outlook. Prof. Dr. **Grzegorz Gorzelak**, Warsaw.

9:45 National Minorities in Poland and Poland's "Karta Polaka" –
a new tool towards polish diaspora?
Dr. **Łukasz Wardyn**: Brussels/Cambridges

Slovakia

Chair: Prof. Dr. **Thomas Fleiner**, Fribourg/Belgrade

11:00 Regionalisation and Decentralisation in the Slovak Republic:
Status quo and future outlook. Prof. Dr. **Ludmilla Malikova**, Bratislava.

11:30 Regionalisation and the Minority Question in Slovakia.
Prof. Dr. **Miroslav Kusý**, Bratislava.

12:30 Lunch

Hungary

Chair: Dr. **Franz Fallend**, Salzburg

14:00 Regionalisation and Decentralisation in Hungary: Status quo and
future outlook. Prof. Dr. **Ilona Pálné Kovács**, Pecs.

14:30 Regionalisation, Decentralisation and Hungarian Minorities in the
Carpathian basin. Prof. Dr. **Jürgen Dieringer**, Budapest.

Romania

Chair: Doz. Dr. **Peter Bußjäger**

15:45 Regionalisation and Decentralisation in Romania: Status quo and
future outlook. Prof. Dr. **Simina-Elena Tanasescu**, Bucharest.

16:15 Decentralisation and Regionalisation on the Romanian
"patchwork rug" of a multiethnic state. Prof. Dr. **Monica Vlad**,
Sibiu, Hermannstadt.

17:30 Closing Remarks