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Panel 2: The Future of the Weimar Triangle

The Weimar triangle was created on 29 August 1991 in Weimar by the three Foreign Ministers Roland Dumas (France), Hans-Dietrich Genscher (Germany) and Krzysztof Skubiszewski (Poland) as an informal platform for the exchange of ideas towards common policy goals between Poland, France and Germany.

There were justified hopes that the importance of this unique trilateral initiative might even increase with the accession of Poland as a full and equal member in the European Union.

But did this really happen?

The Panel will consider the future of the Cooperation within the Triangle in light of the number of tensions and misunderstandings which have occurred recently between the three partner countries.

In 2005, 2006 and 2007 Germany, Poland and France have elected new parliaments and new governments. What are the prospects that the outcome of those elections will strengthen the trilateral cooperation within the EU-27?

Klaus-Heinrich Standke – President, Committee for the French-German-Polish Cooperation (‘Weimar Triangle’), Berlin/Cabourg, (Moderator)

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Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland

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