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**61<sup>st</sup>** International Congress of the  
“European Journalists Association –  
The Communication Network”- EJ

**DEMOCRACY  
UNDER THREAT  
*CHALLENGES FOR  
THE FUTURE  
OF EUROPE***

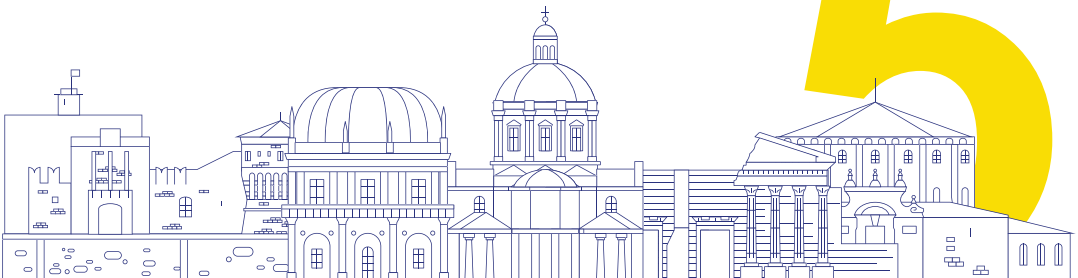
**Brescia (IT) Centro Pastorale Paolo VI  
Via Gezio Calini 30**

Congress language: English

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# Thursday, May 2, 2024

18:00 p.m. Dinner at Centro Pastorale Paolo VI.  
Via Gezio Calini 30

# Friday, May 3, 2024

10:30 a.m. Departure for Capriano del Colle,  
Via Industriale 108.  
Visit to **"IMG"** (<https://www.imgmacchine.it/en>)  
Discussion on economic and social issues related to  
**"IMG"** strategies.

12:30 p.m. **Remarks on World Media Freedom Day**

## *AI Snapshots*

### **Katalin Toth**

*EJ members, Founder of KAI Solution*

**Navigating the AI-Driven Future of Journalism:  
What is Next?**

### **Plamen Trifanov**

*EJ member; IT engineer*

**AI for Media**

1:00 p.m. Lunch

2:30 p.m. Return to Brescia city.

5:30 p.m. Departure from "Centro Pastorale Paolo VI" to the  
world-renowned wine country of "Franciacorta".

6:00 p.m. Guided visit to the historical winery **"BERLUCCHI"**  
([www.berlucchi.it](http://www.berlucchi.it))  
with following dinner in wine cellar.

9:00 p.m. Return to Brescia city.

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**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

Centro Pastorale Paolo VI

9:00 –  
10:00 a.m.

**Italian National Anthem**  
**European Anthem**

**Opening by EJ president Paolo Magagnotti**

**Welcome addresses**

**Andrea Poli**

*Councillor for Economic Activities, Tourism,  
Social and Economic Innovation,  
and Digital Transition of the City of Brescia.*

**Simona Tironi**

*Regional Councilor for Education, Training and Labor  
of the Lombardy Region.*

**Eugenio Spina**

*Chief of Police for the Province of Brescia.*

**Nunzia Vallini**

*Editor-in-Chief of the "Giornale di Brescia."*

**Greeting and messages by Guests of Honor**

**Paolo Catti De Gasperi**

*Grandson of the Italian Prime Minister and EU  
Founding Father Alcide De Gasperi.*

**Sven-Georg Adenauer**

*Grandson of the German Chancellor and EU  
Founding Father Konrad Adenauer.*

9:45 a.m.

**Introductory remarks**

**Angela Giebelmann**

*International lawyer and adjunct professor on EU  
Institutions.*

10:00 a.m.

**Chair: Michael Jäger**

*EJ ExCom member; EJ-VEJ Secretary-general; CEO  
European Economic Senate; President of Taxpayers  
Association Europe.*

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**Ivan Koedjikov**

*frm. senior member of the Council of Europe Secretariat and Political Adviser for the CoE enlargement; EJ Honorary Member*

**Barbarians at the Gate of European Democracy.**

10:30 a.m.

**Franco Buzzi**

*Monsignor of the diocese of Milan; member of the College of Doctors of the Ambrosian Library; international academic on Philosophical, religious and social issues.*

**Principles and Values as Foundation of European Civilization in History and the Present**

10:55 a.m.

**Gianni Bonvicini**

*Frm. Director and Deputy-Vice-President of the Institute of International Affairs (IAI) in Rome and present IAI scientific adviser.*

**The Future of the European Union in a Geopolitical Disorder.**

11:20 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:40 a.m.

**Chair: Vassil Sotirov, EJ Vice-President**

**Tommaso Guerini**

*Adjunct professor at the Universities of Bologna and Naples.*

**Media Freedom in Europe**

12:05 a.m.

**Video presentations**

**Chair: Paolo Magagnotti**

*EJ President*

**Dennis DeConcini**

*U.S. Senator, Rt.*

**Euro-Atlantic Alliance: What a Future?**

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**Angelina Kariakina**

*Head of News of the Ukrainian public broadcaster UA: PBC; cofounder of “Public Interest Journalism Lab.”*

**Being a Journalist in War**

**Taisiya Bekbulatova**

*Russian journalist in exile; Founder of the “Holod Media”; BBC 100 Women.*

**Freedom of Press in Wartime**

12:35 a.m. **Chairs: Ralf Schneider**

*EJ Vice-President  
EJ-VEJ President*

**Tinatin Dvalishvili**

*Manager, Center for Formation of Young Journalists of the Caucasus Region; EJ ExCom member.*

**Discussion on the Congress’s Theme with Q&A.**

**Felicia Ristea**

*Frm. EJ President  
Radio Romania’s Reporter (Romania)*

**Yusuf Kanli**

*EJ ExCom member; Vice-chairman of the Association of Journalists, Ankara (Turkey)*

**Tamar Kintsurashvili**

*Director of the Media Development Foundation (Georgia)*

**Alberto Comuzzi**

*Editor in Chief of the News Networks of Alpi Media Group (Italy)*

**Andras Radetzky**

*Director of Catholic Radio Network  
EJ Vice-President (Hungary)*

**Katarzyna Pelka-Wolsztajn**

*Senior editor of the Public Polish Television (Poland)*

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1:10 p.m. **Presentation of a project on  
“Going Local in Communicating Europe”  
Il Giornale delle Giudicarie – Il Melo – Valsugana News.**

1:25 p.m. Final remarks

1:30 p.m. Free time

5:00 p.m. EJ General Assembly (EJ members only)

6:00 p.m. **Chiesa di San Cristo**  
Via Giovanni Piamarta 9  
<https://www.saveriani.it/sancristo>

**Anna Loro – Concerto Arpa**  
Song in the Night - Carlos Salzedo  
Fantasia su temi da “Moldava”  
di B. Smetana

6:15 p.m. **Concert by the "Coro del Noce"**  
Val di Sole (TN)  
<https://www.corodelnoce.it/>

**Coordination: Boglarka Fenyvesi-Kiss**  
*Europe Direct Trento (PAT)*  
Songs and reading of message from the EU founding  
fathers and Europe’s Women by the actresses  
**Federica Chiusole**  
**Alessandra Evangelisti**

7:30 p.m. End and Going Dutch dinner

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**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

Departure day.

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**We pay a special tribute of gratitude to**

**Jacques DELORS**

**President of the European Commission  
in the “Golden Age”  
of the European integration 1985-1995.**



**Jacques Delors July 20, 1925 – December 27, 2023**



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