

## Free Market Road Show, 2018 in Budapest

*“Combined with its strong internal market, the European Union has become an important player on the world stage. To remain at this level, we need active citizens, an active business community and an active Civil Society to contribute to a – at times difficult – dialogue on our future vision of our European Union.”*

**Dr. Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations**

The **11th Annual Free Market Road Show**, which tours 40 capitals during April and May in Europe and the Caucasus – from Scandinavia to the Balkans, from the Atlantic Ocean to the Black Sea, will arrive in **Budapest** on **May 15th, 2018**. In addition to local experts, free market economists and entrepreneurs from the world stage will discuss **European Values** and the **Sharing Economy**. Come be a part of the discussion.

**Registration is required. Please click here:**

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### **Panel 1: Europe, Capitalism and Liberal Values**

**16:00-17:15**

Christianity, the Enlightenment, Liberalism and Democracy – where does Europe get its values today? Do values still play a role in economics or have taxation and regulation taken over their role? World-class free market entrepreneurs and economists will explore the topic in Budapest:

**John Chisholm** - Entrepreneur and investor. CEO of a startup advisory and angel investing group, past president and chair of the worldwide MIT Alumni Association. He is author of [\*Unleash Your Inner Company: Use Passion and Perseverance to Build Your Ideal Business\*](#). He holds BS & MS degrees in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science from MIT and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

**Dan Mitchell** is a public policy economist in Washington, DC, and one of the leading US experts on the flat tax. His major research interests include tax reform, international tax competition, the economic burden of government spending, and other fiscal policy issues. He has decades of experience authoring papers, writing editorials, working with the public policy community, and presenting the free-market viewpoint to newspaper, television, and radio media. He holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. in economics from George Mason University.

**Federico N. Fernández** is President of Fundació n Internacional Bases (Rosario, Argentina) and a Senior Fellow with the Austrian Economics Center (Vienna, Austria). He is author of scholarly articles and editor of books and journals. He writes for the popular press and blogs on the “Free Market Diaries,” “Values4Europe,” and “La Opinió n Inc ómoda.”

### **Panel 2: Sharing, Reloaded: Developments and Prospects of “Sharing Economy” in Hungary**

**17:30 - 18:45**

Sharing Economy is gaining ground in several branches of the economy. Despite its popularity, a proper “cohabitation” with more traditional forms of economy is yet to develop in many areas – the challenges concerning Uber and AirBnB are just the most prominent examples for the

conflict between state regulation and the entrepreneurial spirit of citizens. What are the perspectives of sharing economy in Hungary – what regulatory environment would benefit all three parties: the users, the entrepreneurs and the state alike?

Findings of a brand new study by eNET will help to launch the debate on the issue.

**Róbert Pintér**, PhD, Head of Consumer Research at eNET Internet Research & Consulting Ltd. and assistant professor of Department of Information and Communication at Corvinus University of Budapest will present the results of the survey.

Panelists include:

**Dalma Berkovics**, Secretary General, Sharing Economy Alliance

**Márta Csernyik**, Researcher of the field of sharing economy, focussing on the accommodation sector, BGE (Budapest Business School).

**Bence Török** - Founder and CEO, Tickething (Fan to Fan Marketplace for E-tickets)

Moderated by **John Chisholm** - Entrepreneur and investor. See above at first panel.

The Free Market Road Show is a collaborative effort of the Austrian Economics Centre, and its local partners throughout Europe.

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**Place: Danube Institute, 1067 Budapest, Eötvös utca 24, Hungary**