

EU EASTERN POLICY IN THE LIGHT OF THE SLOVAK PRESIDENCY IN THE EU COUNCIL

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Aim	The aim of the conference is to discuss EU policy towards Eastern Europe with focus on topical issues that frame its current agenda under Slovak Presidency in the EU Council 2016. The one-day conference will, first, examine prospects for further development of the EU relations with Russia, including sanction policy against the implementation of the Minsk agreements; second, evaluate situation in Ukraine with focus on reform progress and factors of domestic political (un)stability; third, analyse potential for cooperation between the Visegrad countries and Ukraine in the field of energy; and finally, assess Slovak-Ukrainian interaction when it comes to management of the EU external border.

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AGENDA

8:00–9:00 **Registration of participants**

9:00 **Welcome**

Alexander Duleba, Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

Anne Seyfferth, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Prague

9:10–9:30 **Keynote speech**

Lukáš Parížek, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Q&As

9:30–11:30 **Panel I. EU – Russia: an enforced dialogue. What next?**

Chair **Vladimír Bilčík**, Head of the European Studies Program, RC SFPA

Speakers **Martin Kačo**, Director, CFSP Department, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the SR

Arkady Moshes, Director, EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

Boris Kuznetsov, Director, Center of International and Regional Policy, St. Petersburg

Oleksandr Sushko, Research Director, Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Kyiv

Kai-Olaf Lang, Deputy Head, Research Division on EU Integration, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

Commentary **Maksym Rozumnyi**, Head of the Centre for Studies on Russian Federation, National Institute for Strategic Studies of Ukraine

Hanna Smith, Senior Researcher, Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki

Marek Menkiszak, Head of Russia Department, Centre for Eastern Studies – OSW

Q&As

11:30–12:00 Coffee-break

12:00–13:30 **Panel II. EU – Ukraine: reforms and political (un)stability**

Chair **Alexander Duleba**, Director, Head of the Eastern Europe Program, RC SFPA

Speakers **Dmytro Shymkiv**, Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration of Ukraine; Secretary of the National Reforms Council of Ukraine

Peter Wagner, Head of the Support Group for Ukraine, European Commission

Ivan Mikloš, Co-Chair, Strategic Advisory Group for Support Ukrainian Reforms, Kyiv

Kataryna Wolczuk, Deputy Director and Senior Lecturer, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, University of Birmingham

Commentary **Olexiy Haran**, Founding Director, School for Policy Analysis at Kyiv-Mohyla University

Grzegorz Gromadzki, Expert, Open Europe Program, Batory Foundation, Warsaw

László Póti, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Budapest

Q&As

13:30–14:30 Luncheon

14:30–16:00 **Panel III. Visegrad Four - Ukraine: energy security and prospects for market integration**

Chair **Pavol Hamžík**, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, MFEA SR

Speakers **Michael Gonchar**, President, Centre for Global Studies Strategy XXI, Kyiv

András Deák, Senior Fellow, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Lukáš Lehotský, Researcher, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University in Brno

Tomasz Dąbrowski, Senior Fellow, Centre for Eastern Studies – OSW

Commentary **Sylvia Angyalová**, eustream, a.s.

Q&As



16:00–16:30 Coffee-break

16:30–18:00 **Panel IV. Slovakia - Ukraine: border management and cross-border cooperation**

Chair **Vladimír Benč**, Head of the Economic and Development Policy Program, RC SFPA

Speakers **Ladislav Chabreček**, Director, Border Police Dpt, Border & Aliens Police, Police Corps SR

Oleksandr Osadchuk, Chief of Staff, Chop Border Detachment, Ukraine State Border Service

Juraj Buzalka, Researcher, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University in Bratislava

Iryna Sushko, Director, Europe without Barriers, Kyiv

Commentary **Urban Wråkberg**, Professor of Northern Studies, UiT The Arctic University of Norway – Campus Kirkenes

Myroslava Lendel, Director, Research and Scientific Institute of Central Europe, Uzhgorod National University

Q&As

18:00 **Concluding remarks**
Alexander Duleba, Director, RC SFPA

18:15 Glass of wine