

Taking Stock of the Eastern Partnership: achievements, prospects and a role for the V4 Towards the Fifth Eastern Partnership Summit in Brussels

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Venue	DoubleTree by Hilton (address: 27/A Trnavská cesta, 831 04 Bratislava)
Organizer	Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association
Partners	Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, International Visegrad Fund, and EurActiv.sk
Aim	The conference is held under auspices of Mr. Lukáš Parížek, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic The aim of the conference is to review the actual state of affairs of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) ahead of its Fifth 2017 Summit in Brussels. The one-day conference will, first, examine the strategic framework for the EaP, including its up-to-date achievements and prospects for and/or need in its further upgrade; second, evaluate implementation of Association Agreements and respective reforms in EaP countries; and third, assess a role of the V4 countries in the Eastern Partnership, including their capacity to support implementation of Association Agreements and reforms in partner countries.
8:00–9:00	Registration of participants
9:00-9:10	Welcome <i>Alexander Duleba</i> , Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association <i>Anne Seyfferth</i> , Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in the Czech and Slovak Republics, Prague
9:10-11:00	Panel I. Strategic framework for the Eastern Partnership: achievements and prospects
Chair	<i>Alexander Duleba</i> , Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association
Speakers	<i>Daniela Morari</i> , Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova <i>Olena Zerkal</i> , Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine for European Integration (tbc) <i>Victor Dolidze</i> , State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration <i>Lukáš Parížek</i> , State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs <i>Katarína Mathernová</i> , Deputy Director General, DG NEAR, European Commission
11:00-11:30	<i>Discussion</i> Coffee break

- 11:30-13:30 **Panel II. Implementation of Association Agreements and reforms in EaP countries**
- Chair **Kataryna Wolczuk**, Professor, University of Birmingham; Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London
- Speakers **Ivan Mikloš**, Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Chairman, Strategic Advisory Group for Support of Ukrainian Reforms, Kyiv
- Vassilis Maragos**, Head of Unit, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Eastern Partnership, DG NEAR, European Commission
- Archill Gegeshidze**, Executive Director, The Levan Mikeladze Foundation, Tbilisi
- Denis Cenușa**, Program Director, Expert-Grup, Chișinău
- Commentary **Iris Kempe**, Associate Fellow, American Institute for Contemporary German Studies
- Petro Burkovsky**, Director, Department on Political System Development, National Institute for Strategic Studies, Kyiv
- Discussion*
- 13:30-14:30 Luncheon
- 14:30-16:30 **Panel III. Role for the V4**
- Chair **Vladimír Bilčík**, Head of the European Studies Program, RC SFPA
- Speakers **Miriam Lexmann**, International Republican Institute
- Grzegorz Gromadzki**, Independent Expert, Warsaw
- András Racz**, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest
- Michal Šimečka**, Institute of International Relations, Prague
- Commentary **Florent Marciacq**, Deputy Secretary General & Research Fellow, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe
- Discussion*
- 16:30 **Concluding remarks**
- Alexander Duleba**, Director, RC SFPA
- 16:45 Glass of wine