



## More effective EU democracy and reform support with greater V4 engagement in the Eastern Partnership



### Roundtable

3 July 2017, Bratislava, Slovakia  
Falkensteiner Hotel, Pilárikova 5



The roundtable is held within the project supported by the International Visegrad Fund that is aiming to exert the proposed reforms of democracy funding in Eastern Partnership states implementation during the EU Neighbourhood Instruments' review starting in early 2017 and provide space for an exchange and coordination of the European Union/Visegrad countries civil society actors in this respect.



The aim of the roundtable is to collect opinions for a publication that will bring recommendations for CSOs and other actors from the V4 countries and of the EU to better engage in reform and pro-democracy activities in the EaP countries. The meeting will also serve as a first stage for gathering support and further ideas for the later consultations with EU officials in an attempt to contribute to the EU instruments review.



### Programme

14:00 – 14:15

#### Opening remark

Dušan Chrenek, European Commission *tbc.*



14:15 – 15:15

#### **The nefarious hand of geopolitics and the Eastern Partnership.**

**How should the EU achieve a position of a successful democratisation and reform player in its neighbourhood?**



Moderation: Miriam Lexmann, International Republican Institute, Belgium



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16:45 – 17:00

**Closing remarks**

Miriam Lexmann, International Republican Institute

