

The Euro-Atlantic Community and its Changing Eastern Neighbourhood: A New Policy in the Making?

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Venue and Accommodation

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Agenda

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Arrival of the participants

7:00 p.m. Welcome and Introduction
Kyryl Savin, Kristina Notz, Pavol Demes

7:15 p.m. Session I:
Ukraine after the Parliamentary Elections: Internal and External Challenges

- What are the most pressing items on the reform agenda for the new government? Will the new political constellation allow Ukraine to address these challenges effectively?
- What preconditions for further transition were achieved (with regard to a sustainable constitution, functioning of government and institutions, and a program reform to fight social problems)?
- Which foreign policy course the new government will pursue? How will Ukraine maneuver Western integration and traditional ties with Russia?

Speaker:

Inna Pidluska
Yalta European Strategy, Kyiv

Pirkka Tapiola
Policy Unit, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Marta Matselioukh
Chemonics International Inc, Washington D.C.

Oleksandr Potiekhin
Centre for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine, Kyiv

Chair:
Jan Neutze
The Atlantic Council of the United States, Washington D.C.

8:30 p.m. Dinner at Radisson SAS Hotel

Key note speaker

Ian Boag
Delegation of the European Commission to Belarus and Ukraine, Kyiv

9:00 a.m.

Session II:

Challenges for Democracy, Stability and Western Integration: Views from the Eastern European Neighbourhood

- Have hopes after the “colour revolutions” again been replaced by “business as usual”? What hampers stable democracy, market economy and Western integration? What are the prospects for continued reform?
- Georgia between domestic challenges and international integration: Which forms of cooperation and integration are desirable for Georgia at the international level?
- Will Belarus remain the last dictatorship regime in Europe? What are the prospects for democratic transformation? How to deal with Belarus from a transatlantic point of view?
- The role of (post-Putin) Russia as a decisive factor: How to deal with the interests of the re-emerging and vigilant Russian power in the Eastern Neighbourhood?

Speaker:

Iris Kempe

Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich

Tornike Sharashenidze

Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Tbilisi

Andrei Lobatch

Belarus State Economics University, Minsk

Dmitry Danilov

Institute of Europe, Moscow

Chair:

Robin Shepherd

Chatham House, London

10:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:00 a.m.

Session III:

European and U.S. Strategies towards Eastern Neighbours: Is There a Transatlantic Framework?

- How do Europe and the United States perceive the Eastern neighbourhood and its future development? What are the interests of American and European actors in the region?
 - Lessons learned from the Rainbow revolutions. How to answer to the new challenges in the Rainbow revolution states from a European and American perspective?
 - Which regional policies are pursued by Europeans and Americans? Which country-specific strategies and tools are in place? How effective are these?
 - Can a common transatlantic approach and strategy towards the EU’s neighbouring countries be defined? What are the prospects and potential benefits of a joint U.S.-EU strategy (with regard to building relations with the Eastern European countries)?
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Speaker:

James Sherr

Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, Shrivenham

Arkady Moshes

Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

Chair:

Kristina Notz

Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich

1:00 p.m. Lunch at Bistro Coté Est, Radisson SAS Hotel

3:00 p.m.

Session IV:

Outlining the Contours of a New European Eastern Policy

- Which priorities should be pursued by a new European Eastern policy? Which place will be given to democracy, security, European and international integration, energy, economic ties, resolution of regional conflicts, and others?
- What are the roles of Europe (i.e. European Union and its 27 member states) and the United States in addressing these regional challenges in the Eastern neighbourhood?
- How should a framework policy for the entire Eastern neighbourhood look like? Which country-specific or sectoral strategies need to be included? Which existing policies can be integrated into such a new approach? What is the place in such a new approach of European Neighbourhood Policy, EU integration and NATO membership?
- Which other types of international integration can be designed for the Eastern Europe? Which additional instruments would be desirable?

Speaker:

Mikko Kinnunen

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Finland, Helsinki

Victor Richter

Federal Foreign Office of Germany, Berlin

Janusz Bugajski

Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington D.C.

Hryhoriy Nemyria

Member of Parliament of Ukraine, Kyiv

Chair:

Pavol Demes

German Marshall Fund of the United States, Bratislava

4:30 p.m. Final Notes

5:00 p.m. End of Conference

7.30 pm Informal dinner at restaurant “Za dvoma Zaycyamy”