EASTERN PARTNERSHIP FIVE YEARS ON: TIME FOR A NEW STRATEGY?

International conference organized on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the founding Prague Eastern Partnership Summit.

The conference is held under the auspices of the President of the Czech Republic, Miloš Zeman.

Date and time  Friday, 25 April, 2014, 8:15 – 16:45
Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Loretánské náměstí 5, Prague 1
Working languages: English and Russian (simultaneous interpretation)

PROGRAMME

08:15 – 09:00  Registration and Coffee

09:00 – 09:30  OPENING REMARKS

Chair: Petr Mareš, Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague
Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague
Giorgi Margvelashvili, President of Georgia, Tbilisi
Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood, Brussels

09:30 – 11:15  PANEL #1: From Prague to Vilnius: What Have We Learnt about Each Other?

Chair: Petr Drulák, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague
Pierre Vimont, Executive Secretary General, European External Action Service, Brussels
Nadezhda Arbatova, Head of Department on European Political Studies at the Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
Valeriu Chiveri, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova, Chisinau
Dirk Jan Kop, Ambassador, Special Representative for Russia and the Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, The Hague
Petro Poroshenko, Member of the Parliamentarian Committee of the European integration of the Parliament of Ukraine, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Economy of Ukraine, Kyiv (tbc)
Vigen Sargsyan, Chief of the Presidential Administration, Office to the President of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan

11:15 – 12:15  Buffet Lunch
12:15 – 14:00  PANEL #2: Economic Aspects of the EaP: Zero-sum Game between the EU and Russia?

Chair: Petr Kolář, Former First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague
Torbjörn Becker, Director, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm
Vladimir Dubrovskiy, Expert, Center for Social and Economic Research Ukraine, Kyiv (tbc)
Alexander Duleba, Director of the Research Center, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava
Kai-Olaf Lang, Head of Research Division on EU Integration, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin
Oleksandr Sushko, Research Director, Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation; Member of the Steering Committee, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Kyiv
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Policy Officer, Strategy Unit, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels

14:00 – 14:30  Coffee Break

14:30 – 14:45  KEYNOTE SPEECH

14:45 – 16:30  PANEL #3: EaP in the Long Run: Civil Society Potential

Chair: Jiří Schneider, Former First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague
Leila Alieva, Director, Center for National and International Studies; Member of the Steering Committee, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Baku
Georghe Zugravu, Senior Project Officer, The Resource and Consultancy Center “ogradanobastru”, Cahul
Uladzimir Matskevich, Head of the Board of International Consortium “EuroBelarus”, Minsk
Boris Navasardian, President, Yerevan Press Club; Member of the Steering Committee, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Yerevan
Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy, Brussels
Ksenia Vakrusheva, Project Coordinator, Environmental organisation “Bellona”; Member of the Steering Committee, EU-RUssia Civil Society Forum, St. Petersburg

16:30 – 16:45  CLOSING REMARKS: From Vilnius to Riga

Andrejs Pildegovičs, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, Riga

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