International Security Experts Conference

Kyiv Security Perspectives - Towards a Security Agenda for the Eastern Partnership

Concept Note & Draft programme

When: 3-5 June 2015

Where: Kyiv, Radisson Blu Hotel, 17-19 Bratska Street

Working Languages: English, Russian

CONCEPT

The Eastern Partnership region, and in particular Ukraine, is currently at the centre of the conflict challenging the established global order. Since 2014 Russia has openly acted as aggressor against Ukraine by annexing the Crimea and waging the hybrid war in Eastern Ukraine as a response to Ukraine's European choice and decision to sign the Association Agreement. As a result of the conflict escalation, more than 1 million Ukrainian citizens have been internally displaced and more than 5 thousand people have been killed. European security system was incapable to react adequately to the full-scale military conflict in Ukraine. So far EU sanctions are not efficient enough for Russia to take steps on scaling down the conflict, let alone to stop the aggressor.

Since the launch of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) in 2009, the Eastern Neighbours have been experiencing pressure by the Russian Federation challenging the closer cooperation of the EaP countries with the EU. Georgia, as a result of Russian aggression lost the control over Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia. Moldova feels the pressure due to the Russian influence on Transnistrian government, economic and trade wars are announced and conducted openly. Azerbaijan and Armenia are in a long-term territorial conflict frozen in its current status due to the Russian leverage. Belarus also continuously experiences economic pressure from Russia.

High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and the European Parliament underlined that EU needs 'a new European Security Strategy that takes account of the recent geopolitical changes in order to respond to the new threats and challenges'. It is obvious that this new strategy calls for the review of the principles of cooperation with the neighbouring countries, including the EaP region, as well as neighbours of the EU neighbours.

Therefore, in light of the European Neighbourhood Policy review, its security component is high on the agenda. It should be ensured that the EaP civil society is involved in the development of the new EU Neighbourhood and security policy format by adopting practical recommendations for the stakeholders in EU and neighbouring countries.

The main aim of the conference is to conduct a wide-ranging expert discussion on strengthening the security dimension of the EaP policy covering the spectrum of possible soft and hard measures. At the end of the conference, a resolution with concrete proposals on several security dimensions will be adopted. The resolution will be presented during the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum's (EaP CSF) advocacy campaign on security issues in Brussels and at the EaP CSF Annual Assembly to be held in Kyiv in November 2015.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

June 3

	Arrival & Accommodation Upon registration participants will be requested to specify which working group they would like to join
18:00 – 19:00	<u>**Meeting with Euro Optimists Group of the Ukrainian Parliament**</u> Questions for discussion: - *What has changed in the relations between civil society and public authorities since Maidan in Ukraine?* - *Does Euro-optimism translate into actions? Values and interests in the current convocation of the Ukrainian parliament.* - *Reforms path in Ukraine: is there a light at the end of the tunnel?* Speakers: • **Ivanna Klympush-Tsyntsadze**, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, First Deputy Chairperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Ukraine) • **Olena Sotnyk**, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Secretary of the Committee, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Adapting Ukrainian Legislation to the EU Legislation (Ukraine) • **Svitlana Zalishchuk**, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Euro-Atlantic Cooperation and Euro-Integration of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (Ukraine)
19.00 - 21.00	**Welcome Reception**

June 4

08:30 – 09:00	**Registration & Morning Coffee**
09:00 – 09:20	<u>**Welcome Addresses**</u> Speakers: • **Vadym Prystaiko**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Foreign Minister (Ukraine) • **Andrej Plenkovic**, European Parliament, Vice-chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman of the EP Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee (Brussels) • **Krzysztof Bobinski**, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Co-chair of the Steering Committee (Poland)
09:20 – 11:00	<u>**Panel Discussion**</u>**: Shaping the Security Dimension of the Eastern Partnership** Moderator: **Hennadiy Maksak**, Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies, President (Ukraine) <u>Questions for discussion</u> - *What are the common responses towards common security challenges?* - *How to deal with Russia in light of the European Neighbourhood Policy?*

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	- *Security toolkit for the Eastern Partnership: between political will and real threats on the ground.* Speakers: • **Andrii Teteruk**, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Committee on National Security and Defence (Ukraine) • **Judy Dempsey**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Nonresident Senior Associate, Editor in Chief of Strategic Europe (Brussels) • **Mykola Kapitinenko**, Institute of International Relations, Associate Professor (Ukraine) • **Paul Ivan**, European Policy Centre, Senior Policy Analyst (Brussels) • **Vasil Sikharulidze**, Atlantic Council of Georgia, Chairman (Georgia)
11:00 – 11:30	**Coffee Break**
11:30 – 13:00	**Presentation: Can the OSCE Support the Security Architecture in Europe?** Moderator: **Vadym Triukhan**, European Movement Ukraine, Board Chairman, Expert on International Law (Ukraine) Rapporteur: **Jan Piekło**, Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation (PAUCI), Executive Director (Poland) Speakers: • **Cornel Ciurea**, 'Viitorul' Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS), Political Expert (Moldova) • **Oleksandr Tytarchuk**, East European Security Research Initiative (EESRI), Coordinator (Ukraine) • **Vilius Ivanauskas**, Eastern Europe Studies Centre (EESC), Senior Policy Analyst (Lithuania)
13:00 – 13:30	**Presentation: Influence of Russian propaganda in the EaP countries** Rapporteur: **Andryi Kulakov**, Internews Ukraine, Program Director (Ukraine) Comment: • **Aleksandr Feduta**, Information and Analytical Centre "Russia - Ukraine", Political Expert (Belarus)
13:30 – 14:30	**Lunch**
14:30 – 14:45	**Briefing Session: Setting the EaP Security Agenda, a Draft Road Map for the EaP Security Dimension** Rapporteur: **Hennadiy Maksak**, Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies, President (Ukraine) • introducing the format of further activities (ToR) • presenting the Draft Road Map for the EaP security dimension (policy discussion paper) • dividing the experts into thematic working groups (WG), introducing the WG rapporteurs and explaining the expected outputs

14:45 – 16:45	**Working Group Sessions**
	1 – common defense and security initiatives
	2 – economic security
	3 – energy security
	4 – frozen conflicts resolution
	5 – countering information propaganda
	6 – new political and institutional basis for EaP security dimension
	Participants are divided into working groups (WGs) by sessions. The working groups will be moderated by the rapporteurs, the participants will discuss and react to the Draft Road Map for the EaP security dimension. The WGs are going to formulate the final conclusions and recommendations of the conference in the form of resolution, as well as ideas for communicating these recommendations to decision-makers.
16.45 – 18:00	**Round Table: Six Years of the EaP: the Role of Civil Society in Shaping the Policy**
	Moderator: **Andriy Kohut**, Liberation Movement Research Center, Acting Director (Ukraine)
	Speakers:
	• **Iryna Sushko**, EaP CSF Ukrainian National Platform, Coordinator (Ukraine)
	• **Lasha Tughushi**, EaP CSF Georgian National Platform, Coordinator (Georgia)
	• **Mikayel Hovhannisyan**, EaP CSF Armenian National Platform, Coordinator (Armenia)
	• **Sabit Baghirov**, EaP CSF Azerbaijani National Platform, Coordinator (Azerbaijan)
	WG rapporteurs Meeting on Drafting the Resolution of the Conference
18.00 – 19.00	**Closing Remarks and Adoption of the Conference Resolution on the EaP Security Dimension**
	Moderator: **Krzysztof Bobinski**, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Co-chair of the Steering Committee (Poland)
19:00 – 20:00	**Dinner**

June 5

	Departure