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“STRATEGIES FOR FUTURE POLICY TOWARDS BELARUS”

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

“STRATEGIES FOR FUTURE POLICY TOWARDS BELARUS”

28– 29 OCTOBER 2013 IN VILNIUS, LT

I. Public Opening Event, Monday, 28 October 2013

Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, Konstitucijos prospektas 20, Beta Hall

From 18:00 Admission and Registration

19:00 Opening

RAINER LINDNER, Chairman of The Minsk Forum / German-Belarusian Society (dbg), Berlin

LAURYNAS KASČIŪNAS, Head of Policy Analysis and Research Division, Eastern European Studies Center (EESC), Vilnius

Welcome

H.E. LINAS LINKEVIČIUS, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Lithuania, Vilnius

Opening Panel Discussion

“BELARUS AND THE EU: MUTUAL EXPECTATIONS AND IDEAS”

H.E. VLADIMIR MAKEI, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Belarus, Minsk (tbc)

ANDREI DMITRIJEV, Campaign Tell the Truth!, Minsk

JUSTAS VINCAS PALECKIS, MEP, Rapporteur on EU Policy towards Belarus, Brussels (tbc)

AMBASSADOR ANTJE LEENDERTSE, Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

ULAD VIALICHKA, Chairman, International Consortium EuroBelarus, Minsk

Moderator: RAINER LINDNER, Chairman of The Minsk Forum / German-Belarusian Society (dbg), Berlin

21:30 Evening Reception

Dinner buffet and drinks

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“STRATEGIES FOR FUTURE POLICY TOWARDS BELARUS”**II. Expert Conference, Tuesday, 29 October 2013****Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, J. Tumo-Vaižganto 2, Vilnius (Gedimino Hall)****From 09:30****Admission and Registration - Photo ID is required for admission -****10:00 – 10:15****Opening of Expert Conference**

ANDRIUS KRIVAS, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania,
Vilnius

10:15 – 12:00**Panel I****"BETWEEN EAST AND WEST: IS BELARUS STILL ON THE TRACK OF EASTERN PARTNERSHIP?"**

PAVOL DEMEŠ, Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Bratislava

ANATOLY LEBEDKO, Chairman, United Civil Party of Belarus, Minsk

ANAIS MARIN, Researcher, PhD, Finnish Institute for International Affairs,
Helsinki

JURAS GUBAREVICH, Vice-Chairman, For Freedom! Movement, Minsk

ANDREI SANNIKOV, Coordinator of European Belarus Campaign, Minsk

Moderator: VILIUS IVANAUSKAS, Senior Policy Analyst, Eastern European
Studies Center (EESC), Vilnius

12:00- 13:00**Lunch Buffet**, Riverside Restaurant, Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva**13:00 – 15:00****Panel II****“THE EUROPEAN DIALOGUE ON MODERNIZATION WITH BELARUSIAN SOCIETY: VITAL OR FUTILE?” - Panel by Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom and Liberal Club**

YAUHENI PREIHERMAN – Policy Director, Center for Analytical Initiatives of the Liberal Club, Member of 3rd the Working Group of the Dialogue, Minsk

ELENA KUPCHINA, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, Minsk (tbc)

ANDREI YAHORAU, Director of Center for European Transformation,
EuroBelarus, Minsk

DZIANIS MELYANTSOU, Senior Analyst, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies (BISS), Vilnius

Moderator: HEIKE DÖRRENBÄCHER, Director of German Association for Eastern European Studies, Berlin (tbc)

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15:00 – 15:30

Coffee and Tea

15:30 – 17:00

Panel III

OVERCOMING DISTANCE, SUPPORTING MODERNIZATION: PRECONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL CROSS-BORDER RELATIONS BETWEEN BELARUS AND THE EU - Panel by Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations and Stefan Batory Foundation

ALICJA KRZYŻANOWSKA, Unit for Trade aspects of European neighbourhood policy, DG Trade, Brussels (tbc)

KRZYSZTOF MROZEK, Stefan Batory Foundation – Visa-free Europe Coalition, Warszawa

SIGITAS PAULAIKAS, Chairman of the Lithuanian-Belorussian Council, Lithuanian Confederation of Industrialists, Vilnius (tbc)

ALEKANDR YAROSHUK, President of Belarusian Congress of Democratic Trade Unions, Vice-President of International Trade Union, Minsk

ANDREJ VARDOMATSKY, Director of research laboratory NOVAK, Minsk

Moderator: ANDREAS METZ, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations, Berlin

17:00 – 17:30

Coffee and Tea

17:30 – 19:00

Closing Panel

"EXPECTATIONS MEET STRATEGIES: WHY SHOULD WE TURN BACK TO AN ENGAGEMENT POLICY?"

AMBASSADOR EVALDAS IGNATAVIČIUS, Lithuanian Ambassador to Belarus, Minsk

VALERY KARBALOVICH, Political expert, Analytical Center Strategia, Minsk

MARIELOUISE BECK, MP (Bündnis 90/Die Grünen), Deutscher Bundestag, Berlin

LAURYNAS KASČIŪNAS, Head of Policy Analysis and Research Division, Eastern Europe Studies Centre (EESC), Vilnius

YAROSLAV KRYVOI, Editor-in-Chief, Belarus Digest, London

ANATOLI MIKHAILOV, Rector of European Humanitarian University, Vilnius

Moderator: JOERG FORBRIG, Senior Program Officer for Central and Eastern Europe and Director of the Fund for Belarus Democracy, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Berlin

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