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Eastern Partnership Five Years On: Time For A New Strategy?

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic it is my pleasure to welcome you warmly to the international Conference „Eastern Partnership Five Years On: Time for a New Strategy?“. The conference is organized by Ministry together with the Association for International Affairs – AMO, under auspices of Mr. Miloš Zeman, President of the Czech Republic. It is held back to back with the High Level Meeting on the Fifth Anniversary of the Eastern Partnership hosted by the President.

Government of the Czech Republic remains firmly committed to the policy of Eastern Partnership and to its further development. We believe that both the Union and the Partners can be proud of achievements of the five years since the Prague Summit of 2009. Of course, we did not invite you to the Conference just to commemorate and to celebrate. Our original intention has been to encourage and inspire you to discuss in an open and courageous way a long-term vision for the Eastern Partnership policy. Nevertheless, current developments in the EU eastern neighborhood are pressing us to address also these new challenges and to think of the steps that need to be done between now and the Riga Summit in 2015.

I believe that our meeting will represent a substantial contribution in regard of both immediate threats to and long-term perspectives of the Eastern Partnership. I also believe that this is not the last time we are meeting in Prague to discuss the relations between the European Union and its Eastern European Neighbors.

Let me wish all of us a stimulating exchange of views and – last but not least – let me thank all the partners who have contributed to this event.

Lubomír Zaorálek

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

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

International Expert Conference organized on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the founding summit of the Eastern Partnership under the auspices of the President of the Czech Republic Miloš Zeman by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and the Association for International Affairs – AMO in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Commission to the Czech Republic, the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, the Embassy of Sweden in the Czech Republic, and the European Endowment for Democracy.

Date and place Thursday–Friday, April 24–25, 2014, Prague, Czech Republic

Aim

- ◆ To identify and evaluate achievements and limits of five years of the Eastern Partnership policy which is a tool of the EU foreign policy and a priority of the Czech foreign policy.
- ◆ To attempt to (re)formulate a post-Vilnius Eastern Partnership strategy with regard to the long-term goals and perspectives of the EU and Czech diplomacy.

Conference Partners





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Suggested hashtag

1ST PANEL

From Prague to Vilnius: What Have We Learnt about Each Other?

What has been the greatest achievement of the Eastern Partnership so far? How does the European Union and Eastern Partnership countries' perspective differ?

Has the Eastern Partnership remained a viable EU policy even after the Ukraine crisis? Into which directions could it evolve in next five years? Which are the most and the least desirable?

Have the European Union, Eastern Partnership countries, and Russia spoken the same language? What steps should be taken to renew the dialogue, if any?

2ND PANEL

Economic Aspects of the EaP: Zero-sum Game between the EU and Russia?

What are the means to convince the elites and particularly the societies in Eastern Partnership countries of the long-term benefits of the association with the EU?

How to prevent the economic and consequently the political division between the DCFTAs and Customs Union? What has been the role played by the World Trade Organization in the process?

Does the EU business intend to continue with its presence in the Eastern Partnership countries? What does it demand from the European Commission and the governments?

3RD PANEL

EaP in the Long Run: Civil Society Potential

Which patterns of the promotion of civil societies in the Eastern Partnership countries have proved to be the best? How are the donors and recipients' perspective different?

In which cases do we accept that the civil society has become an active opposition power? Where is the dividing line? What EU reaction is the most beneficial in the regimes that apply the harshest restrictions against the civil society?

How does the civil society potential in respective Eastern Partnership countries differ with regard to mobilization of public sentiment towards the European Union? What EU contribution has been anticipated?

PROGRAMME

Thu
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SIDE-EVENT: PANEL DISCUSSION

Open to public

Working language: English



Delegation of the European
Commission to the Czech Republic,
Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

15:00—17:00 **Ukraine Crisis and the European Union**

Petr Mareš, Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague

Oleksandr Sushko, Research Director, Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation; Member of the Steering Committee, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Kyiv

Andrey Zubov, Professor of History, Moscow

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SIDE-EVENT: SCREENING AND PANEL DISCUSSION

Open to public

Working language: Russian and Czech
(simultaneous interpretation)



Krásný ztráty,
Náprstkova 10, Prague 1

15:30—17:30 **Fundamental Rights and Freedoms in EaP Countries: Case of the Death Penalty**

Film "Cause of Death ____" directed by Viktor Tretyakov (2011)

Chair: **Pavel Daněk**, Associate Fellow, Association for International Affairs – AMO, Prague

Lyubov Kovalyova, Activist, Minsk

Jan Kamínek, Human Rights and Transition Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague

Andrei Poluda, Campaigns Coordinator, Human Rights Center "Viasna", Minsk

Gheorghe Zugravu, Senior Project Officer, The Resource and Consultancy Center "Ograda Noastra", Cahul



CONFERENCE OPENING

By special invitation only



Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Valdštejnské náměstí 4, Prague 1

18:00—20:00 Opening Reception

Milan Štěch, President, Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Prague

Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood, Brussels

Vladka Votavová, Director, Association for International Affairs – AMO, Prague



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Open to public

Working language: Russian and English
(simultaneous interpretation)



Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Loretánské náměstí 5, Prague 1

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08:15—09:00 Registration and Coffee

09:00—09:30 OPENING REMARKS

Chair: **Petr Mareš**, Ambassador, 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

Nadezhda Arbatova, Head of Department on European Political Studies, Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow

Valeriu Chiveri, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau

Dirk Jan Kop, Ambassador, Special Representative for Russia and the Eastern Partnership, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, The Hague

Kai-Olaf Lang, Head of Research Division on EU Integration, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

Petro Poroshenko, Member of the Parliamentary Committee of the European integration of the Parliament of Ukraine, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Trade and Economic Development 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, CASE – Center for Social and Economic Research Ukraine, Kyiv

Alexander Duleba, Director of the Research Center, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava

Oleksandr Sushko, Research Director, Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation; Member of the Steering Committee, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Kyiv

Pierre Vimont, Executive Secretary General, European External Action Service, Brussels

Ruta Zarnauskaite, Policy Officer, Strategy Unit, DG TRADE, European Commission, Brussels

14:00—14:30 Coffee Break

14:30—14:45 KEYNOTE SPEECH

Andrey Zubov, Professor of History, Moscow

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

Gheorghe Zugravu, Senior Project Officer, The Resource and Consultancy Center “Ograda Noastra”, Cahul

Uladzimir Matskevich, Head of the Board, 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 Vakhrusheva, 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

17:00 Glass of Wine



SIDE-EVENT: PHOTO EXHIBITION

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SPEAKERS

Opening Remarks

Petr Mareš

Petr Mareš has been the Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic since 2010. Previously, between 2006 and 2010, he was the Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. In 1998 he entered politics, becoming a Member of the Parliament (1998-2002) and Deputy Prime Minister (2002-2004). He has also served as Chairman of the Institute of International Policy and Chair of the Department of American Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague. He studied at the University of Warsaw and Charles University in Prague. He is author of several books on history subjects.

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Lubomír Zaorálek

Lubomír Zaorálek has been serving the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic since January 2014. Prior to his government appointment he was a leading figure in the Czech Parliament, in 2002–2006 being the Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies and later the Deputy Chairman. In 1998, he was elected the Deputy Chair of the Czech Social Democratic Party and since 2002 he was the Party's Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs. As one of Civic Forum founders and representatives, he was appointed to the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly in January 1990. At that time he worked in Philosophy Department of the Ostrava University, teaching political philosophy, current philosophy, ethics and Czech political thought of the 19th and 20th centuries.

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Giorgi Margvelashvili

Giorgi Margvelashvili was elected President of Georgia in October 2013. Before joining the Georgian Dream government after its victory in parliamentary elections in October 2012, he was a well-known political commentator and served for more than a decade in senior positions at the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA), a leading Georgian institution of higher education in government, law, international affairs and journalism. He first became involved

in Georgian politics prior to the November 2003 parliamentary elections. He graduated from Tbilisi State University with a degree in philosophy and continued his studies in the Czech Republic and Georgia, eventually obtaining Ph.D. in philosophy.

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Štěfán Füle

Štěfán Füle has been holding the position the European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy since 2010. Prior to that, he served as the Minister for European Affairs. Between 2005 and 2009, he held the position of the Representative of the Czech Republic to NATO, before that he served as the Ambassador in Lithuania and the United Kingdom. In addition to that he is engaged as the Director of Security Policy Department and the Director of the UN Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as a Czech Delegation Member and the Deputy Representative to the UN Security Council. He also worked at the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the UN in New York.

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Panel #1

Petr Drulák

Petr Drulák is the First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Prior to his appointment in February 2014 he has established himself into a position of a prolific author and scholar in the field of international relations. He is a Professor at the Institute of Political Studies and Institute of International Studies, Charles University in Prague. In 2004-2013, he was Director of the Institute of International Relations in Prague and prior to assuming the directorship he had worked as an Editor-in-Chief of the International Relations Magazine. He is an author of numerous books and contributions in Czech and international expert publications.

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Nadia Arbatova

Nadia Arbatova is currently Head of Department of European Political Studies at the Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) Russian Academy of Sciences. She is also Director of a discussion forum "European Dialogues" and a member of Council on Foreign and Defence Policy. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Sciences and her professional interests include international relations, European integration, the EU-Russia relations, European security, Russian foreign policy or conflict prevention. She is an author of numerous publications including four individual monographs and brochures on the EU-Russia relations, European security and Russia's foreign policy.

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Valeriu Chiveri

Valeriu Chiveri has been serving as a Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova since August 2013. Prior to that, he was the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Austria and also the Head of the Permanent Delegation to the OSCE. Between 2005 and 2009 he worked as a Political Officer to the OSCE Centre first in Uzbekistan and then in Kazakhstan. He graduated from Technical University in Chisinau and later he also graduated from the National School for Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest. He also studied at George Marshall Centre for Security Studies in Germany.

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Dirk Jan Kop

Dirk Jan Kop is the Special Representative for Russia and the Eastern Partnership at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Previously he was the Project Manager Small Diplomatic Posts and between 2009 and 2012 he was a Minister Counselor in Vienna. He also worked as a Consul General in Osaka, Deputy Permanent Representative at UN mission in Vienna and Senior Policy Officer on EU asylum and migration in Hague. He obtained the master degree in law from Leiden University. He also graduated from the School for Military Intelligence and from the Institute Clingendael.

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Kai-Olaf Lang

Kai-Olaf Lang is the Head of research unit "European Integration" at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs of the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) in Germany. Previously he worked as a research fellow of the Federal Institute for Eastern and International Studies Cologne, Germany. He is a member of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde, of the German-Polish Kopernikus-Group, of the Editorial Board of Przegląd Zachodni and of the Advisory Board of Aspen Review Central Europe. His fields of specialisation are the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, their transformation and major political developments.

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Petro Poroshenko

Petro Poroshenko is a Ukrainian politician and businessman. He is a former Minister of Trade and Economic Development and Minister of Foreign Affairs. From February 2007 till March 2012 he headed the Council of Ukraine's National Bank. He also worked as a Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council. He graduated with a degree in economics from the faculty of international relations and international law of the Kiev State University. After graduation, Poroshenko started his own business selling cacao beans and in 1990s, he acquired control over several confectionery enterprises. He will run for the President of Ukraine in the next election.

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Vigen Sargsyan

Vigen Sargsyan has been working as Chief of Staff to the President of the Republic of Armenia and member of the National Security Council since October 2011. He is also the president, chairman or board member of several Universities, institutes and foundations in Armenia. Prior to this he worked as Assistant and Deputy Chief of Staff to the President of the Republic of Armenia. He also worked as an Assistant to the Minister of Defence and Assistant and Foreign Policy Advisor to the Speaker of the National Assembly of Armenia. His major background is in the fields of international relations, state and municipal government and arts in law and diplomacy.

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Panel #2**Petr Kolář**

Petr Kolář held a number of positions in the Czech Foreign Service, including head of department, deputy minister of foreign affairs for bilateral relations, advisor to the President Václav Havel for European integration and the Balkans. In 2013 he served as Director of Foreign Affairs for the PPF Group, where he primarily focused on Asia. Currently, he works in international law firm Squire Sanders, where he focuses his practice on commercial diplomacy and global government relations. Petr provides clients with analytic and diplomatic expertise, representing them before the legislative and executive branches of government.

Torbjörn Becker

Torbjörn Becker has been Director of the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE) at the Stockholm School of Economics since August 2006. He is also a board member of several research institutes in Eastern Europe as well as the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). Prior to this he worked at the International Monetary Fund and he focused on international financial architecture issues and what role IFIs could have in preventing and resolving crises. His academic and policy work covers international macro and finance issues more broadly and has been published in top-ranking international journals and in several books and reports.

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Vladimir Dubrovskiy

Vladimir Dubrovskiy is an expert at the Center for social and Economic Research in Kiev, where he focuses on macroeconomics, microeconomics, political economy of transition and private sector development. Previously he worked as Consultant for a Harvard Institute of International Development (HIID) and as an expert at the Centre for Economical Analysis. He is a graduate of Kiev State University in Theoretical Physics and in 2004 he obtained doctoral degree in Economics. He is also an author of several publications.

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Alexander Duleba

Alexander Duleba is the Director of the Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association in Bratislava and simultaneously the Head of the Eastern Europe research program. He was an analyst with the Slovak Institute for International Studies at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic. In May 2010 he became also the lecturer at the Institute of Political Science of the Presov University. He obtained the PhD degree in political science from the Institute for Political Sciences of the Slovak Academy of Sciences and the Associate Professor degree from the Comenius University in Bratislava.

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Oleksandr Sushko

Oleksandr Sushko has been working as the Research Director at the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation in Kyiv since June 2006. Prior to this, he worked as the Director of the Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine. Since January 2011 he has been holding the position of Chairman of the Board at the International Renaissance Foundation. He is an active participant of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. His fields of interest include the European policies, EU-Ukraine relations in particular, Schengen law and its implication for the EU Eastern neighbours, the EU visa and migration policy, border management, mobility and people to people contacts.

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Pierre Vimont

Pierre Vimont currently serves as the Executive Secretary General of the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels. Between 2007 and 2010 he was the Ambassador of France to the United States of America. Prior to that he worked as a Chief of Staff of the Minister of Foreign affairs at the French Foreign Ministry and before that he served as the Ambassador and the Permanent Representative of France to the European Union. He was also Director for Scientific and Technical Cooperation, Department for Cultural, Scientific and Technical Relations at the French Foreign Ministry. He is a graduate of the Institute of Political Studies in Paris and the National School of Administrations.

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Ruta Zarnauskaite

Ruta Zarnauskaite has been working as a policy officer and trade negotiator at the Strategy Unit in the European Commission in Brussels since October 2005. Prior to that, she was an assistant at the European Institute of Public Administration. She worked as the Director of the American Study Centre in the University of Lithuania and she was also the President of the European Law Students' Association (ELSA). She is a graduate of the Maastricht University and Law University in Lithuania.

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Keynote Speech

Andrey Zubov

Andrey Zubov is a Russian historian, religionist, political scientist and a former professor university professor and expert in church-state relations.. Between 1989 and 2001 he worked at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Science. He has edited two volumes of Russian History: 20th Century. He is one of the authors of The Basis of the Social Concept of the Russian Orthodox Church. In addition he published about 150 scholarly papers.

Panel #3

Jiří Schneider

Jiří Schneider is currently Senior Fellow and Director of Special Projects at the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI). He recently served as First Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. From 2005 to 2010, he was Program Director of the PSSI. He was previously Head of the Policy Planning Department at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel. He was also an International Policy Fellow at the Open Society Institute in Budapest and an MP of the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly. He is a graduate of Czech Technical University and holds a Diploma from the University of Cambridge.

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Leila Alieva

Leila Alieva is a political analyst, a founder and a head of the think tank Center for National and International Studies in Baku, Azerbaijan. She is a coordinator of the WG1 Human Rights,

Democracy and a Good Governance. She advised the President of EBRD, served on the board of the Open Society Institute in Baku and was a National Coordinator of the Human Development Report for UNDP. Leila Alieva was the first elected Chair of the National Committee for European Integration – a Baku based NGO coalition. Leila Alieva held research fellowships at Harvard University, UC Berkeley, NATO Defence College in Rome and at the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington DC.

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Gheorghe Zugravu

Gheorghe Zugravu is currently Senior Project Officer at NGO „Ograda Noastra” that promotes and facilitates equitable social inclusion, equality of chances, and democratic public participation in the Republic of Moldova. Previously he worked with various youth and human rights NGOs from Moldova. He was Campaign Coordinator at Amnesty International Moldova, actively promoting campaign against death penalty in Belarus, non-discrimination against Roma people in Moldova and Europe and Human Rights Education.

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Uladzimir Matskevich

Uladzimir Matskevich is the Head of the Board of the International Consortium “EuroBelarus” in Minsk. Furthermore, he is a founder and leader of Humanitarian Technologies Agency and he is a member of the Moscow Methodological Circle led by G.P. Shchedrovitski. He graduated from the Leningrad State University, Psychology Department. He is an author of the Cultured Politics' concept, theses To think Belarus, We are one people and numerous publications on Belarus. Conceptual designs of Uladzimir Matskevich exert significant and broad impact on progress of Belarusian society, philosophy and methodology, policy and culture, civil society.

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Boris Navasardian

Boris Navasardian has been the President of the Yerevan Press Club, the first independent association of journalists in Armenia, since its foundation in 1995. From 2002 till 2006, he has been chairing the Board of the Open Society Institute Assistance Foundation-Armenia. He

was also member of the Council of Europe's expert group on "Freedom of Expression and Freedom of Information in Times of Crisis". In 2009-2011 and 2012-2014 he has been serving as a member of the Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, acting as national facilitator of CSF in Armenia and as CSF Working Group 1 Coordinator.

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Jerzy Pomianowski

Jerzy Pomianowski is currently the Executive Director of the European Endowment for Democracy Foundation in Brussels, whose goal is to foster democracy in the European Neighbourhood countries. From 1997-2002 he was Poland's Ambassador to Japan and from 2008-2011 he worked for the OECD as director for democratic governance. Prior to that, he held senior posts at the Polish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, where he became Undersecretary of State. As an active member of the democratic opposition in Poland from 1980 to 1989, he was a board member of the Independent Students' Association during his studies at the University of Warsaw.

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Ksenia Vakhrusheva

Ksenia Vakhrusheva has been a heads of projects for development renewable energy in Russia in the Environmental Rights Centre BELLONA in St. Petersburg since 2011. Centre BELLONA was established in 1998 to help people and local initiative groups in Russia regions to fight for their rights on a favourable environment. Together with Youth Human Rights Group in St. Petersburg she is taking part in school projects on human rights education. She graduated St. Petersburg State University with a degree in engineering and economics with a specialization in state and municipal management.

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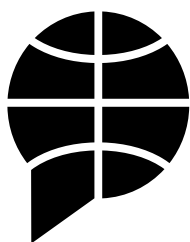
Closing Remarks

Andrejs Pildegovičs

Andrejs Pildegovičs is currently the State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the

Republic of Latvia. Prior to that, he worked as the Undersecretary of State and the Political Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He also served as the Ambassador of Latvia to Mexico and to the United States. He was the chief of staff in the Chancery of the President of Latvia and between 2000 and 2006 he was a foreign policy advisor to the President of Latvia. He studied at University of St. Petersburg, at Beijing Foreign Languages Institute, at Stanford University and at Oxford University.

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AMO – the Association for International Affairs is a preeminent independent think-tank in the Czech Republic in the field of international affairs and foreign policy. Since 1997, the mission of AMO has been to contribute to a deeper understanding of international affairs through a broad range of educational and research activities. Today, AMO represents a unique and transparent platform in which academics, business people, policy makers, diplomats, the media and NGOs can interact in an open and impartial environment.

In order to achieve its goals AMO strives to:

- formulate and publish briefings, research and policy papers;
- arrange international conferences, expert seminars, roundtables, public debates;
- organize educational projects;
- present critical assessment and comments on current events for local and international press;
- create vital conditions for growth of a new expert generation;
- support interest in international relations in the wider public domain;
- cooperate with like-minded local and international institutions.

AMO Research Center

Founded in October 2003, AMO's Research Center has been dedicated to carrying out research and raising public awareness of international affairs, security and foreign policy. The Research Center strives to identify and analyze issues important to Czech foreign policy and the country's position in the world. To this end, the Research Center produces independent analyses; encourages expert and public debate on international affairs; and suggests solutions to tackle problems in today's world.

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Czech Foreign Policy and the Eastern Partnership

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is one of the long term priorities of the Czech foreign policy, both on the EU and the bilateral level. The Czech diplomacy dealt with strengthening of the Eastern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy long before the Czech EU Presidency in 2009. Since the Prague summit, the Czech Republic has been actively supporting the implementation and further development of the EaP. The Czech diplomats are also actively involved in the debate on the EaP within the EU.

Active Czech policy in the EaP region is based on Czech national interests and know-how of Czech diplomacy, companies and civil society organizations. It is further strengthened by the fact that the Czech Republic has established diplomatic missions in all six partner countries. One of the important elements of the Czech policy in the EaP region is the support to civil society. The Foreign Ministry inter alia supports projects implemented by non-governmental organizations from the partner countries through the Transition Promotion Programme. There is also a specific Eastern Partnership Programme aiming at supporting projects with "the EaP appeal". Certain local projects are implemented by the Czech Embassies in the EaP countries as well. A special "Visegrad 4 Eastern Partnership" grant programme within the International Visegrad Fund was created and funding outside of the V4 was secured for this programme through contributions from other donors (third countries) as well.

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