

European Foreign Policy towards Eastern Europe: Future of Eastern Partnership beyond 2020

Wednesday December 4, 2019, 9:00 – 12:00
Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU,
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In 2019, the Eastern Partnership policy celebrates its 10-year anniversary since its launching during the Prague Summit of 2009. Over the past decade, this policy has gone through turbulent times, but it has also managed to achieve some very significant results. After the first decade of its existence, DG NEAR organised a public consultation on the future of Eastern Partnership beyond 2020, which allowed for exchange and input from the civil society, academia, the EU member states, business community or the Eastern Partnership countries.

The crucial question is how to best ensure that the Eastern Partnership stays as a relevant policy concept beyond 2020. This is closely linked to what its content on both bilateral and multilateral levels should be in the future? What role should the Czech diplomacy, the V4 and EU, including its institutions and member states play? What did the strategic reflection of the 10 years of the Eastern Partnership bring and what priorities should the EU take on board?

The event is organized by Think Visegrad platform, Association for International Affairs, and the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU.

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9.00 – 9.10

Welcome words: **Tomas Szunyog**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the Political and Security Committee, Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU

Keynote speech: **Katarina Mathernova**, Deputy Director-General, DG NEAR, European Commission

9.10 – 10.30 Panel I: Political and security aspects of the future Eastern Partnership

Jaroslav Kurfurst, Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Czech MFA

Alisa Muzergues, Research Fellow, GLOBSEC

Luc Devigne, Deputy Managing Director, Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia and OSCE, EEAS.

Moderator: **Pavel Havlicek**, Analyst, Association for International Affairs, Czechia

10.30 – 11:50 Panel II: Economic dimension and shape of the EaP beyond 2020

Daniel Szeligowski, Head of Eastern Europe Programme & Senior Research Fellow on Ukraine, Polish Institute for International Affairs, Poland

Sandor Ackermann, Analyst, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary

Yurii Vdovenko, Deputy Chairman of the Boar, Head of Economic eurointegration of Ukraine Studies, UA PRISM, Ukraine

Moderator: **Zuzana Stuchlikova**, Head of Brussels Office, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Belgium

Closing remarks: **Jaroslav Kurfurst**, Czech MFA, Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Czechia