

Tuesday 17 December 2013

EASTERN PROMISES CONFERENCE

Bringing peace to the EU's Eastern neighbourhood Challenges, prospects and opportunities for the OSCE and the EU

Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU
Rue Belliard 41-43, 1040 Brussels

PROGRAMME

11.00 Registration and coffee

11.30 **Welcome**

Tuija Talvitie, Executive Director, Crisis Management Initiative (Martti Ahtisaari Centre)
Amanda Paul, Policy Analyst and Programme Executive, European Policy Centre

11.40 **Opening remarks**

HE Darius Prancėvičius, Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU

12.00 **Panel I**

Conflict settlement in the EU's Eastern neighbourhood – Time for a stock-take

Dennis Sammut, Director, LINKS (Moderator)

Gunnar Wiegand, Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service

Claus Neukirch, Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre, OSCE

Sergey Markedonov, Independent Analyst, Moscow

Vasyl Filipchuk, Senior Advisor, International Centre for Policy Studies, Kyiv

12.45 Q&A session

13.30 Lunch

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14.30 **Panel II**

Bringing peace to the South Caucasus: Where to next?

Amanda Paul, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (Moderator)

Svante Cornell, Research Director, Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Programme, John Hopkins University

Craig Oliphant, Senior Adviser, Europe and Central Asia, Saferworld

Donatas Butkus, Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU and former Advisor to the Special Representative of the Lithuanian OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for Protracted Conflicts

Denis Matveev, Adviser, Black Sea and Central Asia Projects, CMI

Andrey Makarychev, Professor of Government and Politics, University of Tartu, Estonia

15.15 Q&A session

16.00 Coffee Break

16.15 **Panel III**

After Vilnius – Prospects for the settlement of the Transdniestrian issue

Roxana Cristescu, Head of Eastern Europe and South Caucasus, Crisis Management Initiative (Moderator)

Pirkka Tapiola, Head of EU Delegation, Moldova

Graham Watson, Member of the European Parliament, ALDE Group

Martin Sieg, Foreign Policy Adviser to the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group of the German Bundestag, Strategy Adviser to the Prime Minister, Republic of Moldova

Erwan Fouere, Former Special Representative of the Irish OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian settlement process

Radojko Bogojevic, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia

Dmitriy Danilov, Head of the European Security Studies Department of the Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences

17.15 Q&A session

17.50 **Concluding remarks**

Amanda Paul, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre

Roxana Cristescu, Head of Eastern Europe and South Caucasus, Crisis Management Initiative

18.00 End of Meeting

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