



“The Visegrad Group in the Post-Lisbon EU: Getting Closer to Move Further”

Date and Place: 30th April 2014,
the Mirror Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague

Programme

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Petr Drulák, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Petr Kratochvíl, Director, Institute of International Relations, Prague

10:00 – 11:30 Panel I

The V4 and the EU – Ten Years of Mutual Experience

How has the V4 countries' EU membership changed the EU? How has the V4 contributed to the EU? What values and lessons have been learned from both “sides”? What is the added value of the V4 to the EU? Is there any? What challenges has the V4 had to overcome in the EU and how did it contribute to its nature?

Chair: **Michal Kořan**, Deputy Director, the Institute of International Relations, Prague

Slovakia – **Milan Nič**, Executive Director, the Central European Policy Institute (CEPI), Bratislava

Hungary – **Dániel Bartha**, Head of the Central Europe Programme, the Central European Policy Institute (CEPI), Budapest

Poland – **Roderick Parkes**, the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

Discussion

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

11:45 – 13:15 Panel II

The V4 and the Future of the EU

What kind of EU does the V4 envisage and wish for in the future? What are the similarities and differences among the V4 countries in this respect? What kind of instruments and tools does the V4 have at its disposal to co-shape the future of the EU? What kind of governance, institutional setting and nature of the EU might best suit the V4?

Chair: **Tomáš Strážay**, the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava
Czech Republic – **Martin Ehl**, Chief International Editor at Hospodářské noviny (Economic daily)
Slovakia – **Juraj Marušiak**, the Institute of Political Science of the Slovak Academy of Science,
Bratislava

Hungary – **Zoltán Gálik**, the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Budapest

Poland – **Agata Gostyńska**, the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

13:15 – 14:30 Buffet lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Panel III

The V4 and the Future of the EU's External Environment

How can the V4 contribute to the stabilization and positive development in the EU's immediate neighborhood? What changes should the V4 adopt in this regard with respect to the latest development in Ukraine?

Chair: **Agata Gostyńska**, the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

Czech Republic – **Lucia Najšlová**, Editor in Chief of V4 Revue; Charles University in Prague

Slovakia – **Tomáš Strážay**, the Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava

Poland – **Anita Sobják**, the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 18:00 Panel IV

Ten Years of the Czech Contribution to the Common Foreign and Security Policy

Chair: **Petr Kratochvíl**, Director, the Institute of International Relations (IIR), Prague

Opening: **Jan Michal**, the Head of the European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic

Vít Beneš, the IIR, Prague: *Institutional Adaptation and Preferences: the Czech Republic and the Institutional Structure of the CFSP*

Mats Braun, the IIR, Prague: *The Europeanization of the Czech Foreign Policy Perceptions*

Tomáš Dopita, the IIR, Prague: *The Europeanization of the Czech Republic's Foreign Policy towards the Western Balkans: Identity of Interests, but No Transformation of Identity?*

18:00 Conference closing and reception