

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP DAY

Date: Wednesday, 5 June 2019

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské náměstí 5, Prague

Registration: http://bit.ly/EPD_registrace

On May 7th, 2009 the Prague Declaration establishing the Eastern Partnership was signed during a summit hosted by the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU – of which it was one of the key achievements -, marking a launch of an important initiative to strengthen the Eastern dimension of European Neighbourhood Policy. It has since become a multifaceted instrument to foster closer relations with the partner countries. A decade later, the Czech Republic remains committed to the platform and takes an earnest interest and responsibility for its future.

The Eastern Partnership Day, organised under the auspices of H. E. Tomáš Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and organised in cooperation with the Institute of International Relations Prague and the Association for International Affairs (AMO) at the Czernin Palace, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs's seat, will take stock of the Eastern Partnership's first decade, while at the same time providing a platform for an open discussion of its future against the background of political, economic and social dynamics in the partner countries, as well as the expectations of their societies with regard to the EU.

It will bring an opportunity for a dialogue featuring the founding personalities of the Eastern Partnership policy as well as representatives of the younger generation of civil societies in the partner countries and provide answers to questions concerning the current state of the policy and the concrete results achieved by the EU in the Eastern neighbourhood for the benefit of the six partner countries and their citizens.

PROGRAMME

- **Registration and Coffee (8.30-9.00)**

- **Welcome and Opening Statement (9.00-9.30)**
 - **Martin Povejšil**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Security and Multilateral Issues of the Czech Republic
 - **Jaroslav Kurfürst**, Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

- **Taking Stock of the Eastern Partnership I (9.30-11.00)**
 - **Carl Bildt**, Co-Chair of European Council on Foreign Relations, former Prime Minister of Sweden
 - **Karel Schwarzenberg**, Vice-chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
 - **Mariia Symonova**, GeneratiON CSO
 - **Roman Banari**, Vice President of National Youth Council of Moldova

- **Hovsep Khurshudyan**, President of the "Free Citizen" Civic Initiatives Support Centre, Yerevan
- Moderator: **Ondřej Ditrych**, Director, Institute of International Relations Prague

- **Coffee Break (11.00-11.15)**

- **Taking Stock of the Eastern Partnership II (11.15-12.45)**
 - **Alexandr Vondra**, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, former Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic
 - **Andryi Veselovsky**, former Representative of Ukraine to the EU
 - **Avaz Hasanov**, Director of the Society for Humanitarian Research, Azerbaijan
 - **Tatia Jikidze**, Proactive Group Georgia
 - **Dzmitry Mitskevich**, Analyst of Belarus Security Blog, editor of the Belarusian magazine Varta
 - Moderator: **Pavĺína Janebová**, Head of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs (AMO)

- **Lunch (12.45-13.30)**

- **10 Years of Eastern Partnership – Lessons Learned and Where to Go Next? (13.30 – 14.45)**
 - **Victoria Bucataru**, Executive Director of Foreign Policy Association (APE), Chisinau
 - **Richard Giragosian**, Founding Director at Regional Studies Center, Yerevan
 - **Dmytro Shulga**, European Program Director at International Renaissance Foundation, Kyiv
 - **Eugeniusz Smolar**, Board Member of Centre for International Relations, Warsaw
 - **Jeroen Willems**, Deputy Head of Unit responsible for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus and the Eastern Partnership, European Commission, DG NEAR, Brussels
 - Moderator: **Lucia Najšlová**, Lecturer at Institute of International Studies, Charles University, Prague

- **Coffee break (14.45 – 15.00)**

- **Reflection of the State and Engagement of Civil Society in the Eastern Partnership Policy: Missed Opportunity or Constructive Approach? (15.00 – 16.15)**
 - **Giorgi Oniani**, Deputy Executive Director of Transparency International Georgia, Tbilisi
 - **Jerzy Pomianowski**, Executive Director of European Endowment for Democracy (EED), Brussels
 - **Mehriban Rahimli**, Black Sea Trust for regional cooperation, a program of The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Baku
 - **Gabriela Svárovská**, Deputy Director and Programme Director (Grants) of Prague Civil Society Centre, Prague
 - **Ulad Vialichka**, Director General of International Consortium “EuroBelarus”, Minsk

- Moderator: **Věra Řiháčková-Pachta**, Advocacy Manager of Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Brussels
- **Final Remarks (16.15—16:30)**
 - **Jaroslav Kurfürst**, Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
- **Glass of wine (16.30-18.00)**

ORGANISERS AND PARTNERS

The event is hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and organised in cooperation with the Institute of International Relations Prague and the Association for International Affairs (AMO). On preparation of the afternoon part of the programme, AMO cooperated with the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, the European Endowment for Democracy (EED) and the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic.



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