

Forum on Europe's foreign policy agenda

Programme

5-6 December 2013

**Bristol Hotel, Krakowskie Przedmieście 42/44
Warsaw 00-325**

Thursday, 5 December 2013

15.00-15.20 Arrival of participants and registration

15.20-15.30 Welcoming remarks

15.30-17.15 **Session 1: The Eastern Partnership and EU-Russia relations**
In Vilnius, the EU reviewed the Eastern Partnership. Georgia and Moldova moved towards a closer relationship with Brussels, but Ukraine decided to suspend signing an Association Agreement. In the aftermath of the summit, should a change in the EU's approach to Eastern Europe be considered? How should the EU push for political and economic reform in the partner countries? Specifically how should the EU deal with tensions in Ukraine? Meanwhile EU-Russian relations are strained. Where are relations with Russia heading? And what should Europe's priorities be in the Eastern neighbourhood?

Speakers:

Marie Mendras

Professor, Sciences Po University & Research Fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris

Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Jan Techau

Director, Carnegie Europe

Jakub Wiśniewski

Director, Department of Foreign Policy Strategy,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Richard Youngs

Senior Associate, Carnegie Europe

Chair: **Paweł Świeboda**

President of the Board, demosEUROPA

17.15-17.30 Coffee break

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17.30-19.00

Session 2: En route to the CSDP Summit

At the CSDP summit in late December, the European heads of state will discuss the future of European defence co-operation. Defence budgets are shrinking and the US is disengaging from the continent, but plenty of security challenges remain along the European periphery. The Council faces a set of important questions. How to ensure that Europe maintains a coherent mix of capabilities, also in light of developments in unmanned, cyber and space technologies? Should the EU have a permanent military headquarters? How can the European defence market be strengthened? What role should the EEAS play in CSDP? And is there a need for a new security strategy?

Speakers:

Julian Braithwaite

UK Representative to the Political & Security Committee

Maciej Popowski

Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service

Constanze Stelzenmüller

Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the US

Chair: **Charles Grant**

Director, Centre for European Reform

19.15

Bus to French Ambassador's residence

19.30-21.15

Dinner hosted by **HE Pierre Buhler**

Ambassador of France

Speaker: **Camille Grand**

Director, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique

Chair: **Paweł Świeboda**

President of the Board, demosEUROPA

21.30

Bus to hotel

Friday, 6 December 2013

08.00-08.30 Arrival of participants and coffee

08.30-10.00 **Session 3: Transatlantic relations, shale gas & TTIP**
The US energy revolution, the 'rebalance' to Asia, concerns over the eurozone and negotiations about a transatlantic free trade agreement signal a new chapter in the transatlantic partnership. Economic issues appear to be taking centre-stage. What will this mean for US and European co-operation? How will the American 'pivot' and the shale gas boom impact the transatlantic partnership? How to get the most geopolitical mileage out of TTIP and what does it mean for the West's relations with China specifically and Asia in general?

Speakers:

Hans Binnendijk

Senior Fellow, SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations,
Johns Hopkins University

Lutz Güllner

Deputy Head of Unit, DG Trade, European Commission

Peter Hill

Director for Strategy, Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Réka Szemerkényi

Chief Adviser, Foreign & Security Policy, Office of the Prime Minister
of Hungary

Chair: **Krzysztof Blusz**

Vice President of the Board, demosEUROPA

10.00-10.30 Coffee break

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- 10.30-12.15** **Session 4: The southern neighbourhood: the Sahel, North Africa and Egypt**
As the EU and its member-states undertake civilian and military operations in North Africa and the Sahel, what are the next steps to deal with spillover from the Arab revolutions? Is Europe's response adequate and are European interests safeguarded? How should Europe deal with the new government in Egypt? What is the future of the EU's engagement in the Sahel and how can European efforts be aligned with those of neighbouring states and regional organisations?
- Speakers:
Camille Grand
Director, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique
Hugues Mingarelli
Managing Director, Middle East & Southern Neighbourhood, European External Action Service
Michel Reveyrand-de Menthon
EU Special Representative for Sahel, European External Action Service
Alex Vines
Research Director, Chatham House
- Chair: **Rem Korteweg**
Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform
- 12.15-14.00** Lunch at **Bistro de Paris Restaurant, Plac Marszałka Józefa Piłsudskiego 9, Warsaw**
- 14.00-15.00** Keynote speech: **Radosław Sikorski**
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland
- Chair: **Charles Grant**
Director, Centre for European Reform
- 15.00** Closing remarks
- 15.15** Departure of participants

List of participants

Georgij Alafuzoff	EU Military Staff
Hans Binnendijk	SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University
Krzysztof Blusz	demosEUROPA
Julian Braithwaite	Permanent Representation of the UK to the EU
Pierre Buhler	Embassy of France
Piotr Buras	European Council on Foreign Relations, Warsaw
Heather Grabbe	Open Society European Policy Institute
Camille Grand	Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique
Charles Grant	Centre for European Reform
Lutz Güllner	European Commission
Peter Hill	Foreign & Commonwealth Office
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Maciej Olex-Szczytowski	BAE Systems Poland
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