

Seminar	Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga 2015: agenda and scenarios
Date	28 April 2015
Venue	Dom Európy (House of Europe), Palisády 29, Bratislava
Organizers	Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia and the Representation of the European Commission in the Slovak Republic
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Languages	English and Slovak (with simultaneous translation)
Aim	The fourth Eastern Partnership summit in Riga should outline EU strategic response on Russo-Ukrainian crisis, including an upgrade of existing EU policy framework for developing relations with Eastern neighbours. The EU member states should achieve common positions in order to strengthen capacity of the Union to act as a consistent actor capable to contribute to finding sustainable solution of the crisis; and finally, the EU should outline possible upgrades of the existing strategic framework for the EU Eastern policy. The seminar will aim, first, to examine prospects for further development of the Eastern Partnership (EaP) in the context of the forthcoming Riga summit that will be held during the Presidency of the Republic of Latvia in the EU Council in May 2015. In particular, it will aim to assess the state of EaP affairs on the eve of the Riga summit, including the priorities of the summit's agenda; and second, it will aim to identify possible scenarios for further development of the EaP following on expected outcomes of the Riga summit. In addition, the seminar will aim to draft policy recommendations for the EU and its member states on the review of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Agenda

13:30-14:00	Registration of participants
14:00-14:15	Welcome Dušan Chrenek , Head, Representation of the European Commission in the Slovak Republic Alexander Duleba , Director, Research Center of Slovak Foreign Policy Association
14:15-15:15	Panel I. Agenda for the Riga summit
Chair	Pavol Demeš , Board Member, European Endowment for Democracy
Speakers	Dušan Dacho , Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic Juris Poikāns , Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia Frederic Schwandt , Policy Coordinator, European External Action Service
	Q&A

15:15-15:30

Coffee break

15:30-17:00

Panel II. Scenarios for the Eastern Partnership

Chair

Alexander Duleba, Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

Speakers

Martin Kačo, Director, CFSP Department, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Toms Rostoks, Assistant Professor, University of Latvia

Balázs Jarábik, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Juraj Marušiak, Senior Fellow, Institute of Political Sciences, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Discussion

17:00-17:15

Coffee break

17:15-18:30

Panel III. Vulnerable sectors in the Eastern Partnership economies

This panel is a part of the project on *Mapping out vulnerable sectors in the Eastern Partnership countries* supported by the International Visegrad Fund

Chair

Radovan Āurana, Analyst, Institute of Economic and Social Studies

Speakers

András Deák, Senior Fellow, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Vitaliy Kravchuk, Senior Fellow, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Kyiv

Discussion

18:30

Concluding remarks

H.E. **Edgars Skuja**, Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to Slovakia

Glass of wine