



## International Security Experts Conference

### **PARTNERS IN EUROPEAN SECURITY: SEARCH FOR GREATER SYNERGY BETWEEN EU CSDP AND EAP POLICY**

18-20 June 2014, Vilnius

#### PROGRAMME

#### **18 JUNE (WEDNESDAY)**

All day Arrival & Accommodation

19:00 – 20.30 **Welcome Reception hosted by Lithuanian Minister of National Defence Juozas Olekas**  
(for all registered participants)  
Venue: Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania, Totorių str. 25/3

21.00 – 23.00 **Late Evening Session** (upon individual invitations only)  
Venue: Skybar, Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva, Konstitucijos av. 20

#### **19 JUNE (THURSDAY)**

09.00 – 09.30 Registration & Morning Coffee  
Venue: Artis Centrum Hotels, Liejyklos str. 11/23

09.30 – 10.00 **Opening and Welcome Addresses**  
*Juozas Olekas*, Minister, Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania  
*Kristina Vaičiūnaitė*, Director, Eastern Europe Studies Centre, Lithuania  
*Helena Boguslawska*, Deputy Head of CSDP Partnerships Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS

10.00 – 11.30 **EU's Efforts towards Peace and Stability in Europe: the Role of the Eastern Partnership Policy**  
What is the most adequate approach towards security challenges in Eastern Neighbourhood? What role for CSDP as part of wider process of EU association with partners? No one size fits all – how to engage with individual Eastern Partners? What potential role for CSDP in Ukraine?

**Moderator:** *Robertas Šapronas*, Defence Adviser, Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the EU

#### **Panellists:**

*Margarita Šešelgytė*, Associate Professor, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania

*Volodymyr Fesenko*, Director, Analytical Centre "Penta", Ukraine

*Ghia Nodia*, Director of the International School of Caucasus Studies, Ilia State University, Georgia

*Samuel Goda*, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Slovakia

*James Rogers*, Lecturer, Baltic Defence College, Estonia

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00 – 13.30 **Eastern Partners: Moving from Security Consumers to Security Providers**  
Challenges and opportunities for Eastern Partners to play the role of security providers, incl. beyond the region. Do security related problems in the Eastern Neighbourhood hinder Partners' involvement with CSDP? What can Partners bring to the table? What prospects for Partners participation in CSDP operations? Security and defence cooperation with the EU: Eastern Partners' expectations.

**Moderator:** *Emmet Tuohy*, Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence Studies, Estonia

**Panellists:**

*Irakli Porchkhidze*, Senior Vice President, Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies, Georgia

*Alexander Iskandaryan*, Caucasus Institute, Director, Armenia

*Hanna Shelest*, Senior Researcher, National Institute for Strategic Studies, Ukraine

*Elkhan Guliyev*, Chairman, Atlas Center, Azerbaijan

*Viorel Cibotaru*, Director, European Institute for Political Studies, Moldova

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.30 **EU Response to the changing Security Environment in Europe**

**High level panel discussion:** Time for a new European security strategy? Revitalisation of the Trans-Atlantic partnership. What EU policy towards Russia, incl. on CSDP? Need to review EU instruments in the Eastern Partnership? How to increase EU's engagement with Partners on CSDP?

**Moderator:** *Arūnas Molis*, Head of Strategic Analysis and Research Division, NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence, Lithuania

**Panellists:**

*Valeriu Chiveri*, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

*Khatuna Salukvadze*, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia in Lithuania

*Vaidotas Urbelis*, Defence Policy Director, Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Lithuania

*Helena Boguslawska*, Deputy Head of CSDP Partnerships Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS

*Iurii Zhuvelyk*, Chief Specialist, Expert Analytical Section of Defence Policy and Strategic Planning Department, Ministry of Defence of Ukraine

15.30 – 17.00 **Challenges for CSDP: Time to Think Beyond the Soft Power?**

Does the EU have sufficient tools to address security challenges in its neighbourhood? Changing security culture in the EU and EaP countries: divergence or convergence? Programming the brains: can CSDP react to cyber-attacks and information confrontation? How to communicate about EU's role in security and defence to the public in EaP countries?

**Moderator:** *Szymon Kardaś*, Research Fellow, Russian Department, Centre for Eastern Studies, Poland

**Panellists:**

*Olivier de France*, Director of Research, IRIS, France

*Nerijus Maliukevičius*, Lecturer and Scientific Researcher, Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University, Lithuania

*Luis Simón*, Research Professor European Foreign & Security Policy, Institute for European Studies, Free University of Brussels, Belgium

*Anke Schmidt Felzmann*, Researcher, Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Sweden

17.00 – 19.00 Dinner

**20 JUNE (FRIDAY)**

11.00 – 12.30 **Visit to the Palace of Grand Dukes of Lithuania** (for foreign guests and upon registration only)

Venue: National Museum – Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, Cathedral Square 4

The reconstructed Palace of the Grand Dukes of Lithuania, the former political, diplomatic, cultural centre of the State, was one of the most famous in Europe in the 15th-17th centuries and was demolished in the beginning of the 19th century. Currently there are two exhibition tour routes directly related to the historical functions of the Palace. The first tour route reveals the historical and architectural development of the Palace by highlighting the ancient ruins still in place, while the second tour route brings into the ceremonial halls, which have been reconstructed to illustrate the evolution of architectural styles – from the late Gothic to the Renaissance to the early Baroque.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch (for guests attending the guided tour to the Palace of Grand Dukes of Lithuania only)

Venue: Artis Centrum Hotels, Liejyklos str. 11/23

Departure