



International Security Experts Conference
**Eastern Partners in European Security and Defence –
Putting EU Global Strategy into Practice**

26-28 September 2017
Vilnius, Lithuania

PROGRAMME

26 September, Tuesday

All day arrival and accommodation

19:00–21:00 Welcome Dinner hosted by **H.E. Raimundas Karoblis**, Minister of National Defence of Lithuania (upon invitation only)
Venue: Arkangelo Conference & Art Centre (address: Maironio str. 11)

Welcome speech by **H.E. Raimundas Karoblis**, Minister of National Defence of Lithuania

Dinner speaker: **Arnoldas Pranckevičius**, Head of European Commission Representation in Lithuania

Moderator: **Robertas Šapronas**, Defence Policy Director, Ministry of National Defence of Lithuania

27 September, Wednesday

Venue: Merchants Club (address: Gedimino ave. 35)

08.30–09.00 Registration and Morning Coffee

09.00–09.15 **Opening remarks**

Dovilė Šukytė, Acting Director, Eastern Europe Studies Centre, Lithuania

09.15 – 10.00 **Keynote statements: Eastern Partnership - mission not yet accomplished**

H. E. Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

H.E. Levan Izoria, Minister of Defence of Georgia

10.00 – 11.30 **Panel I – Security threats and opportunities in the EaP region / integrated approach to conflicts and crises**

To the east, the European security order has been violated. Internal and external security is ever more intertwined: security at home entails a parallel interest in peace in our neighbouring and surrounding regions. It implies a broader interest in preventing conflict, promoting human security, addressing the root causes of instability and working towards a safer world. What are the major security concerns? What is the EU interest? How can EaP countries increase contribution to EU missions and operations? Can we find people able to address their countries involvement and cooperation with the EU forces and share experience and critical evaluation?

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How ongoing EU missions in EaP countries address security challenges? Can Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) missions and operations work alongside the European Border and Coast Guard and EU specialised agencies to enhance border protection and maritime security?

Moderator: **Eglė Murauskaitė**, Senior Researcher and Simulation Developer, European Affairs, ICONS Project START, University of Maryland

Panellists:

Clara Ganslandt, Head of CSDP, Partnerships and Agreements Division, Crisis Management and Planning Directorate, EEAS

Dmytro Khrystoforov, Deputy Director, Department of Military Policy, Strategic Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Defence, Ukraine

Marta Ayvazyan, Deputy Director, Centre for Democracy, Security and Development, Armenia

Pavel Usov, Director, Centre for Political Analysis and Prognosis, Belarus

Ion Tabarta, Analyst, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives, Republic of Moldova

11.30–12.00 Coffee Break

12.00–13.30 **Panel II – EU and EaP cooperation in framework of the Global Strategy**

EU Global Strategy (EUGS) focuses on three main goals – security and protection of Europe, partners' capacity building and integrated approach to crisis management. What is the role of partners and EaP countries in particular in implementing EUGS objectives? How can EU better support security sector reforms in EaP countries, promote positive changes and reforms starting from building police forces, military and defence capacities till supporting prosperity and democracy development. How national legislation on security and defence could be aligned with the EU regulations, but most importantly, how it can be put in action? What is the impact of the EU support? What are real needs of Eastern Partnership countries? How can the EU support partners' expectations? Do the existing institutions, instruments and formats of cooperation in CSDP work and how they can be more efficient and bring tangible results?

Moderator: **Jan Cingel**, Research Fellow, European Neighbourhood Programme, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Slovakia

Panellists:

Władysław Zawadzki, EU Security Policy Section, International Security Policy Department, Ministry of National Defence, Poland

Daniela Cujba, Chief, Directorate General for European Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Republic of Moldova

Hennadiy Maksak, Head, Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism" & Co-Chair, Steering Committee, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Ukraine

Gulshan Pashayeva, Deputy Director, Centre for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Irakli Porchkhidze, Vice President, Institute of Strategic Studies, Georgia

13.30–14.30 Lunch

14.30–16.00 **Panel III – Building resilience and security of the societies**

Europeans, working with partners, must have the necessary capabilities to defend themselves and live up to their commitments to mutual assistance and solidarity, co-responsibility. We must be ready and able to deter, respond to, and protect ourselves against external threats and crises with full spectrum of capabilities. Mutual assistance and solidarity includes addressing challenges with both an internal and external dimension, such as terrorism, hybrid threats, cyber and energy security, organised crime and external border management. How can we be better prepared to react to cyber-attacks and information confrontation? How media literacy, debunking propaganda imposed myths could be increased. What is the impact of dialogue with

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civil society on the efforts to strengthen states' resilience and defence systems? What are the priorities for EaP countries?

Moderator: **Brian Whitmore**, Senior Russia Analyst, Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

Panellists:

Matti Saarelainen, Director, European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, Finland

Piret Pernik, Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security, Estonia

Oleksandr Sukhodolia, Head, Energy Security and Technogenic Safety Department, National Institute for Strategic Studies, Ukraine

Jakub Kalensky, East StratCom Task Force Member, EEAS

16.00-16.30 **Closing remarks**

Robertas Šapronas, Defence Policy Director, Ministry of National Defence of Lithuania

16.30–18.30 Reception

28 September, Thursday

11.00–12.30 Cultural programme / Guided Tour - Vilnius Defensive Wall

Departure

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