

PROGRAMME

Friday 21 October

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 10.00 Opening and welcome

9.00 – 9.05 **Dr Tapani Vaahtoranta**, Director, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

9.05 – 9.30 **Dr Olli Rehn**, Commissioner, European Commission

9.30 – 10.00 **Dr Jacek Saryusz-Wolski**, the Natolin European Centre, MEP
“European Neighbourhood Policy: background and long-term prospects”

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 12.00 Session I: Crisis management

Chair: Prof William Wallace, International Relations Department, London School of Economics and Political Science

10.30 – 10.50 **Dr Dov Lynch**, Research Fellow, The EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris, “What role for the EU in conflicts in its neighbourhood? Prevention and crisis management”

10.50 – 11.10 **Dr Rosemary Hollis**, Director of Research, Chatham House, London
“Future crisis management operations in the Middle East: the role of different actors”

11.10 – 11.30 **Mr Oazu Nantoi**, Programme Director for conflict management, Institute for Public Policy, Moldova
“The case of Moldova: What should the EU do?”

11.30 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.00 Session II: Democracy promotion

Chair: Dr Kimmo Kiljunen, MP, Finland

- 13.30 – 13.50 **Dr Richard Youngs**, Senior Researcher, La Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior, Madrid
“Does the EU have a strategy of democracy promotion?”
- 13.50 – 14.10 **Ms Senem Aydin**, Research Fellow, Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB),
“Turkey: A success case of EU democracy promotion?”
- 14.10 – 14.30 **Mr Pavol Demes**, Director for Central and Eastern Europe, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Bratislava
“Democratisation of the new Eastern neighbours: a more active role for the EU?”
- 14.30 – 15.00 Discussion

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Session III: Cross-border co-operation

Chair: Dr Christer Pursiainen, Chief Expert on EU-Russian Federation Relations, Russian – European Centre for Economic Policy, Moscow

- 15.30 – 15.50 **Ms Laura Kakko**, Head of Unit, Unit of Co-operation with Neighbouring Areas, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland
“The EU’s policy of cross-border co-operation and the Finnish experience of the Northern Dimension”
- 15.50 – 16.10 **Dr Christian Wellmann**, Schleswig-Holstein Peace Institute
“The problems and prospects of cross-border co-operation: The case of Kaliningrad”
- 16.10 – 16.30 **Prof Robert Springborg**, Director, London Middle East Institute (LMEI), School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London
“Is the concept of cross-border co-operation applicable in the EU’s southern neighbourhood?”
- 16.30 – 17.00 Discussion

17.30 Reception hosted by the City of Helsinki

(The Old Town Hall, Aleksanterinkatu 20)

Saturday 22 October

9.00 – 10.30 Session IV: Energy

Chair: Dr Pekka Sutela, Director, Institute for Economies in Transition, Bank of Finland

- 9.00 – 9.20 **Dr Roland Götz**, Head Research Unit Russian Federation/CIS, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin
“The role of energy in Russian policy towards Europe”
- 9.20 – 9.40 **Mr Keith Smith***, Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies
“How should the EU respond to Russian energy policy?”
- 9.40 – 10.00 **Ms Oksana Antonenko**, Senior Fellow, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, London
“Energy and security issues in the EU policy towards the South Caucasus”
- 10.00 – 10.30 Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30 Session V: Migration and human trafficking

Chair Dr Ettore Greco, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

- 11.00 – 11.20 **Prof Sami Nair**, University of Paris VIII-Saint Denis
“Regulating the movement of people in Europe”
- 11.20 – 11.40 **Prof George Joffe**, Visiting Professor, King’s College, University of London
- 11.40 – 12.00 **Dr Helga Konrad**, Special Representative in Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, OSCE
“How should the EU combat human trafficking from its Eastern neighbourhood?”
- 12.00 – 12.30 Discussion

12.30 – 13.00 Panel discussion (session chairs) and closure

Chair: Dr Tapani Vaahtoranta

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