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Eastern Promises Conference

The fight for influence in the South Caucasus What role for the EU?

Scotland House,
Rond-Point Schuman 6, 1040 Brussels

PROGRAMME

08.45 Registration

09.00 Welcome and opening statements

Amanda Paul, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre

George Zarubin, President, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Carsten Lenk, Program Officer, International Relations, Central and Southeastern Europe, CIS, China, Robert Bosch Stiftung

09.15 Presentation of data on public attitudes towards European Integration

Hans Gutbrod, Regional Director, Caucasus Research Resource Center

09.30 *Panel I: EU's Policies in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. Pressing needs in the region, differences in the priorities and approaches of the three South Caucasus countries*

Per Eklund, Retired EU Ambassador, Former Head of the European Union Delegation to Georgia (Moderator)

Gunnar Wiegand, Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership and Central Asia, European External Action Service

Zaur Shiriyev, Research Fellow, Foreign Policy Analysis Department, Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Ketevan Vashakidze, Georgia Country Director, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Boris Navasardyn, President, Yerevan Press Club, Armenia

Peter Semneby, Former EU Special Representative to the South Caucasus, Member of the Advisory Council of the European Policy Centre

Questions & answer session

10.40 Coffee Break

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11.00 *Panel II: External Powers: roles of Russia, Turkey, Iran, and US*

Dieter Boden, Retired German Ambassador, Former Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General in Georgia (Moderator)

James Nixey, Head of Eurasia Program, Chatham House

Sergey Markedonov, Visiting Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Centre for Strategic & International Studies (*to be confirmed*)

Amanda Paul, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre

Sabine Freizer, Director, International Crisis Group's Europe Programme

Question & answer session

12.30 Lunch

14.00 *Panel III: What should the EU do to better address the needs of the South Caucasus?* (Moderator) (*to be confirmed*)

Bruno Coppieters, Professor of Political Science, Free University of Brussels

Pierre Dybman, Desk Officer for Sectoral Policy Issues, Eastern Partnership Division, European External Action Service

Jacqui Hale, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Institute-Brussels

Dag Sourander, Policy Adviser, Policy Department, European Parliament

Question & answer session

15.30 Closing Remarks

Peter Semneby, Former EU Special Representative to the South Caucasus, Member of the Advisory Council of the European Policy Centre

George Zarubin, President, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

15.40 End of meeting

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