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## **EU Responses to external challenges as seen from Germany, Poland, Nordic and Baltic countries and the EU neighbourhood**

Conference organised by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) and the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP)

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*Venue:*

*Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA),  
Kruunuvuorenkatu 4, 00160 Helsinki  
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### *PROGRAMME*

#### **27 September 2012**

13.30 **Light lunch** at the FIIA

14.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Dr. Teija **Tiilikainen**, Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), Helsinki

Mr. Stefan **aus dem Siepen**, Policy Planning Staff, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Mathias **Jopp**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin

15.00 – 16.45 Session I

**The EU and its Eastern Neighbourhood: Views from the EU and the countries in the neighbourhood**

*Chair*

Dr. Pernille **Rieker**, Senior Research Fellow, Department of International Politics, Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs (NUPI), Oslo

*Introductions*

Dr. Katrin **Böttger**, Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin

Dr. Olaf **Osica**, Director, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw

Mr. Pirkka **Tapiola**, Senior Advisor, Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels

Dr. Giselle **Bosse**, Assistant Professor, Political Science, University of Maastricht

Prof. Dr. Larisa **Titarenko**, Professor of Sociology, Belarus State University, Minsk

*Discussion*

16.45 – 17.15 **Coffee**

17.15 – 19.00 Session II

**Strategic Bilateral Relations in the Neighbourhood: EU-Russia and EU-Ukraine**

*Chair*

Dr. Gunilla **Herolf**, Vice President, the Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences, Stockholm

*Introductions*

Dr. Arkady **Moshes**, Programme Director, the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia research programme, FIIA, Helsinki

Dr. Wolf-Ruthart **Born**, former State Secretary at the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Dr. Andris **Sprūds**, Director, Latvian Institute of International Affairs (LIIA), Riga

Dr. Iryna **Solonenko**, Director of the European Programme, International Renaissance Foundation (Open Society Foundations) (May 2004-July 2012); Project Leader, European Integration Index for Eastern Partnership Countries, Kyiv

*Discussion*

20.00 **Reception** offered by H.E. Dr. Thomas **Götz**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Helsinki

## 28 September 2012

9.00 – 10.30 Session III

### **The EU's Role or Absence in "Frozen Conflicts" in Transnistria and Caucasus**

#### *Chair*

Mr. Peter **Munk Jensen**, Senior Analyst, research unit on Foreign policy and EU studies, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen

#### *Introductions*

Mr. Ahto **Lobjakas**, Analyst, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute (EVI), Tallinn

Dr. Hans Martin **Sieg**, European Integration Strategy Association (EISA), Berlin

Mr. Victor **Chirila**, Director, Foreign Policy Association (APE), Chisinau

#### *Discussion*

10.30 – 10.50 **Coffee**

10.50 – 12.40 Session IV

### **Baltic Sea Region – Views on security challenges and dividing lines**

#### *Chair*

Dr. Kristi **Raik**, Researcher, the European Union research programme, FIIA, Helsinki

#### *Introductions*

Prof. Hiski **Haukkala**, School of Management, University of Tampere

Dr. Ramūnas **Vilpišauskas**, Director, Institute of International Relations and Political Science (IIRPS), Vilnius University

Dr. Matthieu **Chillaud**, Institute of Government and Politics, University of Tartu

Dr. Tobias **Etzold**, Research Division "EU integration", German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin

Dr. Alexei **Pikulik**, Academic Director, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies (BISS), Vilnius

*Discussion*

**12.40 – 13.15 What next - Concluding Remarks and Future Perspectives of Cooperation**

Dr. Elfriede **Regelsberger**, Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP)

Mr. Antti **Helanterä**, Acting Director, Policy Planning and Research, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Helsinki

Dr. Teija **Tiilikainen**, Director, FIIA

**13.15 Lunch**, Restaurant Brasserie