

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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9:30

OPENING SESSION

Opening remarks:

Mr. Petr Pithart, President, Senate of the Czech Republic

Mr. Šimon Pánek, co-founder, People in Need, Czech Republic

Mr. Jan Šnidauf, Vice President, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

Opening speeches:

Mr. Václav Havel, Former President of the Czech Republic

Ms. Ivonka Survilla, President, Council of the Belarusian Democratic Republic (in exile)

Mr. Jan Ruml, Vice President, Senate of the Czech Republic

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 FIRST SESSION: 'BELARUS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST?'

Moderator:

Mr. Jan Marian, Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung

Speakers:

Mr. Ales Janukievič, Deputy Chairman, Party Belarusian Popular Front

Mr. Petr Mareš, Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

Damian Gadzinowski, representing Mr. Bogdan Klich, President, Institute for Strategic Studies and Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission on Foreign Affairs, Poland

Mr. Ivars Pundurs, Undersecretary of State, Latvia

Mr. Jonas Cekuolis, Head, Lithuanian Delegation to Parliamentary Assembly of Council of Europe, Lithuania

Mr. Jan Marinus Wiersma, Chairman, Delegation for relations with Belarus, European Parliament

13:00 LUNCH

15:00 SECOND SESSION: 'ENLARGED EU - ENLARGED POSSIBILITIES OF SUPPORTING PRO-DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN BELARUS?'

Moderator:

Ms. Eva Palatová, Head, Independent Division on European Affairs, Senate Chancellery, Czech Republic

Speakers:

Mr. Pavol Demeš, Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Transatlantic Center for CEE, Slovakia

Ms. Iryna Vidanava, Editor in Chief, Studentskaya Dumka magazine, Belarus

Mr. Ales Michalevič, Co-Chairman, Association of Democratic Local Deputies, Belarus

Mr. Paweł Kazanecki, President, East European Democratic Centre, Poland