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European Union's Eastern Partnership and Eurasian Union: Collision or Collusion of Visions and Interests?

A closed seminar organized by

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9:00 – 13:00

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Seminar in English



Program

- 09:00** Opening remarks
Thomas Gomart, Vice-President for Strategic Development, Ifri
Jean-Marie Bockel, President of Group France-Baltic States, Sénat (to be confirmed)
Amb. Sanita Pavjuta-Deslandes, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Latvia to France
- 09:30 – 11:00** **EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: WHAT RE-TUNING NEEDED IN A NEW CONTEXT?**
Chair **Gilles Lepasant**, Research Director, CNRS
Speakers **Amb. Juris Poikans**, Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
Bartosz Cichocki, independant expert, international commentator of the Polish Public Radio, formerly affiliated with the National Security Bureau, the Polish Institute of International Affairs and the Marek Karp Centre for Eastern Studies.
Nicu Popescu, senior analyst at the EUISS
- 11:00-11:15** Coffee break
- 11:15 – 12:45** **EASTERN PARTNERSHIP AND EURASIAN UNION: COEXISTENCE OR RIVALTY?**
Chair **Tatiana Kastouéva-Jean**, Head of Russia/Nis Center
Speakers **ANDRIS SPRUDS**, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs
Andreï KORTUNOV, Director General of the Russian International Affairs Council
Andrei Makarychev, Professor in Tartu University, Estonia
- 12:45 – 13:00** **Conclusions:**
Eric Fournier, Continental Europe Director, MFA, France
- 13:00 - 14:00** **Lunch at the Ifri (by invitation)**