



**Conference of the Baltic Assembly and the Baltic Council of Ministers**  
*20 March 2015, Vilnius, Lithuania*

**Eastern Partnership from Vilnius to Riga:  
achievements, challenges and future prospects**

**PROGRAMME**

09:00	Joint photo <i>Constitution Hall, Building I</i>
09:10–09:30	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>H.E. Ms Loreta Graužinienė</b>, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania</li><li>- <b>Ms Giedrė Purvaneckienė</b>, President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</li><li>- <b>Mr Andrius Krivas</b>, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania</li></ul>
09:30–10:00	<b>Introductory Session</b> <b>Potential for the political development of the EU Eastern Partnership: results achieved between the Summit in Prague and the Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mr Petras Auštrevičius</b>, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament</li><li>- <b>Mr Richard Tibbels</b>, Head of Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE Division of the European External Action Service (EEAS)</li></ul> <p>Debate</p>
10:00–12:00	<b>Session I</b> <b>Further development of Eastern Partnership: applying individual and differentiated approach to partner countries and strengthening multilateral cooperation</b> <i>Chaired by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Ms Giedrė Purvaneckienė</b>, President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</li><li>- <b>Mr Jānis Vucāns</b>, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Latvia</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Mr Gediminas Kirkilas</b>, Chair of the Seimas Committee on European Affairs, Lithuania</li><li>- <b>Prof Dr Mindaugas Jurkynas</b>, Head of Northern European and Baltic Study Hive of the Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania</li><li>- <b>Mr Atis Lejiņš</b>, Member of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Member of the Latvian delegation to the Baltic Assembly</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms Marge Mardisalu-Kahar</b>, Head of the Estonian Center of Eastern Partnership</li> <li>- <b>Mr Hans Wallmark</b>, Member of the Presidium of the Nordic Council, Chairman of the Swedish delegation to the Nordic Council</li> <li>- <b>Mr Zurab Abashidze</b>, Deputy Speaker of the Parliament of Georgia, Chairman of the Georgian delegation</li> <li>- <b>Mr Jaroslaw Obremski</b>, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate of the Republic of Poland</li> </ul> <p>Debate</p>
12:00-14:00	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Session II</b>  <b>Lessons drawn from the European integration: the role of regional cooperation. Does the promotion of reforms in partner countries make the EU membership perspective feasible and realistic?</b>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i><b>Ms Giedrė Purvaneckienė</b>, President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</i></li> <li>- <i><b>Mr Sergejs Potapkins</b>, Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Member of the Latvian delegation to the Baltic Assembly</i></li> </ul> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Prof Benediktas Juodka</b>, Chair of the Seimas Committee on Foreign Affairs, Lithuania</li> <li>- <b>Mr Romualds Ražuks</b>, Secretary of the Baltic Affairs Subcommittee of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Saeima, Member of the Latvian delegation to the Baltic Assembly</li> <li>- <b>Ms Marge Mardisalu-Kahar</b>, Head of the Estonian Center of Eastern Partnership</li> <li>- <b>Mr Valeri Chechelashvili</b>, Secretary General of the GUAM Organization for Democracy and Economic Development</li> </ul> <p>Debate</p>
14:00–14:30	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e6f2ff; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>What results do we need to deliver at the Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga?</b>  <i>Chaired by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i><b>Ms Giedrė Purvaneckienė</b>, President of the Baltic Assembly, Lithuania</i></li> <li>- <i><b>Mr Jānis Vucāns</b>, Vice President of the Baltic Assembly, Latvia</i></li> </ul> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Summing up by <b>Prof Dr Mindaugas Jurkynas</b>, Head of Northern European and Baltic Study Hive of the Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania</li> </ul> <p>Debate/conclusions</p>
14:30	Lunch at the Seimas Restaurant
	Departure of the delegations