

**ROUNDTABLE**

# **INVESTING IN DEMOCRATIC BELARUS' LONG TERM FUTURE: KEY REFORM STRATEGIES**



**15 MARCH, 08:00 - 17:00 EET (VILNIUS TIME)**

**VILNIUS, THE SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA**



## PRINCIPLES OF SECURITY DURING THE EVENT

Even though this event is considered to be public, we would like to ensure a safe environment for open discussions. We kindly ask everyone to read through and follow the below rules.

Participants who wish to keep their participation non-public may request badges indicating no photography or video filming during registration.

It is prohibited to photograph or videotape participants who opt for non-public participation.

Filming and posting footage on social media platforms should be limited as a general recommendation.

Online participants must register in advance and are required to activate their cameras for verification purposes upon connection.

Thank you for your understanding.

# AGENDA

Eastern European Time (EET)

*Venue: Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, Gedimino pr.53, LT-01109 Vilnius, Lithuania.*

*Online participants are encouraged to join the event starting from 8.45.*

8.00 – 9.00	<b>Arrival and registration of participants</b> <i>*Coffee and tea will be served</i>
9.00 – 9.30	<b>Welcome Address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Žygimantas Pavilionis</i>, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Head of Provisional Group "For Democratic Belarus", Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania</li></ul> <b>Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen</i>, Speaker, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania</li><li>• <i>Kevin Casas-Zamora</i>, Secretary-General, International IDEA (online)</li><li>• <i>Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya</i>, Leader of the Democratic Belarus</li><li>• <i>Juozas Olekas</i>, MEP, Chair of the Delegation for Belarus of the European Parliament, European Parliament</li><li>• <i>Andrius Kubilius</i>, MEP, Chair, Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, European Parliament</li></ul>

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9.30 – 9.40	<b>Break</b>
9.40 – 11.10	<p><b>Panel Debate I: The future multi-party system and the draft law on political parties</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Jakob Wöllenstein</i>, Head of Belarus Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Vadzim Saranchukou</i>, Vice Chairman, Belarusian Popular Front Party</li><li>• <i>Uladzimir Shantsau</i>, Acting Chairman, United Civic Party</li><li>• <i>Yury Hubarevich</i>, Chair, Movement “For Freedom” (<i>online</i>)</li></ul> <p><b>Concluding the discussion:</b> <i>Iuliia Kyrychenko</i>, Centre for Political and Legal Reforms, Kyiv, Ukraine (<i>online</i>)</p>
11.10 – 11.30	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>
11.30 – 13.00	<p><b>Panel Debate II: Reforming the institutions of President and Government of a New Belarus</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Alexander Dabravolski</i>, Senior Political Adviser, Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Leu Marholin</i>, Expert, Member of the Public Constitutional Commission (<i>online</i>)</li><li>• <i>Alexander Vashkevich</i>, Prof., Department of Social Sciences, European Humanities University</li><li>• <i>Armen Mazmanyán</i>, Associate Professor of Law, American University of Armenia</li></ul> <p><b>Concluding the discussion:</b> <i>Elliot Bulmer</i>, Senior Adviser, Constitution-Building Processes, International IDEA</p>

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13.00 – 14.30	<b>Networking lunch</b> <i>*Will be served at the restaurant of the Seimas</i>
14.30 – 16.00	<b>Panel debate III: Developing and consolidating local democracy in Belarus</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Mikhail Matskevich</i> , Director, HUB9  <b>Speakers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Hanna Kanius</i>, Dr, University of Warsaw</li><li>• <i>Miraslau Kobasa</i>, Chairman of the Board, former NGO "Lev Sapieha Foundation"</li><li>• <i>Ihar Kazmerchak</i>, Chairman, NGO "Zviaz"</li></ul> <b>Concluding the discussion:</b> <i>Andrej Zavadski</i> , Lawyer, Team of experts, former NGO "Lev Sapieha Foundation"
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Coffee/tea Break</b>
16.30 – 17.00	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Anatol Liabedzka</i>, Representative of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya on the Constitutional Reform and Parliamentary Cooperation, Founder of the Public Constitutional Commission</li><li>• <i>Sam van der Staak</i>, Director for Europe, International IDEA</li></ul>

# FOR NOTES