



High Level Think Tank Event

The future of the EU's Eastern Partnership

9 December 2021 | 9.00-12.30 (CET)

Draft Agenda

09:00 – 09:45 **Breakfast spotlight 1: The Democratic Future of Belarus in the Eastern Partnership**

Welcoming words by Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director-General in charge of Eastern Neighbourhood, Economic Investment Plans and Relations with IFIs and Acting Head of the Support Group for Ukraine, DG NEAR, European Commission

Keynote remarks

Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, leading figure of Belarus democratic opposition and former presidential candidate

Interview and Q&A chat

Pavel Latushka, member of the Presidium of the Coordination Council of Belarus, Head of the Anti-Crisis Management, former Minister of Culture and former Ambassador

Moderation: Milan Nic, Senior Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

09:45 – 10:00 **Break**

10:00 – 11:30 **High-level panel: The future of the Eastern Partnership in the context of its 2021 Summit**

Katarína Mathernová, Deputy Director-General in charge of Eastern Neighbourhood, Economic Investment Plans and Relations with IFIs and Acting Head of the Support Group for Ukraine, DG NEAR, European Commission

Michael Siebert, Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service

Dr Cristina Gherasimov, Head of the Office of the President of Moldova, Senior Policy Advisor to the President the Republic of Moldova

Anna Westerholm, Ambassador for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Vano Chkhikvadze, EU Integration Program Manager, Open Society Georgia Foundation

Moderation: Dr Stefan Meister, Head of Programme, International Order and Democracy, DGAP

11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**

11:45 – 12:30 **Spotlight session: Unresolved Conflicts in the Eastern neighbourhood**

Toivo Klaar, EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia, European External Action Service

Lawrence Meredith, Director for Neighbourhood East and Institution Building, DG NEAR, European Commission

Orysia Lutsevych, Head and Research Fellow, Ukraine Forum, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

Moderation: Dr Stefan Meister, Head of Programme, International Order and Democracy, DGAP