

**Expert meeting and public discussion “Economic Influence of the EU and
Russia on the Eastern Partnership States”,
Riga, 21st-22nd October**

21st October 2015

Restaurant “Neiburgs”; 25 Jauniela, Riga

19.30: Informal working dinner with organisers and supporters

22nd October 2015

Part I: Latvian Institute of International Affairs, meeting room; 21 Pils iela, Riga

10.00-13.00: Exchange of views: Evaluating the Economic Presence of the EU and Russia in the Eastern Neighbourhood

10.00-12.00: Expert discussion

12.00-13.00: Light lunch

13.00-14.00: Break, walk to the venue of the public discussion

Part II: the EU House; 28 Aspazijas Boulevard, Riga

14.00-16.00: Public discussion “Eastern Neighbourhood Economies between the EU and Russia”

14.00-14.15: Introductory remarks:

Andris Spruds, Director of LIIA

Juris Poikans, Latvian Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership

14.15-15.10: Panel 1 – The European Union in Eastern Neighbourhood

David Cadier, Fellow, London School of Economics and Political Science; UK

Guillaume Van der Loo, Researcher, Centre for European Policy Studies, Ghent University; Belgium

Aldis Austers, Fellow, Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Moderators: **Gunilla Herolf**, Membe, Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences; **Andris Spruds**

The event is part of TEPSA project “Eastern Neighbours and Russia: Close links with EU citizens - ENURC”

15.10-16.00: *Panel 2 – The Eastern Neighbourhood: Diversity of Economic Aspirations and Influences*

Cornel Ciurea, Programme Director, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives “Viitorul”; Moldova

Stepan Grigoryan, Chairman of the Board, Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation; Armenia

Andrei Yeliseyeu, Analyst, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies

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16.00: *Coffee and snacks*