



**EaP security policy workshop  
under the auspices of the Austrian Presidency of the EU Council**

***Security Options of the EU's Eastern partners:  
Is there a role for neutrality?***

*November 13, 2018*

**Programme**

9.30-10.15

**Welcome remarks**

**Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belarus (TBC)**

**Amb. Thomas Buchsbaum**

*Special Envoy on the Eastern Partnership, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria*

**Mr. Yauheni Preiherman**


*Head, Minsk Dialogue Track-II Initiative, Belarus*

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10.15-12.15

**Session 1. Neutrality and non-alignment: the cases of Austria, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, and Malta**

**Prof. Dr. Heinz Gärtner**

*International Institute for Peace (IIP) and University of Vienna, Chair of the Advisory Committee for Strategy and Security Policy of the Scientific Commission at the Austrian Armed Forces (BMLV)*

**Prof. Kjell Engelbrekt**

*Swedish Defence University, Sweden*

**Dr. Suvi Kansikas**

*University of Helsinki, Finland*

**Dr. Paul Widmer**

*University of St. Gallen, Switzerland*

**Ms. Alberta Borg**

*Embassy of Malta to Austria*

Moderator

**Mr. Dzianis Melyantsou**

*Programme Coordinator, Minsk Dialogue Track-II Initiative, Belarus*

12.30-13.30

**Lunch**

13.30-15.30

**Session 2. Is there a role for neutrality in the Eastern partner countries?**

**Dr. Anahit Nalbandyan**

*Defense Policy Division, National Security Office of Armenia*

**Mr. Ilgar Gurbanov**

*Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan*

**Mr. Yauheni Preiherman**


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**Dr. Kornely Kakachia**

*Georgian Institute of Politics; Ivane Javakhishvili State University, Georgia*

**Mr. Nikolai Tveatcov**

*Administration of the President of the Republic of Moldova*

**Amb. Volodymir Khandogyi**

*Ukrainian Foreign Policy Association; acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2009), Ukraine*

Discussants

**Dr. Carmen Scheide**

*University of Bern, Switzerland*

**Amb. Gerhard Jandl**

*Permanent Representative of Austria to the Council of Europe*

Moderator

**Mr. Marcel Roethig**

*Resident Representative Ukraine and Belarus, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Germany*

15.30-16.00

**Coffee break**

16.00-17.30

**Session 3.** *New security realities require new conceptual ideas: 'situational neutrality' as a modern security option for in-between states?*

**Mr. Dzianis Melyantsou**

*Minsk Dialogue Track-II Initiative, Belarus*

**Dr. Siarhei Bohdan**

*Free University of Berlin, Germany*

**Mr. Tevan Poghosyan**


*Advisor to the President of Armenia; International Center for Human Development, Armenia*

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*Administration of the President of the Republic of Moldova*

**Mr. Benno Zogg**

*Centre for Security Studies (CSS) ETH Zurich, Switzerland*

**Dr. Paul Hansbury**

*Minsk Dialogue Track-II Initiative, UK*

Moderator

**Dr. Wolfgang Sender**

*Country Director Belarus, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Germany*

17.30-17.45

**Concluding remarks**

18.45-20.00

**Evening public discussion.** *Is there a place for neutrality in today's international relations?*

**Venue:** Crowne Plaza Hotel (13 Kirava str.)

**Format:** on-the-record evening panel discussion

**Participants:** the workshop's participants + broader foreign policy community in Minsk (including MPs, academics, policy experts, journalists, and representatives of foreign embassies)

**Languages:** English and Russian (with simultaneous interpretation)

Welcome remarks

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20.00-21.00 **Buffet reception**


**November 14**  
Morning excursion

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