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Special guest:

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Speakers:

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- **Jean-Pierre Froehly** - Senior Political Adviser/Head of Director's Office (ODIHR), Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Germany
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- **Vitaly Portnikov** - Co-Chairman, Polish-Ukrainian Forum for Partnership, Ukraine

Introductory presentation:

- **Vasyl Yurchyshyn** - Director of Economic Programs, Razumkov Centre for Economic & Political Studies, Ukraine

18:00 - 18:10 COFFEE BREAK

12:30 - 13:30 THEMATIC BLOCK

The Role of Ukrainian Diaspora in Building the European Economy

For the last few years many specialists and workers from Ukraine have emigrated to the European Union in search of employment. The Ukrainian diaspora is an organised, hardworking and diligent society. In Poland and other EU states it constitutes a vital part of human capital. How to fully unlock its potential?

PRESENTATION

Migrant Workers in Poland: Current Challenges and Potential Coalitions of Interest

Host:

- **Myroslava Keryk** - President of the Board, Our Choice Foundation, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

The Role of Ukrainian Diaspora in Building the European Economy

Moderator:

- **Natalia Stercul**, Programme Director, Foreign Policy Association of Moldova (APE), Republic of Moldova

Speakers:

- **Stepan Shakhno** - Vice-Chair of the London Branch, Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, United Kingdom
- **Ludwik Szakiel** - Deputy Director of the Economic Development Department, Pomeranian Region's Marshal's Office, Poland
- **Anna Slatova** - Head of Recruitment, Foreign Personnel Service, Ukraine
- **Pawel Trefler** - Rector, The East European State University in Przemyśl, Poland
- **Nedim Useinov** - Member of Executive Committee, World Congress of Crimean Tatars, Ukraine

13:30 - 13:45 COFFEE BREAK

13:45 - 14:45 DISCUSSION PANEL

Partner:

Our Choice Foundation**Ukrainians in European Countries.
Science, Work, Economics**

The Ukrainian diaspora exists right now in almost every European country. The reason for this is a difficult financial situation in Ukraine and rapidly growing opportunities to travel, work and study abroad. The situation of Ukrainians and their activities outside Ukraine is diverse. Are stereotypes about Ukrainians abroad fair? What is their real life situation? What effect do the Ukrainians living abroad have on the image of their country? What role do foreign Ukrainians play in the life of Ukraine?

Moderator:

- **Myroslava Keryk** - President of the Board, Our Choice Foundation, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Andrzej Korkus** - CEO, EWLIT Sp. z o.o., Poland
- **Wojciech Bakun** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Ricardo Bexiga** - Deputy, Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of Friendship with Ukraine, Assembly of the Republic, Portugal
- **Jaroslava Hartyányi** - Head, Ukrainian European Congress, Ukraine
- **Jozef Lassota** - Member, Parliament, Poland

14:45 - 15:15 LUNCH

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How to Break Russian Suppliers' Domination? The Modifications on the Central and Eastern Europe's Gas Market

In 2018, the gas security of the Central European countries and Ukraine takes on new meaning. These countries are faced with modifications to the gas supply rules from Russia to Western Europe. New rules of cooperation after the reform of the gas market in Ukraine created additional challenge for the region. This situation raises both - threats and opportunities and requires a new regional strategy for interaction with key partners: the EU institutions and Russia.

STORIES OF SUCCESS

How Boris Reitschuster learned to love Moscow?

Special guest:

- **Boris Reitschuster** - Correspondent, Huffington Post Media Group, Germany

Host:

- **Boguslaw Chrabota** - Editor-in-Chief, Rzeczpospolita, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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- **Wojciech Jakobik** - Editor-in-Chief, BiznesAlert.pl, Poland

Speakers:

- **Cezary Filipowicz** - President of the Management Board, United Oilfield Services, Poland
- **Alan Riley** - Senior Fellow, Institute for Statecraft, United Kingdom
- **Victor Logatskiy** - Leading expert, Energy programmes, Razumkov Centre for Economic & Political Studies, Ukraine
- **Piotr Naimski** - Secretary of State, Government Plenipotentiary For Strategic Energy Infrastructure, Poland

Participation in discussion:

- **Adam Peziol** - Director of the Gas Plant Department in Jaslo, Polish Gas Company, Poland
- **Zaur Rasulzade** - Political Journalist, Haqqin.az, Azerbaijan

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Medical Tourism - Do We Need Foreign Patients or Do They Need Us?

Medical tourism, next to spa and wellness tourism, is an element of health tourism. The goal of incoming patients from highly developed countries is to improve health and combine it with relaxation, regeneration of physical and mental strength, visiting tourist attractions and entertainment. This gives an opportunity to develop this branch of tourism for the less economically developed EU countries and Ukraine, which can offer high quality services in the field of cardiac care, post-infarction rehabilitation and care for seniors. Can the development of medical tourism be a chance for local governments? What is the ideal model? What to do and work out?

Partner:

Ukrainian Association of Medical Tourism

PRESENTATION

Potential of Cooperation with Ukraine and Further Steps in Medical Tourism and Healthcare System Development

Host:

- **Violetta Yanyshesvska** - President, Ukrainian Association of Medical Tourism, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

Medical Tourism - Do We Need Foreign Patients or Do They Need Us?

Moderator:

- **Ewelina Mylek** - CEO, Eleven Zett Productions, Poland

Speakers:

- **Robert Bugaj** - Director of the Provincial Department, National Health Fund in Rzeszów, Poland
- **Anna Czech** - Director, St. Lucas Hospital in Tarnów, Poland
- Violetta Yanyshesvska - President, Ukrainian Association of Medical Tourism, Ukraine
- **Marek Krol** - Vice President of AHP, Medical Director, American Heart of Poland, Poland

19:10 - 19:20 BREAK

19:20 - 20:20 THEMATIC BLOCK**How to Build a Friendly Border?**

The border is the first showcase of each country. Nevertheless, the situation on the external border of EU with Ukraine doesn't look good. The border and communication infrastructure is insufficient. There is lack of border crossings. How to increase the amount of border crossings, communication links and their throughput? What economic and social problems may stand on the way of cross-border regions? How can we fight them?

PRESENTATION

Presentation of the City of Sumy

Host:

- **Stepan Pak** - Deputy Mayor, Sumy City Council, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

How to Build a Friendly Border?

Partner:

Euroregion „Dnister”

Moderator:

- **Serhii Tatusiak** - Chairman, Euroregion “Dnister”, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Leszek Buller** - Director, Center of European Projects, Poland
- **Adam Hamryszczak** - Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Poland
- **Beata Mazurek** - Deputy Speaker, Parliament, Poland
- **Vasile Romaniuc** - President, Ocnita County Council, Republic of Moldova
- **Irina Tymczyszyn** - Managing Director, Ukrainian-British City Club, United Kingdom

20:20 - 20:30 BREAK**20:30** “CARPATHIAN EUROPE OF COMMON VALUES”
AWARDS GALA AND RECEPTION

12:30 - 13:30 THEMATIC BLOCK

From Association to Customs Union? Ukraine in Search of a Realistic Model of European Integration

In September 2017 the Association Agreement between Ukraine and EU entered into force. However, the status of associated country doesn't automatically open the membership application procedure. What are the prospects for Ukraine's participation in the European integration? What actions should be taken by Kiev and its European partners to ensure Ukraine's steady growth and integration with West? Is participation in common EU politics, energy union, customs union or Schengen zone possible?

PRESENTATION

Cross-border Integration in the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Programme

Partner:

Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020

Center of European Projects

Host:

- **Lolita Gedo** - Programme Expert, Joint Technical Secretariat Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

From Association to Customs Union? Ukraine in Search of a Realistic Model of European Integration

Moderator:

- **Viktor Zamiatin** - Leading expert of Political and Legal Programmes, Razumkov Centre for Economic & Political Studies, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Victoria Bucataru** - Executive Director, Foreign Policy Association of Moldova (APE), Republic of Moldova
- **Wieslaw Czyzowicz** - Professor, WSPIA University of Rzeszów, Poland
- **Peter Wagner** - Head, Support Group for Ukraine, European Commission, Germany
- **Volodymyr Lupatsii** - Executive Director, Centre for Social Research "Sofia", Ukraine

Participation in discussion:

- **Katarzyna Kaczmarczyk-Klak** - WSPIA University of Rzeszów, Poland

13:30 - 13:45 COFFEE BREAK

13:45 - 14:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

Local Identity as an Opportunity for Tourism Development

Central European countries are still not among the most popular tourist destinations in Europe, and the quality of tourism products is still low. The question concerning the evaluation of tourism attractiveness is getting more important. Health resorts and spas can play an important role in creating tourist offer, which over the last decade have become centres of not only health, but also tourism, sport and culture. How to successfully develop the cooperation in the field of tourism and exploit the potential of the offer based on the natural and cultural heritage?

PRESENTATION

Achievements and Perspectives for the Development of "Rzeszow - Jasionka Airport"

Host:

- **Michal Tabisz** - President of the Board, "Rzeszów - Jasionka" Airport Ltd., Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

Local Identity as an Opportunity for Tourism Development

Moderator:

- **Roman Ciepiela** - Mayor, City of Tarnow, Poland

Speakers:

- **Maria Kurowska** - Deputy Marshal of the Podkarpackie Voivodeship Poland
- **Dawid Lasek** - Vice-President of the Board, Association of the Carpathian Euroregion Poland, Poland
- **Yuriy Opanashchuk** - President, Association of Hotels Union and Hotels, Ukraine
- **Jacek Rodzinka** - Director for Commercial Development, Institute for Financial Research and Analyses, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland
- **Krzysztof Staszewski** - President of the Board, Podkarpacki Development Fund LLC, Poland

14:45 - 15:15 LUNCH

15:15 - 16:15 THEMATIC BLOCK

Development of Transport Infrastructure Between Ukraine and EU Countries as an Opportunity to Strengthen Economic Ties

Building and development of transport and trans-shipment infrastructure between Ukraine and Poland, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania are in the process. Not only local passenger and freight traffic will benefit from it. It is also planned to extend the interconnection of trans-shipment bases along the eastern border of the EU and to make better use of the wide route. New connections and infrastructures will allow all countries to become more involved in international projects on Rail Carpatia and New Silk Road.

PRESENTATION

Railway Lines 102

Host:

- **Karol Gajdzik**, President, Linia102.pl, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Lukasz Malinowski** - Editor-in-Chief, Economy Consultants Group TOR, Poland

Speakers:

- **Sergey Afontsev** - Director, Economic Theory Department, Member of the Academy of Sciences, Institute for World Economy and International Relations, RAS, Russia
- **Thomas Eder** - Expert, Mercator Institute for China Studies, Germany
- **Karol Gajdzik** - President, Linia102.pl, Poland
- **Janusz Hamryszczak** - Deputy Mayor, City Hall in Przemysl, Poland
- **Bogdan Romaniuk** - Vice-Marshal, Podkarpackie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland
- **Agnes Szunomar** - Head of the Research Group on Development Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies HAS Institute of World Economics, Hungary

Participation in discussion:

- **Orest Bonk** - Chairman, The District State Administration of Stary Sambor, Ukraine

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18:10 - 19:10 THEMATIC BLOCK

Why Didn't Decentralisation Reform Change Ukraine?

The decentralisation of state power and the strengthening of local governments are considered a key reform in Ukraine. However, the decentralization reform did not significantly change the image of the country. How can the European Union and other foreign partners support the decentralization reform in Ukraine and ensure its success?

PRESENTATION

How to Ensure Success of a Decentralisation Reform?

Host:

- **Kateryna Tsybenko** - Project Manager, Transparency International Ukraine, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

Why Didn't Decentralisation Reform Change Ukraine?

Moderator:

- **Kristina Avramchenko** - Deputy Director, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Pawel Kowal** - Assistant Professor (adjunct), Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
- **Andrius Kubilius** - Former Prime Minister, Member, Seimas, Lithuania
- **Wojciech Misiag** - Professor, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland
- **Oleh Valov**, Deputy Head, Ternopil Regional State Administration, Ukraine
- **Zora Popova** - Senior Research Associate, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Germany

19:10 - 19:20 BREAK

19:20 - 20:20 THEMATIC BLOCK

Is it Possible to Separate Business from Politics? The East Central Europe Experience

The oligarchic structure of public life propels the conflict of interests between the business involvement of politicians and civil servants and their state mandate, jeopardising the economic development and reforms, not only in Ukraine. What is the impact of oligarchs on politics? How should the relationship between business and politics be regulated?

DISCUSSION

Polish Managers in the Ukrainian Reality

Guest:

- **Wojciech Balczun**, Owner, WZB Trade, Poland

Host:

- **Boguslaw Chrabota**, Editor-in-Chief, Rzeczpospolita, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

Is it Possible to Separate Business from Politics? The East Central Europe Experience

Moderator:

- **Valeriy Vorotin** - Head of the Department, Legislation Institute of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Yuriy Derevyanko** - MP, Supreme Council, Ukraine
- **Joachim Diec** - Associate Professor, Jagiellonian University, Poland
- **Nikola Medic** - Senior Associate, BTP Advisers, United Kingdom
- **Boguslaw Sonik** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Andrzej Szlachta** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Tomasz Tluczek** - Managing Partner, Tluczek & Partnerzy Law Chamber, Poland

20:20 - 20:30 BREAK

20:30 "CARPATHIAN EUROPE OF COMMON VALUES"
AWARDS GALA AND RECEPTION

12:30 - 13:30 DISCUSSION PANEL

New Silk Road on the Transcontinental Transport Corridors' Map

The Chinese concept of the New Silk Road involves building a network of connections between the rapidly growing western part of China and Europe. The project focuses primarily on the creation of transport infrastructure and logistics. Especially interesting for Central and Eastern European countries is its southern corridor which runs through Central Asia and Southern Caucasus. How can the countries of Central and Eastern Europe make the best use of this project for their development?

Special guest:

- **Andrzej Adamczyk** - Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland

Moderator:

- **Jaroslav Kociszewski** - Journalist, Wirtualna Polska S.A., Poland

Speakers:

- **Yaroslav Bolzhelarskyi** - Director, Lviv Branch of the Dnepropetrovsk National Railway Transport University, Ukraine
- **Andrzej Rosinski** - CEO, Waimea Holding S.A., Poland
- **Dariusz Stefaniuk** - Mayor, Biala Podlaska City Council, Poland
- **Stanislaw Zmijan** - Member, Parliament, Poland

13:30 - 13:45 COFFEE BREAK

13:45 - 14:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

Cooperation of the Three Seas Initiative's Countries. Will Ukraine Remain on the Sidelines?

The Three Seas Initiative, which involves 12 countries of Central and Eastern Europe, is growing popular. New challenges for these states create the need for better cooperation in the field of transport or energy. Nevertheless, Ukraine – interested in this collaboration – is not a part of it. Is Kiev's involvement in the Three Seas Initiative possible? What action should be taken so that the development strategy of infrastructure and energy projects could include Ukraine?

PRESENTATION

Construction of Highways in Poland

Special guest:

- **Andrzej Adamczyk** - Minister, Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland

Host:

- **Michał Karnowski** - Poland Fratria, Member of the Board, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

Cooperation of the Three Seas Initiative's Countries. Will Ukraine Remain on the Sidelines?

Moderator:

- **Olena Babakova** - Journalist, European Pravda, Poland

Speakers:

- **Antonia Colibasanu** - Senior Geopolitical Analyst, Active Compete & Geopolitical Futures, Romania
- **Oleksandr Chalyi** - President, Grant Thornton, Ukraine
- **Pablo Gonzalez** - Journalist, Spain
- **Zbigniew Krysiak** - Professor/President, Institute of Schuman's Thought, Poland
- **Timothy Less** - Associate Researcher, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom
- **Bogdan Rzonca** - Member, Parliament, Poland

14:45 - 15:15 LUNCH

15:15 - 16:15 THEMATIC BLOCK

Cohesion of the Transatlantic Community. Has it Stood the Test of 2017?

It has been one year since the new American administration took over. The directions have changed, but contrary to Europe's concerns, it has not been left alone in the security area. There was no 'deal' between Russia and the United States at the expense of Ukraine. Because of its location, experiences and potential, Central Europe is interested in developing the European Defence abilities and in strengthening the bonds with the United States. Are the Central European ties and friendship with the USA as well as the characteristics of this region, reinforcing or weakening the transatlantic coherence?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Ukrainian Economy on the Way to Consolidation

Special guest:

- **Anatoliy Kinakh** - President, Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, Ukraine

Host:

- **Jacek Kluczowski** - Institute for Eastern European Studies, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Roman Imielski** - National Editor, Gazeta Wyborcza Daily, Poland

Speakers:

- **Monika Bartos** - Member, National Assembly, Hungary
- **Lucian Dirdala** - Profesor, Center of European Studies, University "Alexandru Ioan CUZA" Iasi, Romania
- **Andrii Yermolaiev** - Director, Institute for Strategic Studies "New Ukraine", Ukraine
- **Rasa Jukneviene** - Member, Seimas, Lithuania
- **Olexander Motsyk** - Minsk Contact Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
- **Andrew Spannaus** - Director, Transatlantico.info, Italy

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Introductory presentation:

- **Vasyl Yurchyshyn** - Director of Economic Programs, Razumkov Centre for Economic & Political Studies, Ukraine

18:00 - 18:10 COFFEE BREAK

18:10 - 19:10 THEMATIC BLOCK

What Can Be the Price for Détente in Russia-West Relations and Who is Going to Pay for It?

The West, Russia and Ukraine are trying to maintain political dialogue, looking for ways to reduce tension. Is it possible under present conditions to restore trust in relations between states and find a satisfactory solution? Is it necessary and possible to change the negotiations format? What are the limits of this dialogue and is it possible that in consequence it will bring the superpowers to an agreement at the expense of the Ukrainians?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Association with the EU and what next?

Special guest:

- **Vitaly Portnikov** - Co-Chairman, Polish-Ukrainian Forum for Partnership, Ukraine

Host:

- **Jacek Kluczkowski** - Institute for Eastern European Studies, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Gulliver Cragg** - Correspondent, France 24, France

Speakers:

- **Gints Amoliņš** - International News Reporter, Public Broadcasting, Latvia
- **Andras Gyorgy Deak** - Head of Research Group, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies HAS Institute of World Economics, Hungary
- **Boris Guseletov** - Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Europe RAS, Russia
- **Dietmar Stüdemann** - Ambassador (2000-2006); Senior Adviser, German Foreign Office; Deutsche Bank, Germany
- **Vadim Triukhan** - Head of Executive Board, NGO "European Movement Ukraine", Ukraine

Participation in discussion:

- **Oleksiy Melnyk** - Co-director, Foreign Relations and International Security Programmes, Razumkov Centre for Economic & Political Studies, Ukraine

19:10 - 19:20 BREAK

19:20 - 20:20 THEMATIC BLOCK

Prospects for the Revival of the Black Sea - Caspian Partnership and Cooperation

The Caspian Region includes regional leaders like Iran, Azerbaijan or Kazakhstan. The region is rich in natural resources, it also possesses independent trade routes to Europe. For these states, regional partnership with countries of the Black Sea basin already being members of the EU, as well as the associated ones, is an important part of cooperation with the whole European continent. How can the Caspian Region states strengthen the cooperation with GUAM?

PRESENTATION

Eastern Dimension of the Intermarium Project

Host:

- **Oleh Soskin** - Director, Institute of Society Transformation, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

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20:20 - 20:30 BREAK

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12:30 - 13:30 DISCUSSION PANEL

Healthcare System Reforms

Finding a way to make the healthcare system more efficient and more effective is an extremely complicated task. Healthcare reform is a common challenge for many countries in Central and Eastern Europe. What is the most important today - increasing funds for healthcare, establishing new legal regulations, or maybe finding new structural and organisational solutions? Does the development of private healthcare help to provide better care for the average citizen?

Moderator:

- **Ewelina Mylek** - CEO, Eleven Zett Productions, Poland

Speakers:

- **Stanislaw Kruczek** - Member of the Board, Podkarpackie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland
- **Konstanty Radziwill** - Senator, Senate, Poland
- **Krystyna Skowronska** - Member of Parliament, Parliament, Poland
- **Serhii Shevchuk** - Chairman, Foundation "Health for All", Ukraine

Participation in discussion:

- **Barbara Zych** - Director, Public Healthcare Unit, Patient Care Department in Tarnobrzeg, Poland

13:30 - 13:45 COFFEE BREAK

13:45 - 14:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

Foreign Advisers, Experts and Managers. Unsuccessful Experiment?

What is international support for reforms in Ukraine today - consulting, financial assistance or modeling of development? After the victory of the "revolution of dignity" in 2014, Ukrainian authorities accelerated reforms in the country. The process of change, however, faces continuous obstacles. The Ukrainian government operate under the constant pressure of their own society and foreign partners. What is the cause of the delay? What could be the role of international support and foreign advisors today and tomorrow?

PRESENTATION

Transformation of Ukraine – a Role of International Partners and Civil Society

Host:

- **Mykhaylo Khariy** - Coordinator, National Forum "Transformation of Ukraine", Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Adam Cichocki** - CEO, Brad Management Consulting Sp. z o.o., Poland

Speakers:

- **Maksym Ferenc** - Managing Partner, Ferenc&Kuczyński, Poland
- **Michal Lebduska** - Research Fellow, Association for International Affairs - AMO, Czech Republic
- **Paweł Samecki** - Member of the Board, National Bank of Poland, Poland
- **Bart Tkaczyk** - Managing Member, Energizers LLC, United Kingdom

14:45 - 15:15 LUNCH

15:15 - 16:15 THEMATIC BLOCK**Startup Session 1**

Over the last few years, startups have become one of the hottest economic topics. However, it's not only about fashion, but above all about the possibility of real impact on the company's development and implementation of passions, talents and skills by young entrepreneurs. Startup Session organized within Economic Accelerator, the new initiative by Institute of Eastern Studies, gives the opportunity to present ideas by entrepreneurs in front of the conference guests and compete for the award of the Expert Committee and the audience - performance during the Economic Forum in Krynica as a part of the Startup Session Elite. We encourage not only to listen to the presentation, but also to vote for the best startup of the Europe-Ukraine Forum.

Moderator:

- **Jakub Kajmowicz** - Deputy Editor-in-Chief, energetyka24.com / Grupa De-fence24, Poland

Startups' presentations:

- **PNP Systems**
- **ControlCold**
- **JITIV**
- **ASPAE**
- **WiseGlass**

16:15 - 16:45 DISCUSSION**Locality: a Gateway to Success?**

Special guest:

- **Mirosław Bieniecki** - President, The Slaughter Race Foundation, Poland

Host:

- **Michał Karnowski** - Member of the Board, Fratria, Poland

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Have We Lost Objective Journalism for Good?

Some political forces and some of the countries openly focus on the manipulation of information and on the creation of false content. Organisations are created to defend impartiality and reliable journalism. At the same time, however, quite a large group of media outlets as well as commentators see themselves as performers of a specific mission by undertaking a struggle for the values they hold, by all means, including those unethical. Is it possible to win the fight for objectivity in the media?

Moderator:

- **Stephane Siohan** - Correspondant, Le Figaro & Le Temps & Le Soir, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Roman Imielski** - National Editor, Gazeta Wyborcza Daily, Poland
- **Drazen Korda** - Journalist, Croatian Radio, Croatia
- **Maria Serena Natale** - Journalist, Corriere della Sera, Italy
- **Michal Potocki** - Journalist, Gazeta Prawna Daily, Poland
- **Elzbieta Zielinska** - Member, Parliament, Poland

19:10 - 19:20 BREAK

19:20 - 20:20 DISCUSSION PANEL

“Load Computer Weapons!” New Challenges for Information Security in Europe

Over the last two years, we have seen the new face of war that the Russian Federation declared to the Western world. Media support for Brexit and European separatisms, interference in American elections, promotion of extreme political forces, systematic hacking of websites of European government institutions, powerful cyber-attack against Ukraine, distribution of disinformation and propaganda - these are only some of Russian actions aimed at destabilisation of the democratic world. What way will the European countries choose to win the information war against such a strong opponent? Should the fight against the Russian propaganda and cyber offensive proceed from Brussels or from the member states?

Moderator:

- **Andrzej Klimczak** - Editor-in-Chief, Polish Journalists Association, Poland

Speakers:

- **Vitaly Portnikov** - Co-Chairman, Polish-Ukrainian Forum for Partnership, Ukraine
- **Boris Reitschuster** - Correspondent, Huffington Post Media Group, Germany
- **Ondrej Soukup** - Editor, Hospodarske Noviny, Czech Republic
- **Dmytro Zolotukhin** - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Information Policy of Ukraine, Ukraine

Participation in discussion:

- **Yuriy Banakhevych** - Correspondent, Ukrinform, Ukraine

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16:15 - 16:45 DISCUSSION

Ukraine in International Politics – Yesterday and Today

Special guest:

- **Jan Krzysztof Bielecki** - Chairman of the Partners Board, EY, Poland

Host:

- **Zygmunt Berdychowski** - Chairman of the Economic Forum Programme Council, Institute for Eastern Studies, Poland

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18:10 - 19:10 SPECIAL EVENT

Presentation of the “Prisoners of Kremlin. Invisible Victims of Undeclared War” Exhibition

Moderator:

- **Mykhailo Gonchar** - President, Center for Global Studies “Strategy XXI”, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Olga Gryb** - Relatives of the Kremlin’s Political Prisoners, Ukraine
- **Ihor Gryb** - Relatives of the Kremlin’s Political Prisoners Association, Ukraine
- **Igor Kotelianets** - Relatives of the Kremlin’s Political Prisoners Association, Ukraine
- **Olha Reshetylova (Kobylenska)** - Media Initiative For Human Rights, Ukraine
- **Mariia Tomak** - Media Initiative For Human Rights, Ukraine
- **Nedim Useinov** - World Congress of Crimean Tatars, Ukraine

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19:45 STARTUPS & EXHIBITORS AWARDS GALA / RECEPTION

09:30 - 10:30 DISCUSSION PANEL

Eastern Partnership: New Ideas for a New Reality

The Eastern Partnership needs some modifications. This issue was discussed during another initiative's summit in Brussels. Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Belarus, Armenia and Azerbaijan work in different speeds within the initiative. Some of the members of EP have implemented association and free trade agreements. The rest of the group focus more on the economy issues. What is to be done to make The Eastern Partnership the platform of more active multilateral cooperation? What role does the Eastern Partnership have in the current geopolitical situation?

Moderator:

- **Krzysztof Eckhardt** - Head of the Department of Constitutional Law and International Relations, WSPIA University of Rzeszów, Poland

Speakers:

- **Hrant Bagratyan** - Professor, Russian - Armenian (Slavonic) State University, Armenia
- **Vasyl Bodnar** - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
- **Wiesław Janczyk** - Secretary of State, Ministry of Finance, Poland
- **Mariusz Kasprzyk** - Director of European Project Implementation Centre, Ministry of the Interior and Administration, Poland
- **Matti Maasikas** - Undersecretary of State for European Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia

10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

Competitiveness of Cities and Regions. In Search of Ways of the Development Acceleration in Central and Eastern Europe

Strengthening competitiveness is an important goal of economic policy in majority of Central and eastern European countries. This applies not only to products, companies but also regions, cities and local communities. Local authorities and potential investors are looking for a way to accurately identify and present the advantages of the region and the city as a place for investment, residence and tourist arrivals. How to effectively promote the region and who should be involved in the promotion?

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Ternopil Oblast

Host:

- **Oleh Valov** - Deputy Head, Ternopil Regional State Administration, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

Competitiveness of Cities and Regions. In Search of Ways of the Development Acceleration in Central and Eastern Europe

Moderator:

- **Nina Chala** - Professor, National University of "Kiev-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Bohdan Bilyk** - Vice Mayor, Executive Committee of Ivano-Frankivsk City Council, Ukraine
- **Wojciech Borzym** - Mayor, Drohiczyn City Council, Poland
- **Tadeusz Ferenc** - Mayor, City of Rzeszów, Poland
- **Zdzisław Gawlik** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Rafał Szyndlauer** - Political and Legal Adviser, European Commission Representation in Poland, Belgium

Participation in discussion:

- **Agnieszka Pieniazek** - President of the Board, Association for Development and Promotion of Podkarpacie "Pro Carpathia", Poland

11:45 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00 THEMATIC BLOCK

Has Immigration from Ukraine Changed the European Labour Market?

Partner:

Greygoose Outsourcing Ltd.

Labour migrants from Ukraine are increasingly employed in the European Union. This is the result of the impoverishment of Ukrainian society as a consequence of Russian aggression on this country. The expansion of economic and social ties between Ukraine and European countries as well as the liberalization of the visa regime results growing of labour migration as well. In some countries, they are the main group among foreign workers. What impact will this have on the EU labour market?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Local government - recipe for success

Special guest:

- **Tadeusz Ferenc** - Mayor, City of Rzeszów, Poland

Host:

- **Krzysztof Gawkowski** - Vice President, Democratic Left Alliance, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Marek Cierpial-Wolan** - Director, Statistical Office in Rzeszow, University of Rzeszow, Poland

Speakers:

- **Mariusz Bednarz** - President of the Board, Rzeszow Agency of Regional Development, Poland
- **Alice Hamilton** - Research Officer, The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Ireland
- **Pawel Kulaga** - CEO, Greygoose Outsourcing Ltd., Poland
- **Wiesław Lyszczek**, Chief Labour Inspector, National Labour Inspectorate, Poland
- **Stanisław Szwed** - Secretary of State, Ministry of Family, Labour and Social Policy, Poland
- **Vasyl Voskoboinyk** - President, All-Ukrainian Association of International Employment Companies, Ukraine

13:00 - 13:15 BREAK

13:15 - 14:15 THEMATIC BLOCK

Thresholds and Barriers in Trade and Investment International Cooperation

With the entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement between Ukraine and the EU, the trade between them is increasing significantly. Who will benefit of it? Taking into account the huge needs in the field of economic and social infrastructure in Ukraine, will normalisation of economic life, improving the investment climate, implementation of European standards open up new opportunities for foreign investors? What factors in the EU and Ukraine encourage the activity of European companies on the Ukrainian market?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Romania, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine – Social and Economic Cooperation on Local and Regional Level

Special guest:

- **Dumitru-Tudor Jijie** - Executive Director, Association Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru, Romania

Host:

- **Krzysztof Gawkowski** - Vice President, Democratic Left Alliance, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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- **Jerzy Kwiecinski** - Minister, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Poland

Moderator:

- **Jacek Piechota** - President of the Board, Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Poland

Speakers:

- **Liubov Akulenko** - Executive Director, Ukrainian Centre for European Policy (UCEP), Ukraine
- **Lukasz Cywinski** - Academic Teacher, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland

- **Mark Alexander Friedrich** - Manager, Metro Group, Germany
- **Anatoliy Kinakh** - President, Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, Ukraine
- **Marta Poltorak** - Chairwoman, Marma Polskie Folie Sp. z o.o., Poland

14:15 - 14:45 LUNCH

14:45 - 15:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

How to Effectively Pursue Regional Development Policy?

An effective policy aimed at promoting and developing a region is a challenge for authorities and investors. Appropriate distinction of the region's greatest advantages increases its competitiveness and the potential to acquire new investments and funds. What are the best development practices in the region? How can modern promotion tools help the dynamic development?

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Zhytomyr Oblast

Host:

- **Viktor Gradiivskiy** - Head of Department, Zhytomyr Regional State Administration, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Olena Snihova** - Senior Research Fellow, Associate Professor, National Academy of Science, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Wojciech Buczak** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Ewa Draus** - Chairman of the Committee on Regional Development, Podkarpackie Voivodeship Council, Poland
- **Kamil Niklewicz** - Chairman of the Board, Przemyska Agency for Regional Development, Poland
- **Jerzy Polaczek** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Igor Vdovenko** - Head, Chernihiv Regional Council, Ukraine

15:45 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 17:00 THEMATIC BLOCK

European Agricultural Market. Is There a Place for Ukraine?

The main effect of Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU is the progressive opening of the markets. The agricultural production is also part of this process but only to a limited extent. Exports are helped by the weak national currency and progressive modernization of agriculture and processing industry. It opens the way to success for Ukrainian farmers both at home and abroad. How big is currently the potential of Ukrainian farming? Should European manufacturers be afraid of it?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Business, Philanthropy, Culture and Sport – Where There's a Will There's a Way

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Host:

- **Roman Imielski** - National Editor, Gazeta Wyborcza Daily, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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- **Yuriy Panchenko** - Editor, European Pravda, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Marek Jurkiewicz** - President of the Board, RZD RES-DROB Sp. z o.o.
- **Leonid Kozachenko** - The head of the Subcommittee on Economic and Financial Policies in the agricultural sector of the Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations, Supreme Council, Ukraine
- **Dariusz Sapinski** - President of the Board, SM Mlekovita, Poland
- **Harald von Witzke** - Professor, The Humboldt Forum for Food and Agriculture, Germany

Participation in discussion:

- **Ewelina Nycz** - Director of Product Development and Promotion Subcarpathian Flavours Cluster Manager, Association for Development and Promotion of Podkarpacie "Pro Carpathia", Poland

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Who Benefits From the Liberalisation of Trade Between the European Union and its Eastern Neighbours?

Under the free trade agreement between Ukraine and the EU, customs and administrative restrictions are gradually reduced, so the volume of trade is rapidly increasing. How do the European Union countries and its new associate partners in Eastern Europe benefit from this agreement? Is it possible to achieve the symmetry of mutual benefits? Which sectors of the economy are facing new challenges and which are standing chances for accelerated development?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

A Milky Way towards Europe

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- **Dariusz Sapinski** - President of the Board, SM Mlekovita, Poland

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- **Dominik Lazarz** - Press Officer UITM, Deputy Head of the European Documentation Centre, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland

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- **Ziemowit Ekiert** - President, Acuaris Consulting, Poland
- **Radoslaw Ostrowski** - Managing Director, AXELO Ostrowski Domagalski i Wspólnicy sp. k., Poland
- **Iaroslav Romanchuk** - Chairman of the Board, Association of Ukrainian Business in Poland, Ukraine
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9:30 - 10:30 THEMATIC BLOCK

The Peripheral Development Syndrome. How to Build an Innovative Economy?

For some time now, many Central and Eastern European countries have noticed a possible danger of a peripheral development. In order to avoid it, they try to invest in new innovative technologies and adapt to current trends in the global economy. Implementing innovative solutions into traditional economy sectors improves their competitiveness. However, effective mechanisms of cooperation between businesses, state authorities and universities must be created and ensured. Can Ukraine, and other countries from the region, accelerate the increase of theirs innovativeness?

PRESENTATION

Taxes and Trust: From Coercion to Compliance in Poland, Russia and Ukraine

Special guest:

- **Marc Berenson** - Senior Lecturer at the King's Russia Institute, King's College London, United Kingdom

Host:

- **Yaroslav Zhalilo** - Chief of Economic Programs, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

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- **Jock Mendoza-Wilson** - Director of International and Investor Relations, System Capital Management, Ukraine
- **Krzysztof Slezak** - Director, Industrial Development Agency JSC, Branch Office in Mielec, Poland

10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

What Have We Achieved Together? What Lies Ahead?

Partner:

Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020

Center of European Projects

The 3rd edition of the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Programme (2014-2020) has rapidly entered the advanced stage of implementation. Most of the Programme allocation has been distributed, successive grant contracts are being signed and implemented. How has the Polish-Ukrainian cooperation evolved over the past editions of the programme? Is the direction of the borderland development stable since the programme inception in 2003, or do its consecutive editions and projects cover different aspects? Finally, are the objectives and the schedule of the Polish-Ukrainian cross-border cooperation clearly marked out?

PRESENTATION

Regional and Local Development in the Poland-Belarus-Ukraine Programme

Host:

- **Stanislaw Bielanski** - Team Leader - Programme Unit, Joint Technical Secretariat Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Pawel Slowikowski** - Head of the JTS, Joint Technical Secretariat Cross-border Cooperation Programme Poland-Belarus-Ukraine 2014-2020, Poland

Speakers:

- **Leszek Buller** - Director, Center of European Projects, Poland
- **Oleksandr Hanushchyn** - Chairman, Lviv Regional Council, Ukraine
- **Jerzy Kwiecinski** - Minister, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Poland
- **Władysław Ortyl** - Marshal, Podkarpackie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland

11:45 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00 DISCUSSION PANEL

Sport and Politics

Sport is a very important area of modern public diplomacy. Many countries invest in competitive sports as a way of promotion in the international area. Leading athletes are often the best ambassadors of their countries and sport achievements are legible for everyone all over the world. Local communities and business are involved in joint organisation of sports events. Is experience of UEFA Euro 2012 worth following?

Moderator:

- **Tomasz Leyko** - Spokesperson, Podkarpackie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland

Speakers:

- **Mieczysław Kazimierz Baszko** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Pavlo Bulhak** - Advisor to the Minister, Ministry for Youth and Sports of Ukraine, Ukraine
- **Jerzy Meysztowicz** - Member, Parliament, Chairman of the Economic and Development Parliamentary Commission, Poland
- **Jarosław Stawiarski** - Secretary of State Ministry of Sport and Tourism, Poland

13:00 - 13:15 BREAK

13:15 - 14:15 DISCUSSION PANEL

How to Effectively Use the Possibilities of the Arms Industry Cooperation?

The factors such as changes in the geopolitical situation in Eastern Europe, unrest in the Middle East and pressure by the new American administration, have changed many countries' attitude towards their defence spending. Ukrainian arms industry seeks new partners. What are the prospects for joint European armament projects and cooperation in such a sensitive area?

Moderator:

- **Jarosław Kociszewski** - Journalist, Wirtualna Polska S.A., Poland

Speakers:

- **Oleg Dubish** - First Vice-President, Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Ukraine
- **Paweł Poncyłjusz** - Advisor of the Board, WB Electronics, Poland
- **Katarzyna Rawska** - Senior Lecturer, Expert, State Higher School of Technology and Economics in Jarosław, Poland
- **Andrzej Zyluk** - Scientific Research Deputy Director, Air Force Institute of Technology, Poland

14:15 - 14:45 COFFEE BREAK

14:45 - 15:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

Towards Modernisation of the Education System

For several years we have been observing an increasingly massive migration of young people from Ukraine to study in Western Europe. Providing high quality education and appropriate study programmes is one of the priorities of European universities. This is related, among other things, to the growing requirements for candidates on the labour market. Is it possible to create a European-Ukrainian educational platform that will reduce brain drain and support integration processes?

PRESENTATION

The Gaude Polonia Programme - A Successful Attempt in Promoting Polish Culture

Introductory Presentation:

- **Bogumiła Berdychowska** - Editor, "Więź" quarterly, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

Towards Modernisation of Education System

Moderator:

- **Oleg Vostrykh** - President, Foundation "High School of Professional Politics", Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Igor Tsependa** - Rector, Vasyl Stefanyk Ciscarpathian National University, Ukraine
- **Jozefa Hrynkiewicz** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Jerzy Posluszny** - Rector, WSPIA University of Rzeszów, Poland
- **Yuriy Rashkevych** - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, Ukraine
- **Artur Warzocha** - Senator, Vice-President of the Commission of Connection with Polish Community Abroad, Senate, Poland

15:45 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 17:00 THEMATIC BLOCK**Startup Session 2**

Over the last few years, startups have become one of the hottest economic topics. However, it's not only about Over the last few years, startups have become one of the hottest economic topics. However, it's not only about fashion, but above all about the possibility of real impact on the company's development and implementation of passions, talents and skills by young entrepreneurs. Startup Session organized within Economic Accelerator, the new initiative by Institute of Eastern Studies, gives the opportunity to present ideas by entrepreneurs in front of the conference guests and compete for the award of the Expert Committee and the audience - performance during the Economic Forum in Krynica as a part of the Startup Session Elite. We encourage not only to listen to the presentation, but also to vote for the best startup of the Europe-Ukraine Forum.

Startups' presentations:

- **Navegante,**
- **Aero Tower,**
- **OX Areny VR,**
- **UVI**

17:00 - 17:15 COFFEE BREAK**17:15 - 18:15** DISCUSSION PANEL

The Role of Regions in Strengthening Cross-Border Cooperation in Central and Eastern Europe

A partnership between cross-border regions is a crucial element of the cooperation. The combination of their capabilities and resources can increase the investment attractiveness of the entire macroregion. How to strengthen cross-border cooperation? How to make the border a space that connects and brings closer regions, peoples and cultures.

Moderator:

- **Jerzy Cyprys** - Chairman, Podkarpackie Voivodeship Council, Poland

Speakers:

- **Robert Choma** - Mayor, Przemysl, Poland
- **Dumitru-Tudor Jijie** - Executive Director, Association Euroregion Siret-Prut-Nistru, Romania
- **Mieczyslaw Kasprzak** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Jerzy Kwiecinski** - Minister, Ministry of Investment and Economic Development, Poland
- **Oleg Synyutka** - Head, Lviv Regional State Administration, Ukraine

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9:30 - 10:30 DISCUSSION PANEL

Partner:

We Are the New Europeans AISBL

Integration or Disintegration. Where is Europe Going?

The European Union faces the necessity of strengthening its political and economic role in the world, although it is still struggling with internal divisions. In many countries, there are groups opposed to the European integration. Separatism, nationalism and populism question the need for efforts to build a common future of Europeans. Is the concept of "multi-speed Europe" the answer for the European community? Is the future enlargement of the Union to include the countries of the Western Balkans and the Eastern Partnership possible? And if it is – when?

Moderator:

- **Tadeusz Markowski** - Rector, Rzeszow University of Technology, Poland

Speakers:

- **Vjekoslav Camber** - Director, Office of the Government of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for European Integration, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Roger Casale** - Founder and CEO, New Europeans, United Kingdom
- **Gordana Comic** - Deputy Speaker, National Assembly, Serbia
- **Sergiy Datsiuk** - Philosopher, Ukraine
- **Ryszard Terlecki** - Vice Speaker, Parliament, Poland

Participation in discussion :

- **Kazimierz Lankosz** - Professor, WSPIA University of Rzeszów, Poland

10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

Energy Security: Markets, Politics, Technologies

Energy security remains a major challenge for Europe. Markets operational capacity is one of the crucial elements of this safety. In addition, it can't be discussed without taking into consideration the current political situation. Ukraine wants its own security and to be a partner in building the EU energy security - as a transit country and exporter. What is the current situation? What is the role of Poland, Ukraine and the European Union in this process?

DISCUSSION

Strategy for the Development of the Energy Sector in Poland

Special guest:

- **Andrzej Jacek Piotrowski** - Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Energy, Poland

Host:

- **Boguslaw Chrabota** - Editor-in-Chief, Rzeczpospolita, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

Energy Security: Markets, Politics, Technologies

Moderator:

- **Jakub Kajmowicz** - Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Energetyka24.com / Grupa Defence24, Poland

Speakers:

- **Mykhailo Gonchar** - President, Center for Global Studies "Strategy XXI", Ukraine
- **Michal Kornasiewicz** - Managing Partner, Dziejdzic Kowalski Kornasiewicz & Partners, Poland
- **Peter O'Brien** - Ukraine Country Manager, EuroCape New Energy, USA
- **Andrzej Jacek Piotrowski** - Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Energy, Poland
- **Slawomir Raszewski** - Senior Research Associate, King's College London, United Kingdom
- **Reka Szemerkenyi** - Central Europe Private Aviation (CEPA), Hungary

11:45 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00 DISCUSSION PANEL

Russian Hybrid Aggression Against the Free World and Democracy Continues. Can It Be Effectively Counteracted?

The Russian Federation continues its aggressive policy of exerting influence on other countries through a combination of propaganda, military and economic pressure, as well as open violence. In 2017 the world was shocked by the scale of Russian interference in the electoral processes in the USA and some other countries. The Kremlin also made direct attempts to destabilise the situation in many countries maintaining the pro-Western course. The Russian military, economic and propaganda aggression towards Ukraine continues all the time. How can the countries of our region effectively overcome this pressure?

Moderator:

- **Michał Kacwicz** - Journalist, Newsweek Polska, Poland

Speakers:

- **Victor Hvozď** - President, Independent Analytical Center For Geopolitical Studies BORYSFEN INTEL, Ukraine
- **Radu Gheorghe Magdin** - CEO, Smartlink Communications, Romania
- **Yevhen Mahda** - Executive Director, Institute of World Policy, Ukraine
- **Maciej Milczanowski** - Director of the National Security Department, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland
- **Cécile Vaissié** - Professor - Head of Russian Studies Department, Rennes 2 University, France

Commentator:

- **Gianluigi Donelli** - Journalist, Radio 24, Italy

13:00 - 13:15 BREAK

13:15 - 14:15 THEMATIC BLOCK

Not only Crimea and Donbas. Who Does Not Want a Lasting Solution to the Frozen Conflicts?

What can the international community do when international law is ineffective and states regulate contentious issues through force? The so-called frozen conflicts, which do not solve anything but only keep the tensions up, have become more and more frequent in recent years. Recently, the issue of Crimea, illegally annexed by the Russian Federation, and the case of Donbas occupied by Russian mercenaries, have been added to the long list of frozen conflicts. What are the possible solutions for this problem?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Living a Life in a War Zone

Special guest:

- **Pavlo Zhebrivskyi** - Chairman, Donetsk Regional State Administration, Ukraine

Host:

- **Jacek Kluczkowski** - Institute for Eastern European Studies, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Markus Meckel** - Senior Associate Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Germany

Speakers:

- **Audronius Azubalis** - Member, Seimas, Lithuania
- **Neil Barnett** - CEO, Istok Associates Limited, United Kingdom
- **Zbigniew Gryglas** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Andrey Okara** - Director, Centre for Eastern European Studies, Russia
- **Pavlo Rudyakov** - Expert for the Balkans, World History Institute of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine
- **Mykhailo Samus** - Deputy Director for International Relations, Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies, Ukraine

14:15 - 14:45 LUNCH**14:45 - 15:45** DISCUSSION PANEL

On the Eastern Rim of NATO. Are the Countries in the Region Able to Provide Themselves with Security?

Russia's annexation of Crimea and the Russian-Ukrainian conflict in Donbas made it clear that a new security and cooperation framework needs to be worked out. But foreign and defence policies of individual European countries remain incoherent due to conflicting interests and tendencies. This may affect the European integration process and the Euro-Atlantic unity. Central European countries and their eastern neighbours feel poignantly these dangers.

Moderator:

- **Brendan Donnelly** - Director, Federal Trust for Education and Research, United Kingdom

Speakers:

- **Karolis Aleksa** - Director of International Relations and Operations Department, Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania
- **Malgorzata Gosiewska** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Laura-Iuliana Scantei** - Senator, Senate, Romania
- **Arseni Sivitski** - Director, Center for Strategic and Foreign Policy Studies, Belarus
- **Pavlo Zhovnirenko** - Chairman of the Board, Center for Strategic Studies in Kiev, Ukraine
- **Przemyslaw Zurawski Vel Grajewski** - Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland, Poland

15:45 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 17:00 THEMATIC BLOCK

Security Threats in Cyberspace. Alarm and Operation

Ensuring internet security is an extremely important challenge for business, government, legislators and ordinary users practically in all countries of Central and Eastern Europe. To increase security in the region, we need dialogue and cooperation both on national and international level. Security cannot exist without a strong economy, so the projects of cooperation between government and business are very important, especially since their number has been recently growing.

PRESENTATION

How cybersecurity organisations can respond to current threats?

Host:

- **Oleksiy Yankovskiy** - President, ISACA Kyiv Chapter, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Maciej Masłowski** - Member of Parliament, Sejm, Poland

Speakers:

- **Johannes Kert** - Member of the National Defence Committee and Chairman of the Estonia-Ukraine Parliamentary Group, Riigikogu, Estonia
- **Czesław Klak** - Dean Faculty of Law and Security, WSPIA University of Rzeszów, Poland
- **Oleksandr Iakymenko** - Coordinator for the Wider Europe Programme, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), Ukraine
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17:15 - 18:15 DISCUSSION PANEL

Investments in the Agricultural Sector - Perspectives on International Cooperation

Cooperation between Ukraine and the EU in the field of agriculture involves lots of doubts, but also hope. It is mainly favoured by the progressive modernisation of agriculture and processing. This opens the way for Ukrainian agricultural producers and is also beneficial for their European partners. Is the experience of EU countries regarding the modernisation of agriculture useful in Ukraine? What rural development programme does Ukraine need in the coming years to facilitate cooperation with the EU in the field of agriculture?

Moderator:

- **Mariia Tyutyunnik** - Deputy of the Head, First National Agricultural Cooperative, Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Artur Chmaj** - Director of the Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland
- **Zenon Danilowski** - President of the Management Board, Makarony Polskie S.A., Poland
- **Julian Pawlak** - President of the Management Board, Polish Association of Juice Producers (KUPS), Poland
- **Teresa Pamula** - Director, Subcarpathian Regional Office of Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture, Poland
- **Vasyl Petrychenko** - Academician, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Ukraine

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10:45 - 11:45 THEMATIC BLOCK

Culture Anew. Development Trends, State and Private Patronage

Cultural production deeply immersed in the commercial world is moving away from values, emotions and intellectual disputes. As a result of digital revolution, traditional forms of participation in culture have also been exhausted. These changes have influenced not only the way culture is communicated, but also its very essence. The dominance of mass culture has led to limitation or even elimination of creative explorations. Can cultural policies of states and governments change anything here?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Between policy and diplomacy

Special guest:

- **Dietmar Stüdemann** - Ambassador (2000-2006); Senior Adviser, German Foreign Office; Deutsche Bank, Germany

Host:

- **Roman Imielski** - National Editor, Gazeta Wyborcza Daily, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Grzegorz Gauden** - Vice President, Copyright Polska, Poland

Speakers:

- **Mykola Kniazytskyi** - Co-chair of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee,, Ukraine
- **Marek Lasota** - Director, The Home Army Museum, Poland
- **Ewa Nowak-Koprowicz** - Coordinator of Europe Direct Information Centre in Rzeszow, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland
- **Olena Salata** - Director, Cultural Assembly, Ukraine
- **Krystyna Wróblewska** - Member, Parliament, Poland

11:45 - 12:00 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00 THEMATIC BLOCK

Freedom of Association, Populism and Fair Economic Development: Can Reformed Trade Unions Help Protect Democracy in Eastern Europe?

Across the former communist bloc countries, severe economic inequality and corruption have contributed to the rise of reactionary populism and anti-democratic forces. Despite a growing civil society, pro-democratic groups have limited access to the grassroots, to rural and working class constituencies. Can reforming and reinvigorating trade unions be a key ally in promoting democracy, fair economic reform, and countering reactionary propaganda and movements?

STORIES OF SUCCESS

Podkarpackie is an Open Space. What does it Mean?

Special guest:

- **Wladyslaw Ortyl** - Marshal, Podkarpackie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland

Host:

- **Boguslaw Chrabota** - Editor-in-Chief, Rzeczpospolita, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Tristan Masat** - Country Director in Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova, Solidarity Center, USA

Speakers:

- **Zbigniew Bujak** - Member, Maidan Monitoring Information Center, Poland
- **Stanislaw Ciosek** - Member, Programme Council of the Economic Forum, Poland
- **Raisa Liparteliani** - Vice-President, Georgian Trade Union Confederation, Georgia
- **Arkadiusz Mularczyk** - Member, Parliament, Poland
- **Heorhiy Sandul** - Lawyer, NGO Labor Initiatives, Ukraine
- **Oleg Zarubinskyi** - Director, Ukrainian Institute of Research of Extremism, Ukraine

13:00 - 13:15 BREAK

13:15 - 14:15 THEMATIC BLOCK

Cooperation of Youth as a Chance for the United Europe

The exploration of different countries, opening up to different cultures and the skill of presenting one's own country are among the necessary conditions in raising citizens able to move around in the globalised world and building relations with others based on tolerance. A good education is a condition for active participation in the life of integrated Europe. What is the shape of cooperation of youth from the EU and Ukraine?

PRESENTATION

Ukraine and the Concept of Global Education

Host:

- **Gabriele Simoncini** - President, GENF International Consulting, Italy

DISCUSSION PANEL

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- **Bogumila Berdychowska** - Editor, "Więź" quarterly, Poland

Speakers:

- **Miroslava Cernochova** - Vice-Dean for the International Affairs, Faculty of Education, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
- **Jerzy Malec** - Rector, Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Krakow University (AFMKU), Poland
- **Piotr Pilch** - Member of the Board, Podkarpackie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland
- **Tadeusz Pomianek** - President, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland

14:15 - 14:45 COFFEE BREAK

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Environment and Its Preservation - A Cross-border Project

In connection with the level of greenhouse gas emissions and climate changes resulting from it, the EU policy is focused intensively on the preservation of natural environment. The situation is getting better thanks to – among others – ecosystem approach, increasing use of alternative sources of energy, appropriate waste management and development of ecological transport. How should the European countries, both members and applicants, take care of water and air quality in order to protect people's health and environment, not slowing the economic growth simultaneously?

Moderator:

- **Piotr Stepinski** - Editor, BiznesAlert.pl, Poland

Speakers:

- **Paul Dzatkowicz** - Project Manager, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Australia
- **Veronika Galekova** - Director, Slovak Association of Photovoltaic and Renewable Energy Industry (SAPI), Slovakia
- **Ihor Guschuk** - Head of the Department for Public Health, National University "Ostroh Academy", Ukraine
- **Pawel Krajmas** - President, Stowarzyszenie Polska Ekologia, Poland
- **Gyorgy Ratfai** - International Relations Officer, Middle Tisza District Water Directorate, Hungary

Participation in discussion:

- **Andrzej Kulig** - Director of the Department of Environmental Protection, Podkarpackie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland

15:45 - 16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00 - 17:00 THEMATIC BLOCK

Social Aspects of Aggression and Occupation. Help for Refugees, Reconstruction, Restoring Social Bonds

There are still millions of people living on the territories occupied by the separatists. Social benefits, as well as the humanitarian aid, do not reach those areas. Many former inhabitants were able to get away from the conflict zones. The Ukrainian government has registered over one million refugees from Crimea and Donbas. Their integration in new places demands a proper strategy which assumes the cooperation between authorities, the society and companies, together with the support from abroad.

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Donetsk Oblast

Host:

- **Sergiy Semovonyk** - Director, Donetsk Agency of Regional Development, Ukraine

DISCUSSION PANEL

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Moderator:

- **Oleh Saakian** - Head, NGO Sociohumanitarian Initiative and Innovating Platform "United Coordinating Hub", Ukraine

Speakers:

- **Bohdan Androshchuk** - Project Coordinator, ChildFund Germany, Germany
- **Beris Gwynne** - Founder and Managing Director, Incitare, Australia
- **Ruslan Kalinin** - Head, The Ukrainian Association of IDP'S, Ukraine
- **Dimitri Teperik** - Chief Executive, International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS), Estonia
- **Heorhiy Tuka** - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Temporarily Occupied Territories and Internally Displaced Persons in Ukraine, Ukraine

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Local Tourism Economy vs. Regional Development

An opportunity to find new solutions for local development may be provided by tourism, which influences both the character and shape of the region and its development structure. The involvement of networks of cooperating institutions (public, private, social) in the proper use of existing infrastructure potential and active promotion of local tourism is likely to create specific attractions for specific segments of the tourism market.

STORIES OF SUCCESS

ABC of Foreign Investor - Exporting Goods to Ukraine

Special guest:

- **Mark Alexander Friedrich** - Manager, Metro Group, Germany

Host:

- **Roman Imielski** - National Editor, Gazeta Wyborcza Daily, Poland

DISCUSSION PANEL

Local Tourism Economy vs. Regional Development

Moderator:

- **Marcin Fijolek** - President, Podkarpackie Regional Tourism Board, Poland

Speakers:

- **Grzegorz Biedron** - President, Krynica Żegiestów Health Resort, Poland
- **Wojciech Farbaniec** - Mayor, Rymanow Commune Council, Poland
- **Marta Malska** - Head of the Department of Tourism, The Ivan Franko National
- **Adam Piatkowski** - Mayor, Solina Commune Council, Poland
- **Renata Stefaniak** - President of the Board, Borderland Center for Science and Development "Pearl of Galicia" Foundation, Poland

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