

Experts Workshop EU-Russia Relations 12 July 2017¹

Location: Social Platform, Square de Meeûs 18, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium

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Programme

9:30 registration and coffee

10:00-10:15 Welcome by **Ellen Überschaer**, Co-President Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

10:15 – 12:15 **Session 1: The domestic political and economic situation in Russia: consequences for the European Union**

Input:

civil society, human rights:

- **Philippe Dam**, Advocacy Director Europe and Central Asia, Human Rights Watch Brussels
 - **Tomás Válasek**, Director Carnegie Europe
- economic situation:*
- **Stanislav Secieru**, Independent policy analyst (Russia-EU and Eastern neighbourhood)

Comments:

- **Mall Hellam**, Director Open Estonia Foundation and EESC alternate member

Moderator: **Klaus Linsenmeier**, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

12:15 -13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 **Session 2: Russia's foreign policy: consequences for the European Union and Transatlantic Relations**

Input:

- **Viktor Mizin**, Deputy Director of the Institute for Strategic Assessments, Moscow
- **Hannah Thoburn**, Research Fellow Hudson Institute, Washington

¹ Closed meeting, invitation only, Chatham House Rule applies.

- **Kristine Berzina**, Transatlantic Fellow GMF Brussels

Comments:

- **NATO** n.n.
- **Fernando Andresen Guimaraes**, Head of Division Russia European External Action Service (EEAS)
- **Sergej Sumlenny**, Director Regional Office Kyiv Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung

Moderator: Aude Merlin, Lecturer in Political Science, Specialist in Post Soviet Studies, Centre for the Study of Politics (CEVIPOL), Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB)

15:30-15:45 Tea break

15:45-17:45 **Session 3: The future of EU-Russia relations**

Input:

- **Tania Marocchi**, Policy Analyst and FutureLab Europe Programme Executive, European Policy Centre
- **Fraser Cameron**, Director EU-Russia Centre
- **Joseph Dobbs**, Researcher European Leadership Network, editor '[Damage Assessment: EU-Russia relations in crisis](#)'

Comments:

- **Marc Franco**, Senior Associate Fellow Egmont Institute, former EU ambassador to Russia
- **Jakop Dalunde** and **Tamás Meszerics**, Members of the European Parliament, The Greens/EFA, Delegation to the EU-Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

Moderator : Ilana Bet-El, historian and strategic advisor

17:45 Reception

Recommended Readings on the [Website of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union](#)

- **Web Dossier [Friends or Foes, Tensions or Ties? The EU's Relations with Turkey, Russia and the US](#)**

Tania Marocchi: [EU-Russia Relations: Towards an Increasingly Geopolitical Paradigm](#)

To be published within short:

Hannah Thoburn: Friends or Foes, Tensions or Ties – A US View on EU-Russian Relations

Viktor Mizin: A Russian View on EU-Russian Relations

- [*Blog Reconnecting Europe*](#)

Tom Casier: [Punching Above Its Weight? Russia and Power](#)

[The Courage to Rethink the Dualistic Structures of Wider Europe](#)