

DRAFT PROGRAMME

# 10 Years of Eastern Partnership: Economic Convergence and Business Opportunities

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## FACTS ABOUT EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

The **Eastern Partnership (EaP)** is a joint initiative of the European Commission, Member States of the EU and six post-Soviet states of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine. The EaP is intended to provide a venue for discussions on economic convergence, visa approximation and overall political cooperation between the EU and its Eastern European neighbours. It also aims at building a common area of shared democracy, prosperity, stability and increased cooperation. The project was initiated by Poland and a subsequent proposal was prepared in co-operation with Sweden. It was presented by the foreign ministers of Poland and Sweden at the EU's General Affairs and External Relations Council in Brussels on 26 May 2008.

## WHY PRAGUE

Eastern Partnership was initiated by the European Union summit in Prague, Czech Republic on 7 May 2009. The Czech Republic has been supporting the integration efforts of all the Eastern Partnership member states for past decade and perceives this platform as a basis for closer economic cooperation at the Union level.

## WHO WILL BE THERE?

Presented conference will bring together high-level representatives and stakeholders from the Czech Republic, European Commission, EaP member countries, business, banking sector, academia and civil society.

## TERRITORIAL EXPORT CONFERENCES

Specially designed territorial roundtables organized in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic will aim to bring Czech business entities closer to the business and investment environment in the EaP countries. Our goal is to bring more Czech exporters and investors into partner countries and vice versa.

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# TUESDAY, 16 April 2019

## 8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

## 9:00 – 9:30 Welcome Speech

- President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Mr. Jaroslav Kubera
- Office of the President, Director of the Department for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Rudolf Jindrák

## 9:30 – 9:45 Keynote Speech

- Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Mr. Andrej Babiš

## 9:45 – 11:30 Ministerial Panel

**TOPICS:** economic convergence; DCFTAs implementation; visa facilitation and liberalisation processes; attraction of FDIs; Energy Community; pros and cons of the Platform 2 of the EaP; infrastructural connectivity between the EU and the EaP countries; etc.

### PANELISTS:

- Minister Tigran Khachatryan (Armenia)
- Minister Shahin Mustafaev (Azerbaijan) (TBC)
- Deputy Minister Evgeny Shestakov (Belarus)
- Minister Giorgi Kobulia (Georgia)
- General State Secretary Mrs. Iulia Costin (Moldova)
- Minister Stepan Kubiv (Ukraine) (TBC)
- Minister Marta Nováková (the Czech Republic)

Moderated by Deputy Minister Ivan Pilný.

## 11:30 – 13:00 Speech and Comments of representatives of the Czech Republic and the EU

### PANELISTS:

- Representative of DG TRADE – Petros Sourmelis
- President of the Czech Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Vladimír Dlouhý
- Deputy Director General – DG NEAR, Mr. Maciej Popowski
- State Secretary for European Affairs, Mrs. Milena Hrdinková
- Representative of the European External Action Service, Ms. Audrone Perkauskiene
- Deputy Minister for Industry of the Czech Republic, Mr. Eduard Muřický
- Deputy Head of the Department of Russian and East European Studies, Charles University, Mr. Karel Svoboda
- Department of Trade Policy and International Organizations Minister for Industry of the Czech Republic, Mrs. Lucie Vondráčková,

- Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Mrs. Jana Katarina Lolić Šindelková

Moderated by Director of Department of Foreign Economic Policies I, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic Mr. Martin Pospíšil.

#### **13:00 – 13:30 Press Conference, Family Photo**

- Ministers of the EaP countries

#### **14:00 – 16:00 Official Lunch on the invitation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic**

- Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the EaP countries
- Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic  
TBC

#### **18:00 – 20:00 Official Reception to the commemoration of the anniversary of the EaP hosted by the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic**

- Ministers and Deputy Ministers of the EaP countries
- Note: Invitation only!

# WEDNESDAY, 17 April 2019

**8:00 – 9:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**9:00 – 10:00 Territorial Export Conference on economic cooperation with Armenia**

- Deputy Minister Mane Adamyan
- Deputy Minister Marian Piecha
- Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Armenia H. E. Petr Mikyska
- Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic Bořivoj Minář

Moderated by Director of Department of Foreign Economic Policies I, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic Mr. Martin Pospíšil.

**10:00 – 11:00 Territorial Export Conference on economic cooperation with Azerbaijan**

- Deputy Minister Rufat Mammadov (TBC)
- Deputy Minister Eduard Muřický
- Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Azerbaijan H.E. Milan Ekert
- Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic Bořivoj Minář

Moderated by Director of the Department of the External Relations of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic, Mr. Jiří Hansl.

**11:00 – 12:00 Territorial Export Conference on economic cooperation with Belarus**

- Deputy Minister Evgeny Shestakov
- Deputy Minister Eduard Muřický
- Representatives of the Embassy of the Czech Republic to Belarus
- Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic Bořivoj Minář

Moderated by Director of Department of Foreign Economic Policies I, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic Mr. Martin Pospíšil.

**12:00 – 13:00 Working Lunch on the Invitation of Deputy Minister Eduard Muřický and Ivan Pilný**

- Deputy Ministers of the EaP countries

**13:00 – 14:00 Territorial Export Conference on economic cooperation with Georgia**

- Deputy Minister Genadi Arveladze
- Deputy Minister Ivan Pilný
- Charge d'Affairs of the Czech Republic to Georgia Jiří Preclík
- Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic Bořivoj Minář

Moderated by Director of the Department of the External Relations of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic, Mr. Jiří Hansl.

#### **14:00 – 15:00 Territorial Export Conference on economic cooperation with Moldova**

- Deputy Minister Iuliana Dragalin
- Deputy Minister Marian Piecha
- Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Moldova H.E. Zdeněk Krejčí

Moderated by Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic.

Moderated by Director of Department of Foreign Economic Policies I, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic Mr. Martin Pospíšil.

#### **15:00 – 16:00 Territorial Export Conference on economic cooperation with Ukraine**

- Vice-Prime Minister Volodymyr Kistion (TBC)
- Minister Marta Nováková
- Representatives of the Embassy of the Czech Republic to Ukraine
- Vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic Bořivoj Minář

Moderated by Director of the Department of the External Relations of the Chamber of Commerce of the Czech Republic, Mr. Jiří Hansl.