



Think Tank Summit for a European Ukraine

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The Polish Institute of International Affairs

Ulica Warecka 1a, Warsaw, Poland

The prolonged conflict between the protestors and the regime in Ukraine claimed dozens of lives and caused hundreds of casualties before Viktor Yanukovich was ousted from presidential office. The formation of a new government by the former opposition was laden with political tensions, not only with the former representatives of authorities, but also with the Maidan activists. The ongoing economic turmoil adds a further grave dimension to Ukraine's transition. With the national currency depreciating by over 25 per cent in just a month, and the banking system under strain, the welfare of Ukrainians' is under serious threat. This legacy of political conflict, economic mismanagement and social precariousness poses an acute security challenge on the eastern borders of the European Union. The EU therefore needs a serious, expert-level discussion on at least three issues confronting Ukraine: political reform, economic modernisation and foreign policy.

To address these issues in a timely and comprehensive manner, leading global think tanks will be asked to pool their expertise in economics, governance and security, at a high-profile meeting in Warsaw. The resulting recommendations will pinpoint avenues for common action from the EU, its Member States, and international financial institutions. The expected added value and the key outcome of this Warsaw summit will be a joint roadmap for political and economic reform in Ukraine, carried out with the West's assistance. Such a roadmap would allow Ukraine to emerge as a stronger European nation in the wake of its severe domestic crisis. The key points of this roadmap will be promoted in collaborative articles written for media outlets worldwide.

Programme

10:45 - 11:00 Welcome and coffee

11:00 - 11:20 Introduction

Marcin Zaborowski, Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs

Damon M. Wilson, Executive Vice President, Atlantic Council

Jan Techau, Director, Carnegie Europe

11:20 - 12:30 A Country in Transition: Fixing Ukraine's Flawed Democracy

- Political landscape: the legality of the current authorities and Yanukovich's status
- Securing a free and fair parliamentary election, response to a Crimean referendum
- Inclusion of the protest movement in the political system: both sides of the conflict
- The role of the regions: countering separatism and reform of local authorities

Chair: **David J. Kramer**, President, Freedom House

Introduction: **James Sherr**, Associate Fellow, Chatham House

Commentaries: **Thomas Gomart**, Vice President for strategic development and Director of the Russia/NIS Centre, French Institute of International Relations (IFRI)

Andreas Umland, DAAD Associate Professor at National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

12:30 - 12:50 Coffee break

12:50 - 14:00 Ukraine's Gloomy Economic Outlook: Mapping Priorities for Reform

- Macroeconomic stability: towards healthier public finances
- Boosting the competitiveness of Ukrainian companies in the global markets
- Security of energy supply and long-term diversification of gas sources
- Quantifying the volume of financing needed from the IMF and other IFIs

Chair: **Jan Krzysztof Bielecki**, former Prime Minister of Poland, Chairman of the Economic Council of the Prime Minister of Poland, President of PISM Council

Introduction: **Oleh Rybachuk**, former Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine for European Integration, Chairman and Co-founder, NGO Centre UA,

Commentaries: **Michael Emerson**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)

Adrian Karatnycky, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Transatlantic Relations Program, Atlantic Council

14:20 - 15:40 **Lunch with Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, former Prime Minister of Poland, Chairman of the Economic Council of the Prime Minister of Poland, President of PISM Council**

Keynote speech: **Jan Krzysztof Bielecki**, former Prime Minister of Poland, Chairman of the Economic Council of the Prime Minister of Poland, President of PISM Council

Chair: **Judy Dempsey**, Nonresident Senior Associate, Carnegie Europe

16:00 - 17:20 A Roadmap for European Ukraine: Foreign and Security Policy Challenges

- Assuring security and territorial integrity of Ukraine against external threat
- The West and Russia towards Ukraine: at odds, or room for cooperation?
- Prospects and challenges for the Association Agreement with the EU
- Engagement of the United States and cooperation with NATO

Chair: **Jan Techau**, Director, Carnegie Europe

Introduction: **Pavol Demeš**, Transatlantic Fellow, the German Marshall Fund

Commentary: **Susan Stewart**, Deputy Head of Eastern Europe Research Division, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)

Ian Brzezinski, Resident Senior Fellow, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Atlantic Council

17:20 – 17:30 Closing remarks

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