

The EU-Russia conundrum: Contrasting visions for their neighbourhood

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- 09.30 **WELCOME**
Francisco Fonseca, Head of the European Commission Office in Spain
Jordi Bacaria, Director, CIDOB, Barcelona
Michael Ehrke, Director, Madrid Office, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
Charles Powell, Director, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid
- 10.00 **THE EU AND THE EURASIAN UNION: COMPETING OR COMPLEMENTARY?**
Chair: **Carmen Claudín**, Senior Research Fellow Associate, CIDOB, Barcelona
Gonzalo Escribano, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid
Ulrich Speck, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels
Yulia Zhuchkova, Research Fellow, International Relations Department, Tomsk State University, Tomsk
- 10.30 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **CAN THE EU AND RUSSIA COEXIST IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE?**
Chair: **Elina Viilup**, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona
Félix Arteaga, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid
Nicolás de Pedro, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona
Vladislav Inozemtsev, Director, Center for Post-Industrial Studies, Moscow
- 12.00 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 12.30 **HEEDING OUR NEIGHBOURS: UNDERSTANDING THEIR PERSPECTIVES**
Chair: **Pirkka Tapiola**, Head, EU Delegation to Moldova, Chisinau
Kakha Gogolashvili Senior Fellow, Director of EU Studies at the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), Tbilisi
Oleksandr Sushko Research Director, Institute for Euro-Atlantic, Kyiv
Kristi Raik, Senior Research Fellow, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki
- 13.00 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 13.30 **CLOSING**
Ana Palacio, Council of State of Spain, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain

Working languages: English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation