Minsk Dialogue Forum 2019 Programme

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9.30-10.30	**Morning media briefing by the organisers of the Forum** (presentation of the Forum report on the state of East European security in 2019) **Yauheni Preiherman** *Founder and Director, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations* **Jakob Wöllenstein** *Director Country Office Belarus, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany* **Elena Korosteleva** *Professor of International Politics, Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent, UK* **Dzianis Melyantsou** *Programme Coordinator, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations*
10.30-12.00	**Partner session *Young leaders on the present and future of European security*** In partnership with the Younger Generation Network on Euro-Atlantic Security (YGLN) and the GCRF COMPASS Project ***Moderator*** **Zachary Paikin** *Researcher, University of Kent; senior editor, Global Brief, Canada* ***Comments by:*** **Jacqueline Perkins** *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Republic of Belarus*

	Dmitry Mezentsev *Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Belarus* **Dirk Schuebel** *Head of Delegation, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union to Belarus* **Valery Varanetsky** *Chairman, Standing Committee on International Affairs, House of Representatives of the National Assembly, Belarus*
12.30-13.00	**Welcome remarks** **Yauheni Preiherman** *Founder and Director, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations* **Jakob Wöllenstein** *Director Country Office Belarus, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany* **Vladimir Makei** *Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus*
13.00-14.30	**Plenary session *European security: can we stop further confrontation?*** **Viacheslav Nikonov** *Chairman, Committee on Education and Science, State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation* **Dirk Wiese** *Member of the Bundestag, Federal GovernmentCoordinator for Intersocietal Cooperation with Russia, Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership Countries, Germany* **István Balogh** *State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary* **Alexis Lamek** *Deputy Director General for Political Affairs and Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France* **Brad Freden** *Eastern Europe Office Director, Department of State, USA* **Huseyn Huseynov**

	Director, Analysis and Strategic Studies Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Azerbaijan ***Moderator*** **Elena Korosteleva** *Professor of International Politics, Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent, UK*
14.30-15.15	**Light lunch**
15.15-15.30	**Institutional perspective *Can we revive cooperative security?*** **James Mackey** *Head of Euro-Atlantic and Global Partnership, IS PASP, NATO*
15.30-17.00	**Plenary session *Propaganda and counterpropaganda: Can we agree on a basic code of conduct for journalists?*** **Judy Dempsey** *Nonresident Senior Associate, Carnegie Europe and Editor in Chief, Strategic Europe, Germany* **Alexei Venediktov** *Editor-in-chief, Ekho Moskvy, Russia* **Volodymir Fesenko** *Chairman of Board, Penta Centre, Ukraine* **Luzia Ruth Tschirky** *Correspondent, Swiss Broadcasting Agency (SRF), Switzerland* ***Moderator*** **Aleh Makarau** *Director, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Research, Belarus*
17.00-17.30	**Coffee break**

17.30-17.45	**Institutional perspective Can we revive cooperative security?** **Viktor Zagrekov** *Deputy head of the Political Cooperation Department, CSTO*
17.45-19.15	**Plenary session *Arms control and the future of strategic stability*** **Ben Hodges** *Pershing Chair in Strategic Studies, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA); former Commanding General of US Army Europe* **Feodor Voitolovsky** *Director, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia* **Roderich Kiesewetter** *Member of the Bundestag, Germany* **Anna Maria Dyner** *Head of the Eastern Europe Programme, Polish Institute for International Affairs (PISM), Poland* **Mustafa Kibaroğlu** *Professor, Dean, Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, MEF University; Director, MEF Strategy, Center for International Security Studies and Strategic Research, Turkey* **Branimir Filipović** *Acting Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for Security Policy, Serbia* ***Moderator*** **Ulrike Franke** *Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, Germany*
19.15-20.30	**Dinner**
20.30 – 22.00	**Night owl sessions *(under the Chatham House Rule)*** ***Session 1. Donbas: New light at the end of the tunnel?*** **Hennadiy Maksak** *Head, Foreign Policy Council Ukrainian Prism, Ukraine*

Sergey Markedonov

Leading Researcher, Institute of International Studies at MGIMO University; Expert, Russian International Affairs Council, Russia

Alexander Vershbow

Distinguished Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security Atlantic Council; former NATO Deputy Secretary General, USA

Rein Oidekivi

Research Fellow, International Centre for Defense and Security, Estonia

Moderator

Jakob Wöllenstein

Director Country Office Belarus, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Germany

Session 2. Central Asia: Security and power transition challenges and implications for Wider Eurasia

In partnership with GCRF Compass Project

Fariz Ismailzade

Vice-Rector, ADA University, Azerbaijan

Aliaksandr Baichorau

Professor, Belarusian State University, Belarus

Nilufar Rakhmatullaeva

Researcher, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Uzbekistan

Kholahmad Samiev

Professor, Tajik National University, Tajikistan

Benno Zogg

Senior Researcher, Centre for Security Studies, ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Moderator

Roza Turarbekova

Associate professor, Belarusian State University, Belarus

Session 3. The EU between internal reforms and external challenges: The (un)making of a strategic actor?

In partnership with the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe

	Judy Dempsey *Nonresident Senior Associate, Carnegie Europe and Editor in Chief, Strategic Europe, Germany* **Vygaudas Ušackas** *Member of the Board, Avia Solutions Group; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania* **Lazar Comanescu** *Senior advisor (foreign relations) to the President of the Romanian Chamber of Commerce; Board member; New Strategy Centre; former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania* **Paul Révay** *Member of the Board of Trustees, "Friends of Europe" (Belgium), France* ***Moderator*** **Florent Marciacq** *Deputy Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Austria-France*

8 October (Tuesday)

9.00-9.30	**Conversation *US policy towards Eastern Europe*** **Glen Howard** *President, Jamestown Foundation, USA* **Thomas Graham** *Managing Director, Kissinger Associates; Distinguished Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, USA* ***Moderator*** **Artsiom Shraibman** *Political analyst, Belarus*
10.00-12.00	**High-level plenary session *In search of an agenda for peace and cooperation in Europe*** **Alexander Lukashenko** *President of the Republic of Belarus*

	Giorgi Margvelashvili *President of Georgia (2013-2018), Georgia* **Stjepan Mesic** *President of Croatia (2000-2010), Croatia* **Baroness Catherine Ashton** *Chair of Global Europe, Woodrow Wilson Center; former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and First Vice President of the European Commission, UK* **Alexei Pushkov** *Chairman, Interim Commission on Information Policy and Cooperation with the Media, Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation* **Alexander Vershbow** *Distinguished Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security* *Atlantic Council; former NATO Deputy Secretary General, USA* ***Moderator*** **Yauheni Preiherman** *Founder and Director, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations*
12.45-13.30	**Lunch**
13.30-15.00	**Breakout sessions** ***Session 1. Reducing military risk in Eastern Europe*** In partnership with the European Leadership Network **Ben Hodges** *Pershing Chair in Strategic Studies, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA); former Commanding General of US Army Europe* **Feodor Voitolovsky** *Director, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia* **Anna Maria Dyner** *Head of the Eastern Europe Programme, Polish Institute for International Affairs (PISM), Poland*

Ian Anthony

Director, European Security Programme, SIPRI, Sweden

Moderator

Sir Adam Thomson

Director, European Leadership Network; former UK Permanent Representative to NATO, UK

Session 2. How helpful is the Cold War experience of rapprochement for European security today?

In partnership with the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Gromyko Association of Foreign Policy Studies

Ivan Antonovich

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

Vladimir Baranovsky

Academician, Russian Academy of Sciences; member of the Directorate, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russia

Pyotr Bryhadzin

Director, Business Institute, Belarusian State University; former Minister of Education of the Republic of Belarus

Thomas Graham

Managing Director, Kissinger Associates; Distinguished Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations, USA

Heinz Gärtner

International Institute for Peace (IIP) and University of Vienna, Chair of the Advisory Committee for Strategy and Security Policy of the Scientific Commission at the Austrian Armed Forces (BMLV), Austria

Vladimir Senko

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

Sergey Rakhmanov

Chairman, Standing Committee on International Affairs and National Security, Council of the Republic of the National Assembly, Belarus

Sergey Rogov

Academic Director, Institute for the US and Canadian Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Vladimir Senko

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus

Viacheslav Sutyrin

Executive Director, Gromyko Association of Foreign Policy Studies, Russia

Gabriele Woidelko

Head of Department of History and Politics, Körber-Stiftung, Germany

Co-Moderators

Alexey Gromyko

Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

Viktar Shadurski

Professor, Dean, Faculty of International Relations, Belarusian State University, Belarus

Session 3. In search of an inclusive regional order in post-Soviet Europe and Eurasia

In partnership with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and RAND Corporation

Introductory remarks

Reinhard Krumm

Head of Office, FES Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe, Germany

Samuel Charap

Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation, USA

Olesya Vartanyan

Analyst, International Crisis Group, Georgia

Sergey Afontsev

Deputy Director, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences; Professor, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), Russia

Jeremy Shapiro

Research Director, European Council on Foreign Relations, USA

Moderator

Alexandra Dienes

	Research Associate, FES Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe, Germany
15.00-15.30	**Coffee break**
15.30-17.00	**Plenary session *EU – Eurasian Economic Union – Belt and Road initiative: Any real areas of mutual interest?*** **Lord Teverson** *Member of the House of Lords, UK* **Sun Li** *Deputy Director, Institute of Russian, Eastern European and Central Asian Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China* **Alexey Gromyko** *Director, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia* **Tony van der Togt** *Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Netherlands Institute of International Relations, Netherlands* **Suren Sargsyan** *President and Founder, Armenian Center for American Studies, Armenia* **Eugene Chausovsky** *Senior Eurasia Analyst, Stratfor, USA* ***Moderator*** **Ulf Schneider** *CEO & President, SCHNEIDER GROUP & OWC Foreign Trade Publishing House, Germany*
17.05-17.10	**South Asian perspective *Can we revive cooperative security?*** **Sujan R. Chinoy** *Director General, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, India*
17.10-17.35	**Coffee break**
17.35-17.50	**Institutional perspective *Can we revive cooperative security?*** **Marcel Pesko**

	Director, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre
17.50-19.20	**Closing plenary session*European security: New ideas for an uncertain future*** **Raynell Andreychuk** *Former Chair, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, The Senate of Canada* **Alexander Iskandaryan** *Director, Caucasus Institute, Armenia* **Oleksandr Chalyi** *President, Grant Thornton Ukraine; member, OSCE Panel of Eminent Persons, Ukraine* **Maciej Pisarski** *Director, Department of Foreign Policy Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland* **Andrey Sushentsov** *Director, Institute of International Studies at MGIMO University; Programme Director, Valdai Discussion Club, Russia* **Samuel Charap** *Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation, USA* ***Moderator*** **Dzianis Melyantsou** *Programme Coordinator, Minsk Dialogue Council on International Relations*
19.20-19.30	**Closing remarks**
20.00-22.00	**GCRF COMPASS reception** ***Welcome address*** **Lord Teverson** *Member of the House of Lords, UK* **Elena Korosteleva** *Professor of International Politics, Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent, UK*

9 October (Wednesday)

8.30-10.00	**Working breakfasts** ***WB 1. Moldova: What's next?*** **Vladislav Kulminski** *Political Adviser to the Prime Minister of Moldova* **Vladimir Socor** *Senior Fellow, Jamestown Foundation, USA* ***Moderator*** **Timur Onica** *Senior Programme Manager, European Endowment for Democracy* ***WB 2. Meeting Russia*** In partnership with the Centre for Support and Development of Public Initiatives "Creative Diplomacy" **Ulrike Reisner** *Political Analyst, Lecturer, Journalist, Austria* **Ivan Kiseev** *Executive Director, Center for Support and Development of Public Initiatives "Creative Diplomacy", Russia* ***Moderator*** **Natalia Burlinova** *President, Center for Support and Development of Public Initiatives "Creative Diplomacy", Russia*
10.00-12.00	**Partner session *In search of a stable regional order for Eastern Europe and South Caucasus*** In partnership with Protestant Academy Loccum