



The Eastern Partnership in a New Context: Keeping Reforms on Track

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Monday, 16 March 2015, 10h00 – 12h00

RA National Assembly, Golden Hall. Marshal Baghramyan Ave., 19 Building Yerevan, Armenia

On the occasion of the Fourth EURONEST Parliamentary Assembly in Yerevan, Armenia, representatives of civil society from across the Eastern Partnership (EaP) region, Members of the European Parliament and parliamentarians from partner countries will come together to take stock of the achievements and challenges of the EaP policy. This event will examine the new strategic context in the region, individual countries' aspirations, the successes and failures of the EaP to promote reform and democratization, and the contribution that civil society, the European Parliament and national parliaments can make to drive and monitor the reform process. In the run up to the Riga Eastern Partnership Summit and the ongoing comprehensive review of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP), the event will also aim to propose ideas for the reconsideration of the EU's regional policy, its underpinnings and tools.

Programme

9h45: Arrival and registration

10h00: Opening remarks by **Heidi Hautala**, Vice-Chair of EURONEST

10h10: Panel Discussion - The Eastern Partnership in a New Context: Keeping Reforms on Track

Moderator: **Richard Giragosian**, Director, Regional Studies Center, Armenia

Speakers: **Krzysztof Bobinski**, Co-Chair of the EaP Civil Society Forum Steering Committee, Poland

Iryna Sushko, EaP Civil Society Forum National Platform, Ukraine. (TBC).

Vano Chkhikvadze, Open Society Georgia Foundation, Georgia

Ion Manole, Association Promo-Lex, Moldova, member of EaP Civil Society Forum National Platform of Moldova.

Civil Society Expert from EaP country to discuss DCFTA. (TBC).

Presentation of the Eastern Partnership Integration Index. (TBC).

11h10: Q&A, discussion

11h50: Concluding remarks by **Larisa Minasyan**, Open Society Foundations, Armenia.