Dwa Bratanki: In Search of Common Foreign Policy Goals of Poland and Hungary

8th September 2015

9:00   Welcoming remarks

Mr. Dániel BARTHA, Executive Director, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy

9:00 – 9:15 Opening Speech

H.E. Roman KOWALSKI, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland

Mr. János MAGDÓ, Head of Central Europe Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

9:15 – 10:45 Panel Discussion: The Implications of the Ukrainian Crisis on the bilateral relationship of Poland and Hungary

The first panel should focus on the Ukrainian crisis not only because of its geopolitical significance but also due to the fact that the discrepancy between the two countries regarding this issue seems to seriously threaten their long-standing alliance.

Moderator:

Ms. Edit INOTAI, Senior Fellow, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy

Speakers:

Mr. András RÁCZ, Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Mr. Anton BENDARZSEVSZKIJ, Director, Geopolitical Institute of Russia and Central Asia of the Pallas Athéné Geopolitical Foundation (PAGEO)

Mr. Stanislav SECRIERU, Senior Research Fellow, Polish Institute of International Affairs

Ms. Olga ZELINSKA, PhD, Polish Academy of Science

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Panel Discussion: Cooperation in the field of security policy, defense cooperation in the V4

After discussing the most pressing security policy issue, that is Ukraine, the potential for cooperation in the field of broadly understood security policy should be discussed including the status of defence cooperation within the V4.

Moderator:

Mr. Dániel BARTHA, Director, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy

Speakers:

Mr. István BALOGH, Head of Department, Department of Security Policy and Non-proliferation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mr. Tamás CSIKI, Research Fellow, Centre for Strategic and Defence Studies

Mr. Marcin TERLIKOWSKI, Head, European Security and Defence Economics, PISM

Mr. Dominik P. JANKOWSKI, Chief Specialist for Crisis Management, Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 Panel Discussion: Common interests in the EU: TTIP, energy policy and Digital Agenda

During the third panel the speakers would highlight the two countries' common interests in the EU, giving special emphasis to the importance of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the interrelated interests within the energy sector and the need for cooperation with regards to the Digital Agenda.

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Speakers:

Mr. Márton UGRÓSDY, Research Fellow, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mr. István PERGER, Head of Sector, Information and Communication Officer, The European Commission Representation in Hungary

Mr. Tamás NOVÁK, Head of Department, Department of World Economics and International Trade, Budapest Business School

Ms. Anna SZCZODROWSKA, EU Affairs specialist

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 – 16:15 Panel Discussion: The Future of V4

Finally, the future of the V4 cooperation would be analyzed through the assessment of the achievements and failures experienced so far, such as the construction of interconnectors and other infrastructural developments, the cooperation of civil society organizations, economic cooperation and the perspective of the V4+ format.

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Mr. Dániel BARTHA, Director, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy

Speakers:

Ms. Anita SOBJÁK, Senior Research Fellow, PISM

Mr. Dariusz KALAN, Coordinator of the Central European Program, PISM

Mr. Andrzej SADECKI, Research Fellow, Center for Eastern Studies

Ms. Zsuzsanna VÉGH, Research Fellow, Centre for EU Enlargement Studies

16:15 Closing remarks

Mr. Péter STEPPER, Executive Director, Corvinus Society for Foreign Affairs and Culture