

# “The Baltic and Visegrad States: After Twenty Years of Shared Interest in Europe”

**Date and Place:** 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, Mirror Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague

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Embassy of the Republic of Estonia in the Czech Republic  
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Embassy of the Republic of Poland in the Czech Republic  
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## Programme

09:00-09:30 Registration

**09:30-09:40 Conference Opening**

**09:40-10:00 Keynote Speech: Jiří Schneider**, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

**10:00-11:30 Panel I:**

### ***Challenges for European Economic Governance***

*Chair: Kateřina Šafaříková, Respekt (tbc)*

Czech Republic - **Vojtěch Belling**, Secretary of State for EU Affairs, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

Estonia - **Signe Ratso**, Director in DG TRADE for Market Access and Industry, European Commission

Latvia – **Artis Bērtulis**, Head of the EU Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Poland - **Malgorzata Kalużyńska**, Director of the Department of Economic Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Hungary - **Géza Mocsáry**, Deputy Director of the EU Economic Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary

*Discussion*

11:30-11:45 Coffee break

**11:45-13:15 Panel II:**

***The Future of the Eastern Partnership through Baltic and Visegrad Lenses***

*Chair: Martin Ehl, Hospodářské noviny*

Lithuania - **Liudas Mažylis**, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas

Czech Republic - **Petr Mareš**, Ambassador, Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Hungary - **Ádám Szesztay**, Director of the Strategic Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary

Estonia – **Erkki Bahovski**, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

Poland - **Jarosław Dziejczyk**, Minister Counsellor, Head of Division for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Slovak Republic - **Igor Derco**, Eastern Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia Territorial Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

*Discussion*

13:15-14:15 Buffet lunch

**14:15-15:45 Panel III:**

***Energy Security and Beyond: the Contribution of the Baltic and Visegrad Countries***

*Chair: Jan Žižka, E15*

Hungary - **Anita Orbán**, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary

Lithuania - **Audrius Brūzga**, Ambassador, Director of the Energy Security Center, Vilnius

Czech Republic - **Václav Bartuška**, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Slovak Republic - **Urban Rusnák**, Ambassador, Special Representative of the MFA for the External Energy Security

Latvia – **Andris Sprūds**, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

*Discussion*

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