

# WIDER AND CLOSER

## *Influencing EU Policy-Making to Foster Economic Integration and Democratic Development*

*An international think-tanks' and policymakers' conference  
organised by PASOS – Policy Association for an Open Society*

**Date: Thursday 17 October 2013**

**Venue: Theatre Hall, Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU  
15 rue Caroly, 1050 Brussels, Belgium**

----- To register your attendance, please send an email by 15 October 2013 to: [widerandcloser@pasos.org](mailto:widerandcloser@pasos.org) -----

The conference will be organised in association with the annual international think-tanks' conference of PASOS – Policy Association for an Open Society, **the largest annual gathering of independent think-tanks in Europe**. PASOS is a network of more than 50 independent think-tanks in Europe and Central Asia. PASOS aims to promote and protect democracy, human rights and open society values. PASOS runs training activities and joint initiatives among think-tanks, currently including projects on the Open Government Partnership in South East Europe, on European citizenship and enlargement, and on the Eastern Partnership. For further information, please visit: [www.pasos.org](http://www.pasos.org)

### **Principal conference themes**

#### **European Integration with South East Europe, Eastern Neighbours, and Central Asia: Time to Press the Re-Set Button?**

- *Enlargement and Citizenship*
- *The role of civil society and donors in the EU accession process*

#### **Wider European Democratic Development: Monitoring effectiveness of development co-operation and democracy assistance**

- *Accountability and Effectiveness in European Official Development Assistance: New Actors, Methods and Directions*
- *Trade and Development: Partnership for Sustainable Growth or Corruption-Driven Short-termism?*
- *Setting the agenda for EU democracy assistance, and for innovation and sustainability in the priorities and practices of the European External Action Service and the European Endowment for Democracy*

#### **Open Government in South-East Europe and Implications for EU Enlargement Prospects**

- *Review of government commitments to date*
- *Presentation of civil society analysis and monitoring*
- *Comparative cases of monitoring and advocacy for open government*
- *Conclusions on potential of Open Government Partnership and other initiatives to strengthen political integrity and tackle corruption*
- *Conclusions for prospects of EU enlargement*

#### **Closer Integration: New Policy Research as a Lever to Shaping More Effective Integration within and outside the EU**

- *Implications of deep and comprehensive free trade with Eastern Partners*
- *Eastern Partnership roadmap monitoring by civil society*

### **Participants:**

- *independent think-tanks from Western Balkans, EU member-states, South Caucasus, Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova)*
- *policymakers and stakeholders from EU institutions and international civil society organisations*



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08.45-09.00: *Coffee and registration*

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09.00-10.30: **Panel I: European Integration with South East Europe, Eastern Neighbours, and Central Asia: Time to Press the Re-Set Button?**

*Moderator: Linda Austere*, Chair, PASOS, and Director, Foreign Investors Council, Latvia

*Opening speakers:*

**Nicola Bertolini**, Head of Section, Regional Co-operation and Programmes, Western Balkans and Turkey, Directorate-General for Enlargement, European Commission

**Patricia Flor**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia

*Panellists:*

**Iveta Kažoka**, Senior Policy Analyst, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, Latvia

**Gjergji Vurmo**, Program Director, Institute for Democracy and Mediation, Albania

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10.30-10.45: **Presentation of PASOS Think-Tank Awards 2013**

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10.45-11.15: *Coffee break*

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11.15-12.45: **Panel III: Wider European Democratic Development: Monitoring effectiveness of development co-operation and democracy assistance**

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*Moderator: Richard Youngs*, Senior Associate, Democracy and Rule of Law Program, Carnegie Europe

*Panellists:*

**Jerzy Pomianowski**, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy

Dr.sc.pol. **Inese Stepina**, Deputy Director General and Adviser on International and EU Affairs, Employers' Confederation of Latvia (LDDK)

**Vladimír Bartovic**, Deputy Director, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic

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12.45-14.00: *Buffet lunch*

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### 14.00-15.40: **Panel IV: Open Government in South-East Europe and Implications for EU Enlargement Prospects**

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**Moderator: Gábor Péteri**, Executive Director, Local Governance Innovation & Development Ltd. (LGID)

*Panellists:*

**Irina Rizmal**, Researcher, Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies, Serbia

**Fisnik Reçica**, Senior Researcher, Riinvest Institute for Development Research, Kosovo

**Marija Vuksanović**, Project Manager, Centre For Democracy and Human Rights – CEDEM, Montenegro

**Monica Macovei MEP**, Romania

**Paul Maassen**, Civil Society Co-ordinator, Open Government Partnership

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15.40-16.10: *Coffee break*

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### 16.10-16.20: **Ilko Kucheriv Democracy Fellowship Programme**

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### 16.20-18.00: **Panel V. Closer Integration: New Policy Research as a Lever to Shaping More Effective Integration within and outside the EU**

- *Implications of deep and comprehensive free trade with Eastern Partners*
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**Moderator: Hrant Kostanyan**, Associate Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies

*Panellists:*

**Volodymyr Panchenko**, Director, International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine

**Adrian Lupusor**, Executive Director, Expert-Grup, Moldova

**Philippe Cuisson**, Deputy Head of Unit E1 - Europe (non-EU) and Central Asia, Directorate-General - Trade, European Commission

**Tamara Patariaia**, Project Co-ordinator, Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development, Georgia

**Leonid Litra**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World Policy, Ukraine

**Viorel Ursu**, Senior Policy Analyst, EU External Relations – Eastern Europe, Human Rights and Rule of Law, Open Society European Policy Institute

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