

Agenda

Third Annual Carnegie EU-Russia Forum

Monday, May 21, 2012, Brussels, European Commission, Berlaymont, 9th floor, room 9

8:30-9:00 Welcome Coffee and arrival of participants and speakers

9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks

- *Jean-Claude Thébault, Director General, BEPA*
- *Jan Techau, Carnegie Europe*

9:15-10:45 **Russia Current and Future Scenarios:** Political, Economic, and Social Situation

Putin's return to the presidency in 2012 has left the prospects for Russia's future unclear. In a climate of democratic backsliding and genuine economic challenges among Russia and G8 counterparts, the possible scenarios for Russia's development and the risks that lie ahead become increasingly important to understand.

Speakers:

- *Nikolay Petrov, Carnegie Moscow Center*
- *Maria Lipman, Carnegie Moscow Center*
- *Andrew Monaghan, NATO Defense College*

Chair: *Margaritis Schinas, BEPA*

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 **Security Challenges:** The Arctic, Arab transitions, Iran and beyond

The necessity to seriously engage on discussion on the Arctic as a security issue for both partners is becoming apparent. More pressing, the Arab Spring and its implications for EU and Russian security interests not only caught both partners by surprise, but present moving targets at a time when the whole region faces security challenges on which the partners, and NATO, do not always agree. Are there spaces for mutual ground and what progress can be made to attaining this?

Speakers:

- *Dmitri Trenin, Carnegie Moscow Center*
- *Alexey Malashenko, Carnegie Moscow Center*
- *Jonathan Eyal, RUSI (invited)*

Chair: *João Marques de Almeida, BEPA*

12:30-14:30 Lunch Discussion, Berlaymont, Grande salle à manger (13th floor)

- *Hélène Carrère d'Encausse, permanent secretary of the Académie Française*
- *Dusan Sidjanski, Special advisor to the President of the European Commission*

14:30-16:00

Between the Poles: An Eye on the Neighborhood

The swath of initiatives between the EU and Russia and their respective and shared neighborhoods are branded as being either too costly economically, not ambitious enough, or at times even senseless. Are these assessments fair and if so what real opportunities exist for the shared neighborhood?

Speakers:

- *Richard Tibbels, European External Action Service*
- *Olga Shumylo-Tapiola, Carnegie Europe*
- *Matthew Rojansky, Carnegie Endowment*

Chair: *Eric Peters, BEPA*

16:00-16:15

Closing remarks

- *Dmitri Trenin, Carnegie Moscow Center*