

*Presentation of the EaP CSF Re-granted Projects on DCFTA Implementation*

## **DCFTA Implementation in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Opportunities**

*27 January 2016 (16h00-17h30)*

*Permanent Representation of Lithuania to the European Union  
Rue Belliard 41-43, Brussels*

### **AGENDA**

#### **Opening remarks:**

**H.E. Jovita Neliupšienė**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Lithuania to the European Union

#### **Panellists:**

- **Dovilė Šukytė**, Policy Analyst and leading project expert, Eastern Europe Studies Centre, Lithuania
- **Iurii Vdovenko**, Coordinator of EaP CSF Working Group 2, project expert, Center for Cross-border Cooperation, Ukraine
- **Sergiu Mihailov**, Executive Director, Pro Cooperare Regionala (ProCoRe), Moldova

#### **Discussants:**

- **Arnoldas Prancėvičius**, Adviser for External Policies, Cabinet of the President, European Parliament
- **Petras Auštrevičius**, MEP (ALDE), Member of AFET, DROI, European Parliament

**Moderator:** **Natalia Yerashevich**, Director of the Secretariat, EaP CSF

**The two analytical studies** focused on the DCFTA implementation in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine will be presented during the event. The first study *[“Economic Challenges of Ukraine and Moldova on the Way to EU”](#)* by Lithuanian, Moldovan and Ukrainian experts analyses the difficulties of both countries in implementing the Association Agreements with the EU and provides practical advice based on the experience of the CEE countries. The second study *[“DCFTAs: Challenges and Opportunities for SMEs”](#)* evaluates the impact of DCFTA



implementation on Georgian, Moldovan and Ukrainian small and medium businesses operating in agriculture sector and rural areas. The presentations will be followed by the discussion with the authors.

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