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The EaP Think Tank Forum is an initiative of the Institute for European Policies and Reforms (IPRE), the Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies (GISS) and New Europe Center (former Institute of World Policy (IWP)), implemented in cooperation with the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF).

The forum is organised within a project that benefits from the support through the EaP CSF Re-granting Scheme. Within its Re-granting Scheme, the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF) supports projects of the EaP CSF members with a regional dimension that contribute to achieving the mission and objectives of the Forum.

The donors of the Re-granting Scheme are the European Union and National Endowment for Democracy. The overall amount for the 2017 call for proposals is 290.000 EUR. Grants are available for CSOs from the Eastern Partnership and EU countries. Key areas of support are democracy and human rights, economic integration, environment and energy, contacts between people, social and labour policies.

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ABOUT THE EAP THINK TANK FORUM

The EaP Think Tank Forum (Chişinău, September, 22 2017) is an initiative of the Institute for European Policies and Reforms (IPRE), the Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies (GISS) and New Europe Center (former Institute of World Policy (IWP)), implemented in cooperation with the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF), funded by the EU and National Endowment for Democracy (NED) from the EaP CSF re-Granting Scheme 2017 and co-financed by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS).

The overall aim of the Forum is to better connect Think Tanks across Europe for a maximum impact on their research, policy making and advocacy effort in promoting Europeanisation. The EaP Think Tank Forum will offer the opportunity to further discuss and review the proposed draft Policy Recommendations for the EaP Summit in Brussels with a group of over 60 leading experts representing the think tank community from the EU and Eastern Partnership countries aiming at bridging the local, regional and European perspectives in addressing the current challenges and future perspectives of the EU's Eastern Partnership policy. Thus, the Forum address the following issues:

- I. *Bridging Think Tanks in Europe – A way forward* - What are the best practices and lessons learned offered by existing think-tank partnerships in Europe on the regional and/or European levels (i.e. EU Black Sea, Visegrad, Baltic and Western Balkan regions)? What are the main challenges and opportunities to be addressed by the think-tank community from the EU and Eastern Partnership countries? How could EaP Think Tank Forum add value to the EaP Civil Society Forum in building capacity of policy research and advocacy activities? How to strengthen Think-Tank – NGOs partnerships?
- II. *The Future of Eastern Partnership: Challenges and Perspectives* - The upcoming EaP Summit in Brussels will review the results since the Riga Summit 2015 and set up objectives for the future of the EaP. The ENP was reviewed in 2015. A new EU Global Security Strategy was issued in 2016, which also aims to strengthen resilience in the EaP region. What are the main achievements and backlogs of the EU's EaP Policy? What are the key internal and external challenges that EaP countries are facing? How these challenges could be addressed? What the EU and EaP countries should do to strengthen resilience and secure a sustainable Europeanisation process? What are the perspectives for the non-Associated EaP partners?
- III. *Eastern Partnership Deliverables by 2020 and Beyond* - In December 2016 the European Commission and the EEAS has issued the Joint Staff Working document „Eastern Partnership: 20 Deliverables for 2020, which have been reviewed and approved in the meantime by the EaP Ministerial on June 19th, 2017. Are the suggested deliverables ambitious enough and are they sustainable, looking beyond 2020? Are they resonating with the expectations of the EU and EaP partner countries? Will they effectively address the current challenges of the EaP policy and strengthen resilience in the EaP countries?
- IV. *Reviewing the draft Policy Recommendations for the EaP Summit in Brussels* - This will be the concluding panel of the Forum, which will build on the previous sessions and will provide for the opportunity to further discuss and validate the Draft Policy Recommendations for the next EaP Summit in Brussels. The results of the policy debates will be incorporated in the final Policy Recommendations, which will be further discussed in the framework of the EaP CSF and promoted with the EU institutions, EU member states and EaP countries in due time before the Summit in Brussels.

PROGRAMME

DAY 1, Thursday, September 21, 2017

- All day Arrival of participants at the hotel/Registration
- 18.00 – 22.00 Individual Dinner (for participants accommodated at the Hotels: Regency and Zentrum)

DAY 2, Friday, September 22, 2017

- 08.45 – 09.00 Registration (coffee/tea served)
- 09.00 – 09.55 **Opening Remarks**
 Ms. Daniela Morari, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, Chişinău
 HE Mr. Peter Michalko, Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation in Chişinău
 Ms. Natalia Yerashevich, Director, Secretariat of the EaP CSF, Brussels
 Ms. Polina Ojog, Programme Coordinator, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Chişinău
 Mr. Ion Manole, Executive Director, Promo-Lex, Chişinău, Country Facilitator of the National Platform EaP CSF, Chişinău

 Moderator: Mr. Iulian Groza, Executive Director, IPRE, Chişinău

 NOTE: Short break to change the panellists
- 10.00 – 10.30 **Panel I - Bridging Think Tanks in Europe – A way forward**
 Dr. Maria Golubeva, EU Coordinator, Working Group 1, EaP CSF Steering Committee, Brussels
 Mr. Hennadiy Maksak, PRISM, Ukraine, EaP Think Bridge, Kiev
 Dr. Valbona Zeneli, Director of Programs in Black Sea and Eurasia, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall Center – Garmisch
 Dr. Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow and Head of EU Foreign Policy Unit, CEPS, Brussels
 Ms. Valentina Eigner, WeBuildEurope.eu Think Network, Vienna
 Dr. Olena Prystayko, Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels

 Moderator: Mr. Balazs Jarabik, Non-resident Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels
- 10.30 - 11.30 Discussions
- 11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break
- 12.00 – 12.45 **Panel II – The Future of Eastern Partnership: Challenges and Perspectives**
 Dr. Oleksandr Sushko, International Renaissance Foundation, Kiev
 Dr. Igor Munteanu, Executive Director, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives, Chişinău
 Dr. Kornely Kakachia, Executive Director, Georgian Institute of Politics, Tbilisi
 Mr. Zaur Shiryev, Academy Associate, Chatham House, London
 Dr. Stepan Grigoryan, ACGRC, Yerevan
 Dr. Kerry Longhurst, Jean Monnet Professor, Collegium Civitas, Warsaw
 Mr. James Nixey, Head of Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London

 Moderator: Mr. Dmytro Shulga, European programme initiative director at the International Renaissance Foundation, Kiev
- 12.45 – 13.30 Discussions

13.30 – 14.30	Lunch Break
14.30 – 15.00	<p>Panel III – Eastern Partnership Deliverables by 2020 and Beyond</p> <p>Mr. Andrei Yahorau, Centre for European Transformation, Minsk Mr. Denis Cenușă, Program Director, Expert Group, Chișinău Mr. Richard Giragosian, Founding Director, Regional Studies Center, Yerevan Ms. Dovilė Šukytė, EESC, EaP CSF Steering Committee, Vilnius Amb. Paata Gaprindashvili, Director, GRASS, Tbilisi Dr. Stanislav Secieru, Senior Associate Fellow, EUISS, Paris Mr. Paul Ivan, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (EPC), Brussels</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Kataryna Wolczuk, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London</p>
15.00 – 15.30	Discussions
15.30 – 16.15	<p>Panel IV – Policy Recommendations for the EaP Summit in Brussels</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Leonid Litra, Senior Research Fellow, New Europe Center (former Institute for World Policy), Kiev</p> <p>Respondents:</p> <p>Ms. Iskra Kirova, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society European Policy Institute, Brussels Ms. Marta Wytrykowska, Policy officer, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels Mr. Adrian Lupușor, Expert-Group, Chișinău Mr. Ivane Chkhikvadze, EU Integration Program Coordinator, OSGF, Tbilisi Mr. Uladzislau Vialichka, Director General, International Consortium “EuroBelarus”, Minsk Mr. Boris Navasardian, President, Yerevan Press Club, Yerevan Mr. Ziya Guliyev, Chair of the Board, Center for Legal Initiatives, Baku</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Irakli Porchkhidze, Vice-President, Georgian Institute for Strategic Initiatives, Tbilisi</p>
16.15 – 16.45	Discussions
16.45 – 17.30	Concluding remarks and next steps
18.00	Meeting in the lobby of the hotel and Departure to the Asconi Winery (by bus)
19.00 - 22.00	<p>Networking Dinner (Venue: Asconi Winery, Hîncești)</p> <p>Guest Speaker: HE Mr. Peter Michalko, Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation in Chișinău</p> <p>Moderator: Amb. Andrei Popov, President of the Institute for Strategic Studies (IPIS), Chișinău</p> <p>NOTE: The discussions during the dinner will be held under the Chatham House Rule</p>
22.00	Departure to the Hotel

DAY 3, Saturday, September 23, 2017 (Departure)

All-day	Departure of participants
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CONFIRMED SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS



Daniela Morari is a career diplomat and since March 2016 serves as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova (MFAEI), in charge of European Integration and Treaties/International Law. Ms. Morari served in different capacities at the MFAEI since 2004, including as Director General for European Integration in 2013-2015. In 2007 - 2010, she was counselor within the Moldovan Mission to the EU. Daniela Morari was the national coordinator of the Visa Liberalisation Process, as well part of the negotiating team and subsequently monitoring and coordination of implementation of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement.



Amb. Peter Michalko is the new Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation in the Republic of Moldova. Before that he was appointed as the Slovak Ambassador in Greece since 2013. Mr. Peter Michalko being a career diplomat served in different capacities at the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) since 1994, including as Deputy Director of the Department for EU internal Affairs and institutions (2007-2008), Director of the Department for South Eastern Europe (2009-2011) and Political Director of the Slovak MFA (2011-2012). Mr. Michalko also was a Deputy Political Advisor to the KFOR Commander in Pristina between 2006 and 2007. He also served as Political Advisor to the EU Special Representative for the Republic of Moldova, Kalman Mizsei between 2008 and 2009. Amb. Michalko has a M.A. in international relations from Moscow State Institute of International Relations and PhDr. in international relations from the Matej Bel University (Slovakia). He speaks Greek, English, Russian, Romania, Polish, French and Serbian.



Natalia Yerashevich is an international development professional with 15-year practical experience in project management in the sphere of democratic and economic development and civil society empowerment and public policy influence in the countries of the Eastern Partnership. Since 2012, Natalia is heading the Brussels-based Secretariat of the EaP Civil Society Forum, a network of civil society organisations from the EaP countries and the EU. Natalia has more than 10 years experience with US Embassy in Minsk and USAID, where she designed and managed projects aimed at civil society empowerment, improving business climate, stimulating educational and cultural exchanges. Ms Yerashevich holds a MA in International Economics from the Belarusian State University and a MA in Globalisation and International Development from the University of Warwick.



Polina Ojog is a Program Coordinator at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Chisinau, Moldova. She is responsible for coordinating and organizing events on diverse topics especially regarding Eastern Partnership. Trained as a translator-interpreter and formerly responsible for Press and public Relations, she has a unique background in communications.



Ion Manole is the Executive Director of Promo-LEX, a human rights and advocacy organisation. He started his professional activity in human rights area back in 2000 as a pro-bono lawyer at the the League for defense of Human rights of Moldova. In 2002, he and a few other young activists established the Promo-LEX Association. Ion Manole has an extensive expertise and experience human rights and election observation. He also represented few very famous cases at the European Court for Human Rights regarding the Human Rights violations in the Transnistrian region of Moldova. Mr. Manole is licensed in Law and is a member of the Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum and the Country Facilitator of the Moldova's National Platform for the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum.



Dr. Maria Golubeva is a policy analyst and historian from Riga. Currently she is a member of the EaP Civil Society Forum Steering Committee. Maria has studied History at Cambridge University (PhD, 1999) and has worked in Latvian public administration, in a public policy consultancy in Brussels, and at the think-tank PROVIDUS. She has published a number of policy studies and the book “Models of Political Competence” on history of political ideas in late medieval Europe.



Hennadiy Maksak is the head of the Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism”, a network think-tank based in Ukraine. Studied economics (Chernihiv state institute for economics and management), political sciences (Warsaw University, Center for East European Studies). In 2006-2015 he was the president of the Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies. Since January 2017 he has been acting as the Co-chair of the EaP Civil Society Forum. At the same time he is the Facilitator of the Ukrainian national platform of the EaP CSF. Hennadiy Maksak is the head of the Civic Council under the MFA of Ukraine.



Dr. Valbona Zeneli is a professor of national security studies, and director of the Black Sea-Eurasia Program at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. She is an economist with an interest in international economics, good governance and international security. She holds a Ph.D. in international political economy from the University of Bari, Italy, a postgraduate diploma in international marketing from Georgetown University in Washington D.C. She also received a B.A. in business administration from the University of Bologna in Italy, where she graduated with honors. Dr. Zeneli has work experience in public administration and the private sector. She has lectured at numerous universities and organizations in various countries. She has been widely published in well-known journals.



Dr. Steven Blockmans is the Head of EU Foreign Policy at CEPS, a Brussels-based think tank which has been consistently ranked among the 10 best in the world. He is also Professor of EU External Relations Law and Governance at the University of Amsterdam and a founding member of the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER). He served as leading author of Task Forces on ‘More Union in European Defence’ chaired by Javier Solana (2015) and ‘Regroup and Reform: Towards a More Responsive and Effective European Union’ chaired by Danuta Hübner MEP (2017). For the past 20 years, he has carried out numerous research and technical assistance projects in wider Europe and in Asia for the institutions of the EU and governments of EU member states and third countries. Blockmans holds a PhD in international law from Leiden University.

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Dmytro Shulga, born in 1980 in Sevastopol, Crimea, Ukraine. Holds M.A. in International Relations (Kyiv, Ukraine) and LL.M. in European Integration Law (Dresden, Germany). Since 2005 he works at International Renaissance Foundation (the Open Society Foundation in Ukraine). Since 2012 he is IRF's European Programme Director. At this position, he primarily focuses on bringing Ukrainian voices to contribute to the European debate on the war in Donbas, occupied Crimea, Ukrainian reforms, and dynamics of Ukraine-EU relations.



Dr. Oksandr Sushko is Research Director at the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation in Kiev and Chair of the Board of the International Renaissance Foundation, an NGO, which supports citizens' initiatives working for a democratic society in Ukraine as part of the Open Society network. He has also been director of the Centre for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine and has taken part in projects in favour of freedom of movement and the civic initiative for visa liberalisation, “Europe without Barriers”.



Dr. Igor Munteanu is acting today as Managing Director of Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) Administrative Board. Dr. Munteanu is also teaching a Public Policy Course and Political-Administrative Institutions in Europe at Academy of Economic Studies in Moldova. Previously, Dr. Munteanu served as E.P. Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the United States of America (2010 –2015), Canada (2011 –2013) and Mexico (2010 – 2015). He served in the International Board of PASOS between 2008-2010. He served as Independent Expert to the Institutional Committee of the Council of Europe (2001-2008). In 2007, Munteanu served as a member of the International Board for the BSTF (Black Sea Trust Fund) and also a Member of the External evaluation committee of the Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD).



Dr. Kornely Kakachia is Professor of Political Science at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia, and Director of Tbilisi based think tank Georgian Institute of Politics. His current research focuses on Georgian domestic and foreign policy, security issues of the wider Black Sea area and comparative party politics. He was a recipient of IREX and OSI fellowships and was a visiting fellow at Harvard University's Black Sea Security program, (2009–2010) Harriman Institute, Columbia University (2011) and The Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies.



Zaur Shiriye is an Azerbaijani academic in the field of international affairs. He is an Academy Associate at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House, London), position he has held since 2015. Since March 2017, he has worked at the PeaCE Project, serving as coordinator for CRRG Georgia/EPF Azerbaijan. Before that he worked as a senior research fellow at ADA University, Baku (May 2014 - March 2017). Prior to joining ADA he worked as a leading research fellow at the Center for Strategic Studies (2009-14), the Turkish Asian Center for Strategic Studies, Istanbul and the International Strategic Research Organization, Ankara (2006-2008). He is currently a contributing analyst for the EurasiaNet, CACI Analyst, Jamestown Foundation's Eurasia Daily Monitor and has previous editorial and journalistic experience in Azerbaijan and Turkey.



Dr. Stepan Grigoryan – Chairman of the Board of the Yerevan-based Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation (ACGRC). From 1998 to 2000 was the Senior Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia. From 1995 to 1998 Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Minister of the Republic of the Republic of Armenia in the Russia Federation. Member of the Armenian Parliament (1990-1995). Holds diplomatic class of Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Minister.



Dr. Kerry Longhurst is Jean Monnet Professor at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw, Poland and a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe. Her research interests relate to the EU's relations with Eastern Europe and questions to do with the implementation and sustainability of the Eastern Partnership, especially in Moldova. She is currently leading a research project looking at the evolution of the business environment and SME sector in Moldova in the context of the implementation of the DCFTA. Aside from her academic activities Kerry has led a number of studies on behalf of the EU on Higher Education and Civil Society in the Eastern Neighbourhood and Black Sea Region.



James Nixey is Head of the Russia and Eurasia Programme at Chatham House in London. James is also an Associate Fellow with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and serves on the boards of the international the journal UA: Ukraine Analytica and the ES-RC-funded project, 'Rising Powers and Conflict Management in Central Asia'. His key expertise concerns the relationships between Russia and the other post-Soviet states, and with the West. He holds degrees in modern languages and international relations and has previous experience in journalism, as a reporter in Moscow in the late 1990s, and in the banking sector.



Balázs Jarábik is a non-resident scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where his research focuses on Eastern and Central Europe with particular focus on Ukraine. Jarábik worked with Pact, Inc. in Kyiv, Ukraine to build its presence as one of the largest international nongovernmental organizations in Eastern Europe, and later served as project director for Pact in Vilnius, Lithuania. Prior to joining Carnegie, Mr. Jarábik was an associate fellow at FRIDE in Madrid and senior fellow at the Central European Policy Institute in Bratislava. He also worked as a consultant for political parties and civil society organizations in the Balkans and CIS countries, as well as an adviser with wide range of international, governmental, and parliamentary institutions.



Andrei Yahorau is the director of the Centre for European Transformation. He graduated from Belarusian State University, department of political science, and holds a master's degree in political science. He has been working in the political research area since 2001. Andrei Yahorau is one of the founders of the only specialized political science journal in Belarus "Political sphere" and he is the journal's deputy editor-in-chief. He was Belarus Country Facilitator and Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the EaP Civil Society Forum (2014-2015).



Denis Cenușa is a political scientist from Moldova, who works as an associated expert at the Independent Economic Think-tank "Expert-Group", based in Chisinau. Also, Denis is a weekly contributor at the "Info-Prim" News Agency, where between 2015 and 2017 he published more than 100 analytical articles related to European integration and EU-Moldova dialogue. His areas of research comprise the following fields: EU-Moldova dialogue, economy of European integration, EU-Russia relationship, EU's European Neighborhood policy, and energy security. Currently, Denis works closely in projects related to implementation of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement and energy security. Denis obtained a Master diploma in European Interdisciplinary Studies at the College of Europe Natolin. Finally, Denis took part in an Advanced Program on EU Law and Economics at Riga Graduate School of Law.



Richard Giragosian is the Founding Director of the Regional Studies Center (RSC), an independent “think tank” located in Yerevan, Armenia (www.regional-studies.org) and serves as both a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe’s Natolin Campus and Senior Expert at Yerevan State University’s Centre for European Studies (CES). He is also a contributing analyst for al Jazeera and Oxford Analytica, a UK-based global analysis and advisory firm. From 2002-2006, Giragosian served as a guest lecturer for the U.S. Army Special Forces and, for nine years, as a Professional Staff Member of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC) of the U.S. Congress. He has also worked as an analyst for Abt Associates Inc. and was a research consultant for the New America Foundation and the Center for National Policy (CNP) in Washington.



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Amb. Paata Gaprindashvili holds the position of Georgia’s Reforms Associates (GRASS)’s Director since June 2016. Before that Paata served as a Vice Director at GRASS and Editor-in-Chief of analytical-and-information service FactCheck Georgia. He received an MA in International Law from Tbilisi State University in 1994 with continued post-graduate level studies at the George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies in Germany (2000) and the Royal College of Defence Studies in the UK (2001). A career diplomat, Paata holds the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. In 2009-2013, he was Georgia’s Ambassador to the Republic of Austria as well as the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna.



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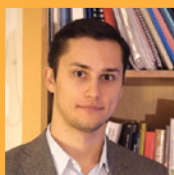
Paul Ivan is a Senior Policy Analyst at EPC in the World and the European Politics and Institutions programmes. Before joining the EPC, Paul was a diplomat working on the South Caucasus countries in the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a researcher at the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels and a researcher on at the Romanian Center for European Policies (CRPE). Working for a time in the EEAS, he was involved in EU’s Association Agreement negotiations with the South Caucasus countries and Moldova. Paul holds an MSc in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and bachelor’s degrees in international relations, European studies and history.



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Iskra Kirova is a senior policy analyst at the Open Society European Policy Institute, responsible for EU policy advocacy and analysis on Eurasia. Previously, Kirova worked for the International Crisis Group as EU advocacy and research analyst, conducting and helping to develop Crisis Group's advocacy on conflict prevention and resolution in Brussels and other European capitals. She has served as research associate and later a fellow at the USC Center on Public Diplomacy in Los Angeles, publishing on EU affairs, media, civil society, and conflict resolution. She has also worked for the European Commission's Directorate-General for External Relations on European Neighborhood Policy, and as a research assistant at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Kirova graduated from the University of Southern California with a master's degree in public diplomacy and holds another master's in international relations from Sofia University in Bulgaria.



Alexandru Lupușor is the Executive Director of Expert-Grup - an independent think-tank specialized in economic policies, consultancy and research. Adrian has a Master degree in Economics and Finance received from the Charles University in Prague and a Master degree in Financial and Banking Administration from the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova. During his 8+ years of activity within Expert-Grup, Adrian has been involved, as an expert and/or team leader in a number of projects related to monitoring economic trends of Moldova (including the Transnistrian region), monitoring the implementation of Government's commitments within the European agenda, developing three National Human Development Reports for UNDP, monitoring the implementation of Millennium Development Goals, consulting public authorities and international organizations on a number of policy issues related to economic development, financial/banking sector, trade policies etc. Currently, Adrian is the manager of the Project Management Unit of the Managed Good Governance Fund - a five-year UK technical assistance project funded by DFID that provides expert advice and support to public institutions in strengthening the governance and regulatory framework.



Ivane Chkhikvadze works as a EU Integration Program Manager at Open Society Georgia Foundation (OSGF). He focuses on EU-Georgian relations and runs the projects promoting Georgia's integration into the European structures. He was country analyst of European Stability Initiative for up to two years. Before, he worked for the Eurasia Partnership Foundation and prior to joining the Foundation, he worked at the Office of the State Minister on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Georgia, where he assisted in monitoring and evaluating implementation of EU programs in the field of economic integration, public awareness, capacity building, education and trafficking. Ivane also supervised the implementation of EU projects related to regional cooperation. Ivane Chkhikvadze holds Master's Degree from the College of Europe in European Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies, as well as from the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, in Policy Analysis.



Ulad Vialichka graduated from Belarusian State Pedagogic University and Post-graduate Course at National Institute of Education. Ulad is working in CSO sector in Belarus since 1994 and is known as experienced NGO leader, manager, trainer, facilitator, evaluator and consultant. His main areas of activities are: civil society development, civic and adult education, advocacy, organizational development and capacity building of NGOs, project and program monitoring and evaluation, development cooperation and partnership, EU-Belarus relations. In 2009 Ulad Vialichka was elected as the Chairperson of International Consortium EUROBELARUS. Since 2014 he is Director General of EUROBELARUS. Ulad is one of the leaders of Belarusian National Platform of the EaP Civil Society Forum. In 2009-2011 as well as since 2015 he was elected to the EaP CSF Steering Committee – as a national coordinator on Belarus and later as Co-Chair of the Steering Committee.



Boris Navasardian is the President of Yerevan Press Club since 1995, the first journalistic association established in post-Soviet Armenia. Making an impressive career as columnist, chief-editor, host of TV shows, lecturer in journalistic schools, he in the same time is active participant of civil society development, regional cooperation and Europeanization. In 2002-2006 Mr. Navasardian acted as Board chair of the Open Society Institute Armenia, in 2005-2007 he was member of Council of Europe's expert group on "Freedom of expression and freedom of information in times of crisis. Since 2009 Boris Navasardian is actively engaged in the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum in the capacity of country facilitator for Armenia.



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