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Moderator:

Igor Burakovsky, Head of the Board, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Ukraine

Speakers:

Vitaliy Kulyk, Director, Center for Civil Society Problems Research, Ukraine

Nico Lange, Country Director Ukraine, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Germany

Jock Mendoza–Wilson, Director of International and Investor Relations, System Capital Management, Ukraine

Oleksandr Sushko, Research Director, Institute of Euro–Atlantic Cooperation, Ukraine

Marcin Swiecicki, Director, UNDP Blue Ribbon Analytical and Advisery Centre in Kyiv, Ukraine

20:00 Reception

UKRAINSKY DIM

February 24, 2011

09:30–09:45

Opening Remarks

CENTRAL HALL

Zygmunt Berdychowski, Chairman of the Programme Council of the Economic Forum,
Poland

Eduard Prutnik, Chairman of the Board, United World Foundation, Ukraine

09:45–11:30

Successes, Failures and Potential. Ukraine After 20 Years of Independence

CENTRAL HALL

Moderator:

Peter Balazs, Professor, Director, Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Central European
University, Hungary

Special guest:

Viktor Yanukovich, President of Ukraine

Speakers:

Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine (1994–2005)

Stjepan Mesic, President of the Republic of Croatia (2000–2010)

Guenter Verheugen, Former Vice-President of the European Commission, Germany

11.30–11:50 Coffee Break

11:50–13:20

European Union – Russia – Ukraine: in Search of Modus Vivendi

GRAND EXHIBITION HALL

Moderator:

Anne de Tinguy, Professor, Center for International Studies and Research (CERI), France

Speakers:

Elmar Brok, Member, European Parliament, Germany

Boris Guseletov, Head of the International Office, Political Party "Spravedlivaya Rossiya" (A just Russia), Russia

Volodymyr Horbulin, Member, Presidium of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine

Evaldas Ignatavicius, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania

Mykola Katerynychuk, Chief, European Party of Ukraine, Ukraine

Anatoly Kozeradsky, Member of the Committee for CIS Affairs and Relations with Compatriots, State Duma, Russia

Grzegorz Napieralski, Member, Sejm of the Republic of Poland

Adrian Severin, Vice-President of the Alliance of Socialists Group, European Parliament, Romania

Participation in discussion:

Nataliya Velikaya, Head of Department of Political Sociology, Russian State University of Humanities, Russia

11:50–13:20

Economic Reforms and Restructuring Processes: European and Ukrainian Experience

CENTRAL HALL

Moderator:

Vladyslav Kaskiv, Head, State Agency for Investment and National Projects of Ukraine

Special guest:

Iryna Akimova, First Deputy Head, Administration of the President of Ukraine

Speakers:

Anatoly Aksakov, Member of Parliament, State Duma, Russia

Jelena V. Hoffmann, President, Honorary Consul, Federal Association of German Businessmen in Ukraine, Germany

Nataliya Korolevska, Chairman of the Committee on Industrial and Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ukraine

Martin Raiser, Country Director for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, World Bank, USA

Ivan Stefanec, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, National Council of the Slovak Republic

Commentator:

Dmitry Piskarev, Deputy Head of Staff, Committee on Economic Policy, Business and Ownership, Council of Federation, Russia

Jaroslav Romanchuk, President, The Mises Scientific Research Center, Belarus

Participation in discussion:

Steffen Preissler, Head of Business Field Innovative Transfer Systems, The Fraunhofer Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Germany

Dmitry Chistilin, Assistant Professor, Dnipropetrovsk University of Economics and Law, Ukraine

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Investments Possibilities in Ukraine. How to Create a Good Investment Climate?

GRAND EXHIBITION HALL

Moderator:

Marcus Stober, Consultant, Stober Kommunikation, Sweden

Speakers:

Rafał Baniak, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economy, Poland

Andrey Bespyatov, Head of Research, Dragon Capital, Ukraine

Daniel Bilak, Partner, Head of Real Estate and Construction, Kyiv, CMS Cameron McKenna, Poland

Igor Khotey, Deputy Head of the Fund, State Property Fund of Ukraine

Karl Hepp de Sevelinges, Partner, Head of Kyiv Office, Gide Loyrette Nouel, France

Ruslan Shafiev, Deputy Director, Russian Market Research Institute, Russia

Oleg Shamshur, Member of the Supervisory Board, Phoenix Capital, Ukraine

Commentator:

Alexandre Aronin, Commercial Attache of Israel to Ukraine, Head of Economic and Trade Mission, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Israel

14:15–15:45

Ukraine within the Eastern Partnership in the Context of the Hungarian–Polish Presidency

CENTRAL HALL

Moderator:

Marek Magierowski, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, "Rzeczpospolita" daily, Poland

Speakers:

Jelko Kacin, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Delegation to South-East Europe, Rapporteur for Serbia, European Parliament, Slovenia

Pavlo Klimkin, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

John Kjaer, Head of the Unit for Relations with Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and Southern Caucasus, European External Action Service (EEAS), Denmark

Andrzej Cieszkowski, Plenipotentiary for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

John Kjaer, Head of the Unit for Relations with Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and Southern Caucasus, European External Action Service (EEAS), Denmark

Petr Mares, Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Hryhoriy Nemyrya, Deputy Head of the Party, Former Deputy Prime Minister, All-Ukrainian Union "Batkivshchyna", Ukraine

Janos Terenyi, Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

Volodymyr Vecherko, Chairman, Sub-Committee on Economic Cooperation between Ukraine and EU, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Gert Weisskirchen, Professor em., Lecturer, Willy Brandt Graduate School of Public Policy, Erfurt University, Germany

Participation in discussion:

Victor Mironenko, Chief of the Center of Ukrainian Studies, Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

15:45–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:40

Civil Society and Rule of Law in Ukraine

CENTRAL HALL

Partner: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

Moderator:

Vitaly Portnikov, Editor-in-Chief, TVi channel, Ukraine

Special guest:

Hanna Herman, Deputy Head, Administration of the President of Ukraine

Speakers:

Anatoliy Grytsenko, Head of the National Security & Defence Committee, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Marek Kuchcinski, Vice-Speaker, Sejm of the Republic of Poland

Asim Mollazade, Chairman of the Democratic Reforms Party, Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Oleh Rybachuk, Chairman, NGO Centre UA, Ukraine

Hanne Severinsen, Project Manager, Danish Helsinki Committee, Denmark

Dietmar Stuedemann, Ambassador (ret.), Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Germany

Andrey Shastitko, Director General, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Russia

Commentator:

Melanie Sully, Vice-President, Institute for Parliamentarism and Democracy Questions, Austria

Participation in discussion:

Oleksiy Haran, Professor of Comparative Politics, University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy", Ukraine

16:00–17:40

Regional Cooperation: Black Sea, Euroregions, Cross-Border Cooperation

GRAND EXHIBITION HALL

Moderator:

Gerd Harms, Adviser to the Board, Enertrag AG, Germany

Speakers:

David Chico Zamanillo, Adviser, Prime Minister Office, Spain

Igor Chernyshenko, Vice-Chairman of the Far East Committee, State Duma, Russia

Sergij Grynevetskyj, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Ukraine

Janusz Sepiol, Senate of the Republic of Poland

Peter Szegvari, Expert on Regional Politics, Committee of the Regions, City Hall of Budapest, Hungary

Marat Terterov, Chairman, European Geopolitical Forum, Belgium

17:40–17:50 Break

17:50–19:20

European Energy Security: Mutual Dependence – Threats and Opportunities

GRAND EXHIBITION HALL

Moderator:

Mykhailo Gonchar, Director of Energy Programmes, NOMOS Centre, Ukraine

Speakers:

Oleksandr Hudyma, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Viacheslav Kniazhnytskyi, Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

Heinz Kopetz, Member of the Board, World Bioenergy Association, Austria

Anita Orban, Ambassador-at-Large on Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

Urban Rusnak, Ambassador, Head of Energy Security Project, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovakia

Hannes Swoboda, MEP, S&D Vice President, European Parliament, Austria

Frank Umbach, Senior Associate and Head of the Programme, Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS), Germany

17:50–19:20

Ukraine in the Transatlantic Space: Problems and Solutions

CENTRAL HALL

Moderator:**Lionel Beehner**, Researcher, Yale University, USA**Special guest:****Giorgi Baramidze**, Vice–Prime Minister, State Minister for European and Euro–Atlantic Integration, Government of Georgia**Speakers:****Iulian Chifu**, Director, Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Romania**Chris Holzen**, Resident Country Director, International Republican Institute, USA**Markus Meckel**, Former Member of Bundestag, Germany**Tatiana Moskalkova**, Vice–Chairwoman of the Committee for CIS and Relations with Compatriots, State Duma, Russia**Anatoliy Orel**, General Director, Center for International and Comparative Studies, Ukraine**Zbigniew Romaszewski**, Deputy Speaker, Senate of the Republic of Poland**Borys Tarasyuk**, Chairman of the Committee on European Integration, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**Commentator:****Armand Clesse**, Director, Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies, Luxembourg

19:20 Reception

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February 25, 2011

09:00–11:00

Association Agreement: On the Way to European Integration

CENTRAL HALL

Moderator:

Oleksandr Chalyi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Ukraine

Speakers:

Viorel Hrebenciuc, Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, Chamber of Deputies, Romania

Neven Mimica, Deputy Speaker, Parliament of Croatia

Alexander Mirsky, Member of Parliament, European Parliament, Latvia

Valeriy Piatnytskyi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy, Ukraine

Andrei Popov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Moldova

Petro Poroshenko, Head of the Council, National Bank of Ukraine

Alex Saez, Deputy–Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs, Congress of Deputies, Cortes Generales, Spain

Olena Zerkal, Director, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine

Ivo Rollis, Senior International Expert, European Integration Policy Advice Project, Latvia

Commentator:

Amanda Paul, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre, Belgium

Participation in discussion:

Jean-Yves Leconte, Vice–President, Assembly of the French People Abroad, Poland

Andreas Umland, DAAD Senior Lecturer in Political Science, University of Kyiv–Mohyla Academy, Germany

11:00–11:10 Coffee Break

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Ukraine in the European Security System

Moderator:

Matvey Ganapolsky, Presenter, Analyst, Radio Ekho Moskv, Russia

Speakers:

Joachim Bitterlich, Ambassador (ret.), Executive Vice-President International Affairs, Veolia Environnement, France

Juan Carlos Corcuera Plaza, Member of the Defence Committee, Congress of Deputies, Cortes Generales, Spain

Valeriy Chalyi, Deputy Director General, Razumkov Centre for Economic & Political Studies, Ukraine

Werner Fasslabend, President, Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party, Austria

Vladimir Kolesnikov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Security, State Duma, Russia

Teodor Melescanu, Vice-Speaker of the Senate, Parliament of Romania

Jovan Ratkovic, Adviser, Chancellery of the President of Serbia

Participation in discussion:

Volodymyr Manzhola, Professor, Institute of International Relations, Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, Ukraine

11:10–12:40

International Economic Cooperation: Perspectives and Challenges

Moderator:

Oleksiy Plotnikov, Head of Subcommittee for International Economic Policy, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Special guest:

Mykola Azarov, Prime Minister of Ukraine

Speakers:

Jan Fischer, Vice-President, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, United Kingdom

Anatoliy Kinakh, President, Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, Ukraine

Felix Larrosa, Spokesman, Committee for Industry, Tourism and Trade, Congress of Deputies, Cortes Generales, Spain

Philippe Pegorier, Country President Russia, Ukraine & Belarus, Alstom, France

Krzysztof Walenczak, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Treasury, Poland

12:40–12:50 Break

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Banking Sector After the Economic Crisis. Doing Business in Ukraine

Moderator:

Roman Shpek, Senior Adviser, Alfa-Bank Ukraine

Speakers:

Przemysław Majka, Deputy Chairman, Kredobank, Ukraine

Mateusz Morawiecki, President of the Management Board, Bank Zachodni WBK, Poland

Andrey Nechaev, President, Bank "Russian Financial Corporation" JSC, Russia

Viktor Pynzenyk, Chairman, Ukrainian Reform Support Foundation, Ukraine

Andriy Supranonok, Managing Director, Phoenix Capital, Ukraine

12:50–14:20

Ukrainian Transit Capacity – Opportunities for Development

Moderator:

Dariusz Szymczycha, Senior Consultant, Pressdor, Poland

Speakers:

Oleksandr Narbut, Independent Expert on Energy Issues, Ukraine

Oleg Nikiforov, Member of the Subcommittee on International Energy Cooperation,
Russian Union of Entrepreneurs and Industrialists, Nezavisimaya Gazeta–Energy, Russia

Pawel Poncyljusz, Member of Parliament, Sejm of the Republic of Poland

Keith Smith, Senior Associate, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), USA

Oleksandr Todiichuk, President, International Energy Club “Q-Club”, Ukraine

Jordi Xucla, Chairman of the PACE Subcommittee on Nagorno–Karabakh, Congress of
Deputies, Cortes Generales, Spain

Commentator:

David Koranyi, Visiting Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, Hungary

Participation in discussion:

Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Research Fellow, Center for International Studies and
Research (CERI), France

Tamara Guzenkova, Head of Department, Russian Institute for Strategic Studies, Russia

14:20 Closing remarks

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Speakers



Aksakov Anatoly

R u s s i a

Member of Parliament

State Duma

Deputy of the Russian Federation State Duma of third, fourth and fifth convocation. Representing single mandate electoral district (from 1999–present). Deputy Chairman of Credit Organizations and Financial Markets Committee. From 2006, president of Association of regional banks of Russia. Member of the board of the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

Aronin Alexandre

I s r a e l

Commercial Attache of Israel to Ukraine, Head of Economic and Trade Mission

Ministry of Industry and Trade

Alexandra Aronin was appointed as Israel's Commercial Attaché to Ukraine in July 2008. She established the Israel's Trade and Economic Mission to Ukraine, a professional unit of the Foreign Trade Administration, the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor of Israel, in order to promote, enhance and facilitate the economic and trade cooperation between Israel and Ukraine.



Azarov Mykola

U k r a i n e

Prime Minister

He was the First Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister in 2002–2005 and 2006–2007. He also served as acting Prime Minister for two short periods in late 2004 and early 2005. Following the victory of Viktor Yanukovich in the 2010 presidential election, he was appointed Prime Minister in March 2010.



Balazs Peter

H u n g a r y

Professor, Director

Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Central European University

Economist, diplomat. From 2009 to 2010, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary. In 2002, he was appointed Secretary of State for Integration and Foreign Economic Policy. From May to November 2004, he held the position of EU Commissioner for Regional Policy. Professor at the Budapest's Corvinus University and the Central European University (CEU) as well as Director of the CEU's EU Enlargement Centre.



Baniak Rafał

P o l a n d

Undersecretary of State

Ministry of Economy

He is responsible for promotion of export, special economic zones, foreign investments, public assistance for entrepreneurs and European funds as well as social dialogue.



Baramidze Giorgi

G e o r g i a

Vice-Prime Minister, State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

He graduated from the Georgian Technical University, Faculty of Chemical Technologies and the School of Diplomacy at the Georgetown University. He was a Member of Parliament from 1992 to 2003 (winning re-election in 1995 and 1999). In 2003 he was appointed Minister of Internal Affairs of Georgia. In June 2004 he was appointed Minister of Defense. Since 2005 he served as State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration. Since 2006 Vice-Prime Minister of Georgia.



Beehner Lionel

U S A

Researcher

Yale University

Term member and former senior writer at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he covered Iraq, Iran, the former Soviet Union, and international law for its award-winning website. He is a frequent contributor to the New York Times Travel section and has published op-eds in the Christian Science Monitor, Los Angeles Times, Guardian Online, Baltimore Sun, Slate, Chicago Tribune, The New Republic, Foreign Affairs, Foreign Policy, Russia Journal, Kyiv Post, Seed, New York, and Worth Magazine. He is a member of USA Today's Board of Contributors.



Berdychowski Zygmunt

P o l a n d

Chairman of the Economic Forum Programme Council

Institute for Eastern Studies

Graduated from the Jagiellonian University Department of Law. Founder of the Institute for Eastern Studies that organizes Economic Forum in Krynica.



Bespyatov Andrey

U k r a i n e

Head of Research

Dragon Capital

Joined Dragon Capital as an analyst in 2001 and was promoted to the position of Head of Research in 2005. He analyzed companies in the oil and gas, chemical, engineering, and mining industries, combining this work with macroeconomic research. Mr. Bespyatov became a CFA charter holder in 2004 and received a Ph.D. in Economics from the Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences Institute of World Economy and International Relations in 2005. His other education includes a joint program of the Donetsk National Technological University and Dutch Hogeschool van Utrecht as well as a one-year Bachelor's course at the Arizona State University.



Bilak Daniel

P o l a n d

**Partner, Head of Real Estate and Construction, Kyiv
CMS Cameron McKenna**

With over nineteen years of experience working in the private and public sectors in Ukraine (including ten years as a senior legal adviser to the Ukrainian government), he has extensive knowledge of the local market and established experience in managing legal risk on behalf of clients. He is recommended by PLC Which Lawyer as a leading expert in Corporate Real Estate transactions in Ukraine.



Bitterlich Joachim

F r a n c e

**Executive Vice-President International Affairs
Veolia Environnement**

Head of the European Policy Department at the Federal Chancellor's Office from 1987 to 1993. From 1993 to 1998 served as Foreign and Security Policy Adviser to Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl. From 1998 to 1999 acted as Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to NATO. In 1999–2002 Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain. Executive Vice-President International Affairs Veolia Environnement Paris since 2003, and Chairman Veolia Environnement Germany since 2009. Member of the Board of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Paris/Strasbourg. Professor at the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris (ESCP-EAP).



Brok Elmar

G e r m a n y

**Member
European Parliament**

Member of the European Parliament (since 1980). Foreign policy spokesman for the EPP Group in the European Parliament. EP representative at the Intergovernmental Conferences on the Amsterdam Treaty (from 1996 to 1997), the Nice Treaty (2000), the Lisbon Treaty (2007) and the EU Constitution (from 2003 to 2004), as well as in the Council's Reflection Group for Maastricht II (from 1994 to 1995). EPP-DE Group chairman at the EU Constitutional Convention (from 2001 to 2002). Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee (from 1997 to 2007). Substitute member of the EU Affairs Committee in the German Bundestag.



Burakovsky Igor

Ukraine

Head of the Board

Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting

Holds PhD in Economics, lectures at the National University of Kyiv–Mohyla Academy and heads the Executive Board of the Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting – IER since 2002. He used to be a visiting fellow in the UK (Birmingham University), Japan (Economic Planning Agency, Japan Institute for International Affairs), and USA (Fulbright Scholar, Stanford University). He has more than twenty years of experience in analysis of economic reforms, and specialises in studies on reforms in the countries under transition.



Chalyi Valeriy

Ukraine

Deputy Director General

Razumkov Centre for Economic & Political Studies

Coordinator of the sector “European Choice” in the Government of Change. From 2009 to 2010 served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. From 2000 to 2009, he acted as Deputy Director General and International Programs Director of the Razumkov Centre. He previously has served as Senior Consultant of the Assistant and Referent Group under the President of Ukraine. He has also been an Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council.



Chalyi Oleksandr

Ukraine

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

Holds PhD in Law. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine. Honoured Lawyer of Ukraine. From 1998 to 2001 served as First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, in 2001 appointed Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the Council of Europe. From 2001 to 2004 served as State Secretary of Ministry for Foreign Affairs for European Integration. Foreign Adviser to the President Victor Yushchenko and Deputy Head of the Presidential Administration from 2006 to 2008.

Cieszkowski Andrzej

P o l a n d

Plenipotentiary for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

In MFA of Poland from 1998: Embassy of Poland in Portugal (1998–2002), Department of the European Union (2002–2008), Head of Unit for Neighbourhood Policy (2005–2008). In Nov. 2008 nominated Plenipotentiary of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Eastern Partnership. Education: Master of Arts in Political Sciences at Moscow State Institute of International Relations (1990–1995) and Postgraduate Studies in Management at Warsaw School of Economics – SGH (1996–1997).



Chernyshenko Igor

R u s s i a

**Vice-Chairman of the Far East Committee
State Duma**

Member of the State Duma, since 2000, for the United Russia (Yedinaya Rossiya) party; Vice-Chairman of the Committee on North and Far East. He used to be a Deputy Governor of the Murmansk region and a delegate of the Murmansk Governor to the State Duma.



Chico Zamanillo David

S p a i n

**Adviser
Prime Minister Office**

He works at the office of the Spanish Prime Minister, Rodriguez Zapatero. From 2008 till Spring 2010, Mr. Chico Zamanillo was international adviser to the Spanish Secretary of State of Immigration and Emigration. Previously, he worked in the European Parliament as the head of the MEP office of Mr. Josep Borrell, former President of the EU Parliament. Mr. Chico Zamanillo worked for Mr. Borrell as a speech writer and policy adviser. Prior to that, he worked for the Spanish Foreign Trade Office (ICEX), the OSCE in Prague, and the Spanish bank, BBVA. In 2003 he won the international René Cassin competition, organized by the European Court of Human Rights.



Chifu Iulian

R o m a n i a

Director

Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center

He specializes in conflict analysis, crisis decision-making and the post-soviet space. Author and co-author of several books: "Diplomatic war under the Kremlin's shadow", "Diplomatic war in Bessarabia. Conflict analysis", "Bessarabia under Soviet occupation (1940-1941 and 1944-1991)", "Post Soviet Space: Identity Reloaded, Russia's Foreign Policy in Putin's Era" and many others.



Clesse Armand

L u x e m b o u r g

Director

Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies

Director of the Luxembourg Institute for European and International Studies. He was a special Counsellor to the former Prime Minister of Luxembourg Jacques Santer. He was a visiting Professor at Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Max-Planck Institute, Starnberg, at the University of Saarbrücken, as well as Lecturer at the University of Trier. He has published and edited various books on European and international affairs.



Corcuera Plaza Juan Carlos

S p a i n

Member of the Defence Committee

Congress of Deputies, Cortes Generales

Spanish politician, currently Deputy for Barcelona. Member of the Socialist Group in Congress. He holds degree in Law, Political Science, Philosophy and Contemporary History at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and Law Degree in Information Technology by ESADE. He is a Secretary of Organization and Finance (PSC-Sabadell).



Eyl-Mazzega Marc-Antoine

France

Research Fellow

Center for International Studies and Research (CERI)

Expert on gas policies and trade in the former Soviet Union area. He holds a PhD from Sciences-Po de Paris and is currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Center for International Studies and Research (CERI). He worked for the BNP Paribas representative office in Ukraine, the Robert Schuman Foundation in Paris and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Brussels.



Fasslabend Werner

Austria

President

Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party

From December 1990 until February 2000 he was Federal Minister of Defence. During his tenure he initiated a far-reaching reformation in the ministry and adapted the organisation of armed forces to the new threat scenario. He also strongly supported Austria's active participation in the formulation of the future European security-policy and organised the first meeting of EU-Ministers of Defence in 1998. Besides being the president of the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES) he is a member of the managing-committee of the Austrian People's Party. Since October 2004 he is the president of the Political Academy (PolAk) of the Austrian People's Party.



Fischer Jan

United Kingdom

Vice-President

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Mr. Fischer joined the bank in September 2010 as Vice-President of the operational policies department. Prior to joining the EBRD, Mr. Fischer was the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, from April 2009 to June 2010. From April 2003 to April 2009, he was the President of the Czech Statistical Office.



Ganapolsky Matvey

R u s s i a

Presenter, Analyst

Radio Ekho Moskvyy

Political columnist, TV presenter. For more than 18 years, he has been a journalist with the Russian radio station "Ekho Moskvyy". He is a laureate of journalistic awards and lectures at the Eurasian Academy of Television.



Gonchar Mykhailo

U k r a i n e

Director of Energy Programmes

NOMOS Centre

Expert on international security, energy security and hydrocarbons infrastructure. Since 2006 he is a Head of Energy Programs at the NOMOS Center. From 2009 to 2010 he coordinated WG 3 "Environment, Climate change, Energy security" as a part of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. Till 2006 served as Deputy Chairman of the Board JSC UkrTransNafta; from 2006 to 2010 Adviser to the Secretary of National Security and Defense Council.



Grytsenko Anatoliy

U k r a i n e

Head of the National Security & Defence Committee

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

He used to be an out-of-staff consultant of the Committee on National Security and Defence of the Verkhovna Rada, then a member of Social Council of experts in domestic issues of the President's of Ukraine Chamber. Served as a Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, in 2005 he was appointed Minister of Defence.



Guseletov Boris

R u s s i a

Head of the International Office

Political Party "Spravedlivaya Rossiya" (A just Russia)

Professor in the Faculty of Sociology and Political Science of the Russian State School of Trade and Economy. Head of the Centre of International Projects and Programs of the A Just World Institute (Moscow).



Guzenkova Tamara

R u s s i a

Head of Department

Russian Institute for Strategic Studies

Holds PhD in History, she is a research fellow at the Russian Institute of Strategic Studies, specializes in studies on Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus.



Haran Oleksiy

U k r a i n e

Professor of Comparative Politics

University of "Kyiv–Mohyla Academy"

Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy (UKMA) and Academic Director of the UKMA School for Policy Analysis. Author of *Ukraine in Europe: Questions and Answers* (2009), *To Kill the Dragon: From the History of Rukh and New Political Parties of Ukraine* (1993) and *Transatlantic Debates: The Turn of Western Europe to Détente and the Position of the USA* (1990), coeditor of *The Ukrainian Left: Between Leninism and Social Democracy* (2000) and *Russia and Ukraine: Ten Years of Transformation* (Moscow 2003). He is a frequent contributor to international publications on Ukraine and commentator in international media.



Harms Gerd

Germany

Adviser to the Board

Enertrag AG

In 1989–1990 was a Secretary of State Youth and Family in Berlin. In 1991–1998 served as State Secretary in the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Brandenburg. From 1998 to 2002 acted as Minister of Culture of Saxony–Anhalt. From 2004 to 2009 acted as Representative of Brandenburg for Federal and European Affairs. In 2009–2010 Member of the Committee of the Regions in the European Union. Since 2010 – self-employed political and economic adviser.



Hepp de Sevelinges Karl

France

Partner, Head of Kyiv Office

Gide Loyrette Nouel

Partner of Gide Loyrette Nouel and Head of the firm's Kyiv office. He specialises in cross-border transactions. Having practiced in Berlin, Mr. Hepp de Sevelinges worked as French lawyer for 8 years in Gide Loyrette Nouel's Paris office before setting up the Kyiv office in 2006. Specialized in international transactions, his team works in mergers & acquisitions, finance, PPP, real estate, IP and competition law. Recently he has been advising several international companies in important industrial investments in Ukraine.



Herman Hanna

Ukraine

Deputy Head

Administration of the President of Ukraine

Journalist by education. Worked at different medias. The longest – for nearly fifteen years – at “Radio Free Europe – Radio Liberty”. In 2004 became press secretary of Viktor Yanukovich. Afterwards – in 2006 – became Member of Parliament of Ukraine. Was head of the parliamentary committee on freedom of speech. After the victory of Viktor Yanukovich at presidential elections was appointed Deputy of Head of the Administration of the President of Ukraine.



Hoffmann Jelena V.

Germany

Honorary Consul of Ukraine, President

Federal Association of German Businessmen in Ukraine

Honorary Consul of Ukraine in the Free State of Saxony, CEO of the German–Ukraine Forum, President of the Federal Association of German Businessmen in Ukraine and an executive business consultant. She studied semiconductor technology in Moscow. She had worked as a development engineer, marketing manager and CEO in a medium–size enterprise. She was elected to the German Parliament in 1994 for three legislature periods (11 years). Currently she works as a management consultant for European enterprises.



Holzen Chris

USA

Resident Country Director

The International Republican Institute

Director of the International Republican Institute (IRI) in Ukraine. He manages IRI's program from offices in Kyiv and Simferopol, which seek to improve the responsiveness of local governments in Ukraine to citizens needs. He has a degree in political science from the University of Tennessee (USA) and attended the United States Military Academy at West Point.



Horbulin Volodymyr

Ukraine

Member

Presidium of the National Academy of the Science of Ukraine

Statesman and politician. Holds PhD in Technical Science, Professor, academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Head of the Council for Foreign and Security Policy. From 1994 to 1999 and in 2006 served as Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. Former Head of the National Space Agency of Ukraine.



Hrebenciuc Viorel

R o m a n i a

**Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs
Chamber of Deputies**

Vice-President of the Social Democratic Party (PSD), he has been a member of the Chamber of Deputies since 1992. Since 2004 he is a Chairperson of the Committee on European Affairs and a Vice-President of the Standing Bureau of the Chamber of Deputies. He was a Chairperson of the Committee for European Integration (2002–2004).



Hudyma Oleksandr

U k r a i n e

**Member of Parliament
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**

Member of Parliament since 1998. From 2000 to 2002 served as Head of the Parliamentary Committee on Energy. In 2007–2010 served as Energy Security Adviser to Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko. Currently Energy Minister in the Shadow Government.



Ignatavicius Evaldas

L i t h u a n i a

**Vice-Minister
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs responsible for among others Eastern Neighbourhood policy and development of bilateral and multilateral relations with Eastern Europe. In 2004–2009 he was an Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Lithuania to the Federal Republic of Germany. In the past he worked in Ministry of Foreign Affairs in various capacities and lectured in the Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University.



Kacin Jelko

Slovenia

MEP, Vice-Chair of the Delegation to South-East Europe, Rapporteur for Serbia

European Parliament

Slovenian politician and member of the European Parliament. He is the former president of the Liberal Democracy of Slovenia and member of the bureau of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, and member on the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs. He is also the Vice-Chair of the delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, a substitute for the delegation to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee, and for the delegations for relations with Iran, the Korean Peninsula, and the countries of south-east Europe.



Katerynychuk Mykola

Ukraine

Chief

European Party of Ukraine

Member of Parliament of Ukraine while the 6th Convocation. He represents the fraction "Our Ukraine – People's Self-Defense". He acts as a Deputy Chairman of the Committee on fiscal law codification issues. Since 2007 he is the Chairman of the political party "European Party of Ukraine". He held position of the First Deputy Chairman to the State Tax Administration of Ukraine (2005). Known as trustee of Victor Yushchenko during his Presidential elections at the unique state electoral territory and as General Director of Attorney Company "Moor and Krosondovich" (1995–2002).

Kjaer John

Denmark

Head of the Unit for Relations with Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and Southern Caucasus

European External Action Service (EEAS)

John Kjaer is currently Head of the Eastern Partnership Bilateral Unit (relations with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine) within the European External Action Service. An experienced diplomat, he has extensive experience of working in the countries of Eastern Europe. He has previously served as Head of the European Commission's Delegations in Estonia (prior to Enlargement) and Jerusalem – West Bank and Gaza. He returned to Headquarters in 2008 and since then is closely involved in the process of the development of the Eastern Partnership.



Khotey Igor

Ukraine

**Deputy Head of the Fund
State Property Fund of Ukraine**

At the Fund he is responsible for contractual management, management of the state property and rent relations, as well as for relations with Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. He previously worked at the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Minister of Ukraine. He holds positions of Deputy Director of Privatization and Corporate Relations Service, as well as of Deputy Head of the Service for Strategy of Reforming Property Relations and Regulatory Politics.



Kinakh Anatoliy

Ukraine

**President
Ukrainian League of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs**

He acts as well as Counselor to the President of Ukraine. He was a Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine of five convocations, as well as the Chair of the committees for industrial policy and national security and defense. He has in-depth knowledge in activities related to public authorities of all levels: from the regional administration head to the Prime Minister. In 2001–2002 he held position of Prime Minister of Ukraine and in 2007 was appointed to the Minister of Economy of Ukraine.



Klimkin Pavlo

Ukraine

**Deputy Minister
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**

He held the position of the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Ukraine. He run the division for Economic and Sectoral cooperation with the EU of the Department for European integration (2002–2004). He acted as Minister–Counselor, Deputy Head of Mission at Embassy of Ukraine to the Great Britain (2004–2008). Recently he was Director of the EU Department at the MFA (2008–2010).



Kniazhnytskyi Viacheslav

Ukraine

**Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security
Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine**

He acted as well as the Counsellor to the Mission of Ukraine to the EU, known for his support to Energy & Environment Co-operation (2004–2009). In 2001–2004 he was Deputy Head at Department of International Economic Co-operation at Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.



Kolesnikov Vladimir

Russia

**Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Security
State Duma**

Member of the State Duma for United Russia Party (Yedinaya Rossiya), he is as well Deputy Chairman of the Committee on Legal Methods of Counteracting Corruption. He also seats at Committee on Budget Expenses for Defence and Security of the Country.



Kopetz Heinz

Austria

**Member of the Board
World Bioenergy Association**

Being Board Member of the World Bioenergy Association, he deals with issues such as potential, sustainability and certification of Biomass. He was engaged in different positions on national and international level related to energy: Chairman of the European Biomass Association (AEBIOM), member of the supervisory board of the Styrian public utility for electricity and district heating and Member of the advisory committee for Energy of the European Commission. He graduated from the University of Life Sciences in Vienna and the Iowa State University, USA.



Koranyi David

H u n g a r y

Visiting Fellow

Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS

Served as the chief Foreign Policy and national Security Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary, Gordon Bajnai in 2009–2010. He was responsible for the preparation, co-ordination and conduct of the Prime Minister's foreign policy and national security agenda, including EU affairs and energy policy issues. He published several articles related to U.S. foreign policy, European integration and United Nations institutional reform and peacekeeping operations.



Korolevska Nataliya

U k r a i n e

Chairwoman of the Committee on Industrial and Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Member of Parliament of Ukraine and head of the Committee on Industrial and Regulatory Policy and Entrepreneurship. She acted as Co-Chair of the group on interparliamentary relations with the Russian Federation. She is known as Honorary Adviser to EU-Ukraine Business Council (Brussels). She is graduated from Faculty of Economics of the East National University (1997) and from Donetsk State Academy of Management (2002). She wrote 11 academic publications on economic issues.



Kozeradsky Anatoly

R u s s i a

Member of the Committee for CIS Affairs and Relations with Compatriots

State Duma

Member of the State Duma for United Russia Party (Yedinaya Rossiya), he seats at the Committee for CIS Countries and Relations with Compatriots. He also served as a member of State Duma's Committee on Federal Affairs and Regional Policy. From 2001 to 2002, he represented the Nizhegorod Regional Administration in the Council of Federation.



Kuchcinski Marek

P o l a n d

Vice-Speaker

Sejm of the Republic of Poland

He is Vice-President of the Parliamentary Polish-Ukrainian Group and Chairman of the Parliamentary Commission for Environmental Protection. Vice-President of PIS (Prawo i Sprawiedliwość) who was as well Vice-Voivod of the Podkarpacie Region.



Kuchma Leonid

U k r a i n e

President of Ukraine (1994–2005)

Second President of independent Ukraine from 19 July 1994 to 23 January 2005. From 1990 to 1992 he was a member of Verkhovna Rada (1st convocation, Committee on Defence and State Security) and became Prime Minister of Ukraine in 1992. He was one of the founders of the Academy of Technological Sciences of Ukraine.



Kulyk Vitaliy

U k r a i n e

Director

Center for Civic Society Problems Research

He holds also the position of Counsel to Director of the National Institute of Strategic Studies. Known as well as State Expert and Head of the Regional Security Department at National Institute of International Security Problems with the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (2001–2010).



Lange Nico

Germany

Country Director Ukraine

Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Studied Political Science, Communications Science and Computer Science. As a temporary career-soldier in the Bundeswehr, between 1993 and 2000 he was appointed to several NATO-HQs in Germany, Denmark and Poland and took part in missions to Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo. He worked as political adviser in the German Parliament and was lecturer for International Politics at the University of Greifswald and at the St. Petersburg State University. From 2004 to 2006 he represented the Robert Bosch Foundation in St. Petersburg. Since 2006 he is country director for Ukraine of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.



Larrosa Felix

Spain

Spokesman, The Committee for Industry, Tourism and Trade

Congress of Deputies, Cortes Generales

Catalan politician (member of the Socialist Group in the Congress), graduated in law at the University of Lleida. He has a degree in management and marketing in tourism from ESADE. He was a director of Parador Hotels and SEGITTUR. He is currently the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Socialist Group in the Committee on Industry, Trade and Tourism and a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Environment Congress.



Leconte Jean-Yves

Poland

Vice-President

Assembly of the French Abroad

He is living in Poland since 1991. He founded two companies in Poland and in Ukraine in the 90'. Member of the French Socialist Party, he represents French people living in Eastern Europe to the Assembly of French people living abroad. Since September 2008, one of the speakers of the Assembly. His topics of works are institution, education and European affairs.



Magierowski Marek

P o l a n d

Deputy Editor-in-Chief

Rzeczpospolita daily

Publicist, the Head of the Foreign Section and Business Section in "Newsweek Poland" weekly, former deputy Editor-in-Chief of "Forum" weekly.



Majka Przemysław

U k r a i n e

Deputy Chairman

Kredobank

He started his professional career in finance in 1991 in the bank PKO BP SA as an Inspector of Recovery in the Regional Branch of PKO BP SA in Poznań. He used to be Head of the Department of Bad Loans and in 2000 became a Deputy Director of the Department. In 2001 he was appointed as a Director of the Restructuring of the Head Office of PKO BP SA in Warsaw. From 2002 he worked as a Managing Director responsible for Restructuring and Recovery in PKO BP SA . In October 2009 he was appointed to hold the position of Deputy Chairman of the Management Board.



Manzhola Volodymyr

U k r a i n e

Professor, Institute of International Relations

Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University

Doctor of History, Professor. Member of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Scientific Council. Head of the Specialized Academic Council. Awarded with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Honorary reward of the III degree "For essential contribution into the development of Ukrainian diplomacy and successful provision of Ukrainian interests at the international stage" (2004).

Mares Petr

Czech Republic

Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

He was appointed the position in 2010. Earlier he served as the Czech Republic Ambassador to the Netherlands (2006–2010) and as Deputy Prime Minister for Research, Development, Human Rights and Human Resources (2002–2004). As a Member of the Chamber of Deputies (1998–2002) he was Chairman of the Committee on Research, Education and Culture, as well as Member of the Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.



Meckel Markus

Germany

Former Member of Bundestag

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, the last foreign minister of GDR, pastor on leave. He held position of Member of the German Bundestag (1990–2009) and of deputy spokesman on foreign policy for the SPD parliamentary group in the Bundestag from June 2001 to October 2009. Known as a member and a head of the German delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. He was as well a deputy head of the German delegation from 2006 to 2009.



Melescanu Teodor

Romania

Vice-President of the Senate

Parliament of Romania

Diplomat by profession since 1966, he was Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania (1992–1996), Minister of Defence of Romania (2006–2008) and Vice President of the Senate of Romania from 2005 till 2006. He holds the same position again since December 2008. He is a Professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest from 1992.



Mendoza-Wilson Jock

Ukraine

**Director of International and Investor Relations
System Capital Management**

He began his career with Ford Europe before founding his own public relations consultancy in London. He was Regional Director for Eastern European public affairs and communications consultancy Mmd. Previously he was with Promoseven Weber Shandwick PR in Dubai where he was Regional Director covering the Middle East and North Africa. He has also advised US Government agencies on aspects of their public diplomacy programme in the Middle East region.



Mesic Stjepan

Croatia

President of the Republic of Croatia (2000–2010)

Graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb in 1961. He entered the political scene as a member of Parliament in the Socialist Republic of Croatia. In the early 1970s he was sentenced to and served one year prison term for his participation in the movement advocating Croatia's equality within the Yugoslavia of the time, the so-called Croatian Spring. After the first free elections, as member of the HDZ (Croatian Democratic Union) he was appointed the first Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia (May 1990–August 1990) and became Croatia's member in the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (August 1990–May 1991). In 1992, in the independent Croatian state, he was elected as the Speaker of the Parliament. Remained in office until 1994 when he left HDZ due to his dissatisfaction with the total HDZ policy and particularly the policy towards Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was elected as President of the Republic of Croatia in February 2000. Reelected in January 2005, he served at the position till February 2010.



Mimica Neven

Croatia

**Deputy Speaker
Parliament of Croatia**

Politician and diplomat, held positions in various governmental bodies related to foreign relations and foreign trade policies. In 1997 he was appointed assistant to the Croatian Minister of Economy and served as Croatia's chief negotiator during the country's accession to the World Trade Organization and the European Union Association Agreement. In 2001 he became Minister of European Integration, position he held until December 2003. He was elected to the Croatian Parliament in 2003 as a representative of the Social Democratic Party, and again in 2007. Since January 2008 he serves as deputy speaker of the Croatian parliament and is also the Chairman of the parliament's committee on European integration.



Mironenko Victor

R u s s i a

Chief of the Center of Ukrainian Studies

Institute of Europe, Russian Academy of Sciences

He used to be First Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR. Author of numerous articles on various subjects such as: Soviet history, the youth movement in the Soviet Union and the international youth movement, youth policy, international relations, the history of Ukraine and the Russian–Ukrainian relations.



Mirsky Alexander

L a t v i a

Member of Parliament

European Parliament

2006–2009 – member of the 9th Saeima. Vice–Chairman of the faction consent Center, member of the Commission on Internal Affairs and Corruption. Since 2009 – member of European Parliament of the seventh convocation. Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs.



Mollazade Asim

A z e r b a i j a n

Chairman of the Democratic Reforms Party

Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Since November 2000 he is a member of the Azerbaijan parliament (Milli Mejlis) and a member of the International Affairs Committee. In January 2001 he was delegated to the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly (PACE). Known as well as Chairman of the sub–committee on Middle East and a member of the monitoring and political committees of PACE. On 4th July he was elected Chairman of the Democratic Reforms Party.



Morawiecki Mateusz

P o l a n d

President of the Management Board

Bank Zachodni WBK

He has worked for the Group Bank Zachodni WBK since 1998, first as an adviser to the President, then as Director and member of the Management Board. He is a graduate of the History Department and of MBA studies at Wrocław University of Economics.



Moskalkova Tatiana

R u s s i a

**Vice-chairwoman of the Committee for and Relations with
Compatriots Relations**

State Duma

Professor of Law. She is a member of State Duma and a deputy chairwoman of the Committee on CIS and Relations with Compatriots. Earlier, she was First Deputy Head of the Legal Department at the Ministry of Internal Affairs.



Napieralski Grzegorz

P o l a n d

Chairman

Sejm of the Republic of Poland

Chairman, Democratic Left Alliance. Member of Polish Parliament, Chairman of the Parliamentary Club of the Democratic Left-Wing, the party's candidate in the 2010 presidential election. Member of National Security Council.



Narbut Oleksandr

Ukraine

Independent Expert on Energy Issues

Well-known expert and strategic analyst on economic and energy security issues, as well as esteemed specialist in oil and gas infrastructure development, investments and corporate governance. He held the position of Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ukraine (1998–1999) and of Minister of Transport & Communication (2001–2002). He also advised the Deputy Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine in 2003–2005.



Nechaev Andrey

Russia

President

Bank "Russian Financial Corporation" JSC

Economist and politician. From November 1991 to February 1992, he served as a First Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance of the Russian Federation. From February 1992 to March 1993, he was Minister of Economy of the Russian Federation and a member of the Presidium of the RF Government, RF Security Council. He is one of the authors of the economic transformation program in Russia.



Nemyrya Hryhoriy

Ukraine

Deputy Head of the Party, Former Deputy Prime Minister All-Ukrainian Union "Batkivshchyna"

Deputy Head of the Batkivshchyna Party and Foreign Policy Adviser to Yulia Tymoshenko and Ukraine's Leader of the Opposition. He served as Deputy Prime Minister responsible for European and international integration in the second government of Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko (December 2007–March 2010). Known as well as the Founder and Director of the Center for European and International Studies (CEIS) and as Board Member of the Kyiv School of Economics.



Nikiforov Oleg

R u s s i a

**Member of the Subcommittee on International Energy Cooperation,
The Committee on Energy of Russian Union of Entrepreneurs and
Industrialists**

NG-Energy (Nezavisimaya Gazeta)

Engineer by profession, he is an Editor-in-Chief of "NG-Energy" (a monthly supplement to "Nezavisimaya Gazeta") since 2006. In 2010 he was appointed a member of the Subcommittee on International Energy Cooperation within the Committee on Energy of the Russian Association of Entrepreneurs and Employers.



Orban Anita

H u n g a r y

**Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Ph.D. She served as the Director of Constellation Energy Institute, a think tank facilitating cooperation in the Central Eastern European energy sector, between 2008 and 2010. She is the author of the book *Power, Energy and the New Russian Imperialism* (CT: Praeger, 2008). Previously (2005–2008) she served as the Executive vice-president of the Budapest-based International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT). In 2004–05 she was editor of the 'World' section of the Hungarian political weekly *Heti Valasz*. She earned her Ph.D. degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston in 2007.



Orel Anatoliy

U k r a i n e

**General Director
Center for International and Comparative Studies**

He is known as well as Ambassador of Ukraine to Italy and Malta, as Permanent Representative of Ukraine to FAO and as Head of the National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO. He held position of Adviser to the Prime Minister of Ukraine (2006–2007) and of Deputy Head of the Administration of the President of Ukraine (1999–2004). He is also Foreign Policy Adviser to the President of Ukraine.



Paul Amanda

Belgium

Policy Analyst

European Policy Centre

Policy Analyst at the leading Brussels-based think-tank. Her portfolio includes the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood, Eurasia Issues, Russia and Turkey. She has particular expertise in Ukraine, Turkish Foreign Policy, the South Caucasus and conflict resolution, and has written numerous articles and papers on issues related to the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Turkey. She is also a well-known columnist for the Turkish daily "Zaman".



Pegorier Philippe

France

Country President Russia, Ukraine & Belarus

Alstom

As a former Economic and Commercial Councilor at the French Embassy in Kyiv (1991–1996 and 2007–2009) and as a former diplomatic adviser to Christine Lagarde (French Minister of Economy, Finance and Industry), Philippe Pegorier has a wide knowledge of business conditions in Ukraine. He also contributed to establishing and strengthening ties between Ukraine, France and European Union during two French Presidencies. He is Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.



Piskarev Dmitry

Russia

Deputy Head of Staff, Committee on Economic Policy, Business and Ownership

Council of Federation

Deputy Head of the Committee on Economic Policy, Business and Ownership in the Council of Federation. Currently he is working as the Head of Research in Moscow Institute of Innovation Technology. He has a Ph.D. in Psychology.



Plotnikov Oleksiy

Ukraine

**Head of Subcommittee of International Economic Policy
Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine**

He is a member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and Chairman of the Subcommittee on Foreign Economic Policy. He is also the Head of the International Financial Relations Department at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and a Board Member of the International Foundation "United World". He has a Ph.D. in Economics.



Poncylijusz Pawel

Poland

**Member of Parliament
Sejm of the Republic of Poland**

Member of the Committee on Economy and the Committee on National Defence. In 2006–2007 Deputy Minister of Economy, in years 2008–2009 Deputy Chairman of the "Friendly State" Committee for matters relating to the reduction of bureaucracy. In November 2010, he moved to the new party "Poland Comes First".



Popov Andrei

Moldova

**Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Member of the Parliament of Moldova, Foreign Policy and European Integration Committee (August–December 2009). In 2004–2009 he was Executive Director in Foreign Policy Association of Moldova (APE). In 2001–2004 he served as Head of the General International Security Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.



Poroshenko Petro

Ukraine

Head of the Council

National Bank of Ukraine

Since 1999, Mr. Poroshenko has been a Member of the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine. He is also a honorary professor at the University of Banking of National Bank. He was a Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2009–2010) and a Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine (2005). In the years 1998–2007, he was the Member of the Parliament of Ukraine, where he chaired the Budget Committee and Finance and Banking Committee.



Portnikov Vitaly

Ukraine

Editor-in-chief

TVi channel

Mr. Portnikov is the Editor-in-Chief of TVi (Ukrainian TV channel) and hosts a weekly TV news programme. He is also a columnist for Israel's most popular Russian-language newspaper "Vesti" and the Moscow-based "Evreiskie Novosti". Since 1989, he has been a columnist for "Nezavisimaya Gazeta" specializing in post-Soviet countries, and cooperates with the Russian and Ukrainian services of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.



Preissler Steffen

Germany

Head of Business Field Innovative Transfer Systems

The Fraunhofer Center for Central and Eastern Europe

Studied in Leipzig, Olomouc and Samara and received degree in political science at the University of Leipzig. In 2005–2006 he worked as a research fellow at the Centre for International Economics (ZIW) in Leipzig. Since 2008 he has been working as the head of department Innovative Transfer Systems at Fraunhofer MOEZ and as lecturer at the University of Leipzig. He has been leading and actively participating as an expert in a series of national and international R&D projects in cooperation with several Federal Ministries of Germany, the World Bank or the European Commission.



Prutnik Eduard

Ukraine

Chairman of the Board

United World International Foundation

Chairman of the Board, "United World" International Foundation. He is also the Parliamentary deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Held senior positions in the state authorities. Graduated from the Donetsk National University. Holds Ph.D. in Economics.



Pyatnytskiy Valeriy

Ukraine

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Economy

He is considered Ukraine's leading expert on trade policy. Served as the First Deputy. Minister of Economy and European Integration of Ukraine (2003–2005). Deputy Chairman of the Joint Parliamentary–Governmental Committee on Integration of Ukraine to WTO. In 2005 – Adviser to Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine.



Pynzenyk Viktor

Ukraine

Chairman

Ukrainian Reform Support Foundation

Former Minister of Finance of Ukraine 2005–2006 and 2007–2009 and a former Vice–Prime Minister of Ukraine. He had been a Member of Parliament in the years 1991–2007. Viktor Pynzenyk has been credited with undertaking major economic reforms in post–Soviet Ukraine, helping to transform the country into a market economy and introducing Ukraine's new currency, the hryvnia in September 1996. He holds a Ph.D. in economics.



Raiser Martin

U S A

**Country Director for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova
World Bank**

Mr. Raiser, a German national, joined the Bank in 2003 as a Country Manager for Uzbekistan. In 2006 he came to Ukraine as an Economic Adviser of the World Bank Regional Office for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova in Kyiv, and in July 2008 he was appointed a Director for Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. Martin Raiser holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Kiel University, Germany, and a Msc in Development Economics from the London School of Economics. He has published widely in academic journals on topics related to international economics, the micro-foundations of growth and the problems of economies in transition.



Ratkovic Jovan

S e r b i a

**Adviser
Office of the President of Serbia**

Adviser on relations with the European Union and NATO to the President of Serbia, Mr. Boris Tadic. He graduated from the University of East Anglia in politics and environmental economics with international relations. He was one of the founders of the Otpor! (Resistance) movement and a member of the team for the coordination of the campaign against Slobodan Milosevic, in the summer of 2000. He worked in the non-governmental organization Serbian Information Centre in London (1999–2000), which actively helped the democratic forces in Serbia. From March 2002 to July 2004, he was the national coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe at the Council of Ministers of Serbia and Montenegro. In addition, he represented Serbia and Montenegro during its one-year term as a chair of the Process of Cooperation in Southeastern Europe in contacts with the European Union and countries of the region (2002). Moreover, he was a regional Chairman of the First Working Table (Democratization and Human Rights) of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.



Rollis Ivo

L a t v i a

**Senior International Expert
European Integration Policy Advice Project**

He has over 10 years of professional experience in working on different EU integration co-ordination and reform related aspects in the New Member States, Stabilization and Association Countries and European Neighbourhood Policy region with particular experience of Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova. He has assisted to design and implement various public sector change initiatives with conducting and consulting elaboration of European integration strategies, functional reviews and institution assessments, preparation of the countries for the negotiations process with the EU on New framework agreements. Ivo Rollis has an academic background in researching and lecturing on the aspects of European integration and their impact towards national executives in the New EU Member States and the European Neighbourhood Policy countries.



Romanchuk Jaroslav

Belarus

President

The Mises Scientific Research Center

Previously he had worked at the Supreme Council of the Republic of Belarus as a senior economist in the Commission for Economic Policy and Reforms. He is a Deputy Chairman of the Belorussian United Civic Party and he ran as a candidate in the 2010 presidential election. He is the author of numerous books and articles on economics and author of anti-crisis program for Belarus.



Romaszewski Zbigniew

Poland

Deputy Speaker

Senate of the Republic of Poland

Polish conservative politician, a Polish senator since 1989, and a human rights activist. In 1980 he was the founder of the Helsinki Committee in Poland. In 1980–1981 he was the chief of the Commission of Intervention and Law-abiding of Solidarity. During martial law in Poland he established independent Radio Solidarity. In 1982 he was arrested and jailed by the Communist regime until 1984. In 2007 he was elected to the Senate from the electoral list of Law and Justice.



Rusnak Urban

Slovakia

Ambassador, Head of Energy Security Project

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Rusnak is the Ambassador for the External Energy Security in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovakia. He is the Head of the External Energy Security Project. In 1999 he was appointed the Director of the Slovak Institute of International Studies. Previously he held post of the Executive Director of the International Visegrad Fund (2000–2003), analyst at the MFA (2003–2005) and Ambassador to Ukraine (2005–2009).



Rybachuk Oleh

Ukraine

Chairman

NGO Centre UA

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Romanian politician and Member of the European Parliament. He was a member of the National Salvation Front and the Democratic Party (which he left in April 1999). He served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania from 1996 until 1997. He served as the UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Belarus from 2005 to 2006. He was a member of PACE from 1993 until 1997 and from 2003 until 2007. He became an MEP in January 2007 with the accession of Romania to the European Union and was the Chairman of the European Parliament delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee (PCC). He is the Vice-President of the Alliance of Socialists.



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Ph.D., graduated from High Economic School in Bratislava. Mr. Stefanec received MBA for managers in Central and Eastern Europe from Rochester Institute of Technology, New York. From 1992 to 1993, director of the Ernst & Young CS Consulting branch in Slovakia, from 1994 to 2004 worked for Coca-Cola Beverages Slovakia as a financial director and then a general director elected to the National Council of the Slovak Republic in 2006 served as member of the Parliamentary Committee for European Affairs and member of the Parliamentary Committee for Finances and Budget. Since 2010, chairman of the Committee on European Affairs.



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Born in 1941, studied law as well as Slavic and social studies in Germany, France and Soviet Union (within the cooperation agreement between the German Research Society and the Academy of Sciences of the SU). He has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow, Athens and Vienna. From 2000 to 2006 he served as the German Ambassador in Ukraine and from 2006 to 2007 as adviser to the Ukrainian President on behalf of the Federal Government.



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German politician, recently serving as European Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry. He was also one of five vice-presidents of the 27-member Barroso Commission (Barroso I). After his retirement, he is now honorary Professor at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder).



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President of Ukraine

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