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YOUNG LEADERS FORUM
OF THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP AND THE EU

Brussels, December 8-11 2014

DRAFT PROGRAMME
as of 1 December 2014
MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 2014
Room Altiero Spinelli ASP3 E3

09:15  Departure from Hotel Aqua  
*Rue de Stassart, 43, 1050 Brussels,  
tel.: +32.2.213.01.01, info@aqua-hotel.be,*  
accompanied by Ms Viviane Chao, and transfer to the European Parliament, ASP building (Place Luxembourg entrance)

09:45 - 10:45  Welcoming address  
Introduction and presentations: Ms Sabina *Mazzi-Zissis,*  
Head of Unit, Eastern Partnership and Russia  
DG External Policies, European Parliament

11:00 - 12:00  Common Security and Defence Policy missions in the EaP area:  
*A view from the Security and Defence Subcommittee*  
Alexandros *Karides,* DG External Policies, European Parliament

*Venue: Members’ Restaurant, ASP building, ground floor, salon (number tbc)*

14:00 - 15:00  Meeting with Ms Natalia Mirmanova on  
the EU and peace-building in Ukraine

15:15 - 16:15  Exchange of views on EU/Ukraine relations with M. Andrej Plenkovic MEP (EPP, Croatia), Chair of the EP Delegation to the EU/Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

16:15 - 16:30  Break

16:30 - 18:00  *EU’s eastern policy: a journalist’s perspective*  
Exchange of views with M. Rikard Jozwiak, Brussels correspondent  
Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty

19:30  Buffet dinner hosted by M. Ioan Mircea Pașcu MEP (S&D, Romania), Vice-President of the European Parliament  
*Venue: Presidential Dining Room*
TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2014
Room Altiero Spinelli ASP 3 E3

09:30   Departure from Hotel

10:30 - 11:00  Meeting with President SCHULZ
(Paul Henri Spaak building, 9th floor)

11:30 - 12:30  Meeting with M. Pietro Ducci, Head of Unit, DG ExPo on the EP Comprehensive Democracy Support Actions, with a particular focus on Eastern Partnership countries

12:45 - 13:45  Lunch hosted by the European Parliament
venue: Members Restaurant, ASP building, ground floor

14:00 - 16:00  Exchange of views with M. Richard Tibbels,
Head of Division, European External Action Service

- state of play of EU-EaP relations: from Vilnius to Riga

(coffee break)

- the EU's ENP and Russia: perceptions, misperceptions and challenges ahead

16:30 - 18:00  Discussion on possible projects in a YLF context: proposals from participants and follow up precise timing TBC

19:30   Dinner hosted by the European Parliament
Venue: Café des Épices, Place Jourdan 21, 1040 Bruxelles
http://www.cafedesepecies.be/
WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2014
Room Altiero Spinelli ASP 3 E3

08:30  Departure from Hotel

09:15 - 10:45  Meeting TBD

10:45 - 12:15  Exchange of views with Dr Neil John Melvin, International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Senior Fellow Stockholm
From local to regional: protracted conflicts in a broader context

12:30 - 14:30  Working lunch with Dr Neil Melvin
venue: Members` Restaurant, ASP building, ground floor

15:00 - 17:00  Ms Jana Kobzova, European Endowment for Democracy: Fostering sustainable democracy in transition countries: an EED perspective

17:00 - 18:30  Meeting with Ms Heidi Hautala MEP (Greens / Finland), Co-Chair of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly
EU-EaP relations through the prism of the Euronest PA

Free evening

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2014
Room Altiero Spinelli ASP 3 E3

09:00  Departure from Hotel

09:30 - 11:00  Exchange of views with M. Luc Devigne, Head of Unit DG TRADE, European Commission, on the trade aspects of the European Neighbourhood Policy

11:00 - 12:00  Debriefing of participants with the EaP & Russia unit
EU-Russia relations: state of play and future challenges

12:00 - 13:00  Meeting with M. Othmar Karas MEP (EPP, Austria), Chair of the EP Delegation to the EP/Russia Parliamentary Cooperation Committee

Individual departures of participants