



11th Europe-Ukraine Forum

13-14 March 2018, Rzeszów

“Association with the European Union and what’s next?”

The Europe – Ukraine Forum is one of main events organised by the Institute for Eastern Studies. The leading theme of the next edition will be modernization, development of Ukraine’s potential, direction and pace of reforms. In 2017, the Ukraine–European Union Association Agreement was ratified. Regardless of the crisis – the war and Russian occupation of Crimea and some part of Ukrainian Donbas – we can see some symptoms of economic improvement. The economic and political cooperation with western countries has become very active. However, the poorly visible effects of reform, deepening political divisions, instability of the economy and widespread neediness cause increasing dissatisfaction in society. In 2018 there is still the question whether Ukraine will use the opportunities created by cooperation with the EU. What steps should be taken next by Kiev and its European partners to ensure the country's constant development and integration with the West?

Agenda

- 2 days of debates and meetings
- Report presentation
- Plenary sessions: political and business decision-makers will talk about cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union
- Over 30 discussion panels about economy, politics and society
- 10 regional and sectoral presentations
- 2 networking banquets
- Eastern Fair– an opportunity to present your company and establish new business relations

Programme Outline

Plenary sessions

- Association and what next?
- Four-years summary 2014-2018 – successes and failures

Thematic Block: Business and Economy

- Energy Security: Markets, Politics, Technologies.
- Has the immigration from Ukraine changed the European labour market?
- European agricultural market. Is there a place for Ukraine?
- Thresholds and barriers in trade and investment cooperation



- How to break Russian suppliers' domination? The modifications on the Central and Eastern Europe's gas market
- The competitiveness of cities and regions. In search of different ways of the development acceleration
- How to effectively use the possibilities of the arms industry cooperation?
- The peripheral development syndrome. How to build an innovative economy?
- The main challenges for the aviation sector. The evaluation of the flight connections potential.
- New Silk Road on the transcontinental transport corridors' map

Thematic Block: European Integration and Reforms

- Where is Europe going?
- From association to customs union? Ukraine in searching for a realistic model of European integration.
- Foreign advisers, experts and managers. Unsuccessful experiment? International support of reforms in Ukraine – advice, financial help or shaping development?
- Is it possible to separate business from politics? The East Central Europe experience.
- How to build a friendly border?
- Why didn't the decentralisation reform change Ukraine?
- European macro-regional strategies. How to include the Eastern neighbourhood countries?
- Eastern Partnership: new ideas for a new reality

Thematic Block: International Politics

- On the eastern edge of NATO. Can countries in the region be aware of their safety?
- Not only Crimea and Donbass. Who does not want a lasting solution to the frozen conflicts?
- How much can be the price for Détente in Russia-West relations and if someone wants to pay it?
- Cohesion of the transatlantic community. Has it stood the test of 2017?
- Security threat in cyberspace. Alarm and operation.
- Russian hybrid aggression to free world and democracy continues. Can be effectively counteracted?
- Cooperation of the Three Seas Initiative's countries. Will Ukraine remain on the sidelines?
- Prospects for the revival of the Black Sea - Caspian partnership and cooperation.

Thematic Block: Society

- Trade Unions in Former Communist Bloc Countries. Do They Have a Future?
- Social Aspects of the Russian Aggression and Occupation. Help for Refugees, Reconstruction, Restoring Social Bonds.
- Environment and Its Preservation - A Cross-border Project.
- Sport and Politics.
- Local Identity as an Opportunity for Tourism Development.
- Have We Lost Objective Journalism for Good?
- Ukrainians in European Countries. Science, Work, Politics
- Education and Youth Cooperation as a Bridge for Understanding.
- Politics of Memory - A Source of Strength or Future Conflicts?
- Culture Anew. Development Trends, State and Private Patronage



** Suggestions for panels and titles may change*

Participants

Nearly 500 participants from Ukraine, EU, Russia, the neighbouring states and the US, including government members, politicians, businessmen, regional official, representatives of international organizations and think –tanks.

Participation

In order to participate in the Forum please fill in the registration form which is available at www.economic-forum.pl. Please be advised that the registration consists of two stages. Additionally, we offer accommodation packages that can be booked in the second stage of the registration.

Venue

G2A Arena The Exhibition & Congress Centre located in Jasionka.

Organizers

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