

**EU's and Russia's integration projects for their neighbourhood:
mutually-exclusive or complementary?**

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- 09.30 **Welcome:** **Carles A. Gasòliba**, President, CIDOB, and **Michael Ehrke**, Director, Madrid Office Friedrich Ebert Stiftung
- 10.00 **What does Putin's Russia Want?**
Does Putin want to change the post-Cold War international balance? Is Putin shaping a new doctrine? What does Russia mean when it speaks of "legitimate interests" and "area of influence"?
Introductory speech by **Andrey Makarychev**, Guest Professor of International Relations, Institute of Government and Politics, University of Tartu
- 10.30 Debate among the experts and with the audience
- 11.00 Coffee break

THE TWO INTEGRATION PROJECTS: WHAT ARE THEY ABOUT? DO THEY DELIVER?

- 11.30 **PART ONE: THE EURASIAN UNION**
Chair: **Carmen Claudín**, Senior Research Fellow Associate, CIDOB
- What are the Custom Union and the Eurasian Union project about?**
What does it entail for its members? How has the Custom Union performed so far? What are the integration prospects?
Adil Nurmakov, Political Scientist, blogger, Almaty
- What does it entail for the EU?**
Rilka Dragneva-Lewers, Senior Lecturer, Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham
- 12.00 Debate among the experts and with the audience
- 12.30 Lunch
- 15.00 **PART TWO: EU'S EASTERN PARTNERSHIP**
Chair: **Michael Ehrke**, Director, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Madrid
- What does EU's Eastern Partnership actually mean for Russia?**
What does bother Russia? What does it think is at stake? How far is Russia determined to go?
Sergey Utkin, Head of Department, Centre for Situation Analysis (CSA), Russian Academy of Sciences
- What does the neighbourhood want from the EU?**
Leonid Litra, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of World Policy, Kyiv, and Associate Fellow at the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives "Viitorul", Chisinau

15.30 Debate among the experts and with the audience

16.00 **Concluding remarks: What now?**

Does the EU need to change its strategy towards Russia? What consequences for Russia's soft power? Is there still room left for rebuilding a working dialogue? Is the EU's Eastern Partnership up to the newly created challenges?

Dimitar Bechev, Senior Policy Fellow, ECFR, Sofia

16.15 **Closing Jordi Bacaria**, Director, CIDOB

16.30 End of the seminar