

The European Union and Russia at odds

What future for Ukraine?

Madrid, 25 September 2014

ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

15.30 – 16.00 Registration

16.00 – 16.15 **Introduction and welcome**

- **Michael Ehrke**, Director, Madrid Office, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Madrid (*confirmed*)
 - **Giovanni Grevi**, Director, FRIDE, Brussels (*confirmed*)
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16.15 – 17.30 **Session I The future of EU-Russia relations**

Moderator:

- **Maria Pallares**, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Madrid (*confirmed*)

Speakers:

- Is Europe resolved in unity? – **Fernando Valenzuela**, Adviser to the Directorate General for Foreign Policy, Multilateral Global and Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid (*invited*)
 - Russia's stance towards Europe and Russian policy development – **Samuel Greene**, Director, Russia Institute, King's College, London (*invited*)
 - Options for Europe to break through the crisis and support its neighbours – **Neil Melvin**, Senior Researcher and Cascade project leader, SIPRI, Brussels (*invited*)
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17.30 – 18.00 Coffee break

18.00 – 19.15 **Session II The uncertain future of Ukraine**

Moderator:

- **Jos Boonstra**, Senior Researcher, FRIDE, Madrid/Brussels
(*confirmed*)

Speakers:

- Presentation of the FRIDE Working Paper *Civic awakening: The impact of Euromaidan on Ukraine's politics and society* by **Kateryna Pishchikova**, Visiting Scholar, Institute for European Studies at Cornell University & Associate Fellow, FRIDE, New York (*confirmed*)
- Presentation of the FRIDE Policy Brief *The politics of regionalism and decentralisation in Ukraine* by **Natalia Shapovalova**, PhD Candidate, University of Warwick & Associate Fellow, FRIDE, Brussels (*confirmed*)
- How can the EU support Ukraine? – **Richard Youngs**, Senior Associate, Democracy and Rule of Law Programme, Carnegie Europe, Madrid (*confirmed*)

19.15 – 19.30 Closing remarks

19.30 – 20.30 Reception

The event will be held under the Chatham House Rule