

## CONFERENCE

# 2011 IN THE EU-RUSSIA RELATIONS: THE BALTIC PERSPECTIVE

**December 16, 2011**

Venue: the EU House, Riga

## PROGRAMME

**12.00 – 12.15**

Introductory remarks

**Inna Šteinbuka**, Head of the Representation of the European Commission  
Representation in Latvia

**Andrey Ryabov**, Scholar-in-Residence, the East-East Programme Coordinator,  
Carnegie Moscow Center

**12.15 – 14.00**

Session One: **The Year in the EU – Russia Relations**

The panel will assess the general state and agenda of the EU – Russia relations, such as the key events, trends and issues during the past year, as well as the challenges ahead, including the ongoing negotiations on the new treaty. The panel speakers will be asked to assess the impact of these events and trends on the Baltic Sea region and to address the areas and aspects of the EU – Russia dialogue that are of particular importance to the countries of the region.

Moderator:

**Valdis Zagorskis**, Deputy Head of the European Commission Representation in  
Latvia

Speakers:

**Viktors Makarovs**, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

**Michael Webb**, Deputy Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to  
Russia

**Nadezhda Arbatova**, Head of the Department of European Political Studies,  
Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian  
Academy of Science

**Sergey Utkin**, Head of Section for Political Aspects of European Integration,  
Department of European Political Studies, Institute of World Economy and  
International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Science

**14.00 – 14.30**

Lunch break

**14.30 – 16.00**      Session Two: **The European and Russian Energy Strategies: Challenges for the Baltic Sea Region**

The energy agenda in the EU – Russia relations has been changing over the years, but its salience is undiminished, especially in this region. Several new tendencies – such as the maturing of new gas extraction and storage technologies, the envisaged liberalisation of the EU's energy market and the resurgent interest in nuclear power – provide opportunities as well as challenges for interaction between the region's EU member states and Russia. The panel will focus on the existing and potential issues in the EU – Russia energy dialogue that are of particular importance for the region.

**Moderator:**            **Sergey Utkin**, Head of Section for Political Aspects of European Integration, Department of European Political Studies, Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Science

**Speakers:**            **Juris Ozoliņš**, former adviser to EU energy commissioner, Latvia  
**Boris Frumkin**, Head of section, Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow  
**Andres Mäe**, Research Associate, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute  
**Reinis Ābolģiņš**, Researcher, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS

**16.00 – 16:30**      Refreshments