

Mapping out vulnerable sectors in the Eastern Partnership countries

Project closing conference, Kiev, 23 June 2016

Venue: Hotel Kiev, ul. Grushevskovo 26/1

- 09.30-10.00 *Registration*
- 10.00-10.10 **Opening speech:**
Ihor Burakovsky, Director, Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Ukraine
András Deák, Head of Research Group, Institute of World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies HAS, Hungary
- 10.10-10.30 **Keynote speech:** *Natalia Boyko*, National Reform Council of the Administration of the President, Ukraine
- 10.30-12.20 Panel I: „Adaptation and reforms in turbulent times”

The external environment of Eastern European economies have changed dramatically during the last three years. Economic downturn in Russia, sluggish growth in Europe, the conflict in Eastern Ukraine and political disturbances within the EU set a wide array of external challenges for Belarus, Ukraine and Moldova. Few believe, that there is a swift return to the pre-2013 „ancien regime”. Are these capitals capable to adapt to these new realities? How does the external environment influence the implementation of local reforms? How the new patterns of growth and stability will look like?

Moderator: *Oleksandra Betliy*, Leading Research Fellow, IER, Ukraine

Kálmán Mizsei, Former Head of the EU Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform in Ukraine *and* former EU representative to the Republic of Moldova, Hungary
Ihor Burakovsky, Director, IER, Ukraine
Małgorzata McKenzie, Senior Research Fellow, CASE, Poland
Alexander Paraschii, Head of Research, Concorde Capital, Ukraine

- 12.20-12.40 *Coffee break*
- 12.40-14.30 **Panel II: ”Fate or chance? – The prospects of machine industry in the Eastern partnership countries”**

Eastern partner countries inherited from the Soviet Union large machine industrial branches. As we have seen in the case of the Visegrad countries, these sectors may constitute both the Achilles-heel of these economies as well as a huge potential for development and catching-up. What factors do determine the fate of these sectors? What is the role of ownership, export destinations, human capital and corporate management capabilities in the structural change? Are the Visegrad experiences applicable in this environment?



Moderator: *Ágnes Szunomár*, Head of Research Group, Institute of World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies HAS, Hungary

Sierz Naurodski, Executive Director, CASE-Belarus, Belarus

Alexandre Yurchak, Director, Association of Industrial Automatization Enterprises, Ukraine

Vladimír Benč, Research Fellow, SFPA, Slovakia

14.30-15.30 *Lunch*

15.30-17.20 **Panel III:** „Finality and consensus – is a new model for energy policy in the EaP countries in the making?”

Eastern European energy sectors have weathered off the decade of high oil prices and vulnerabilities stemming from their dependence. These challenges triggered a number of significant changes and reform processes. What is the finality of energy sector reforms in Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus? Is there a consensus among the stakeholders regarding the pace and the way of improvements? How these policy and regulatory achievements can spill over to corporate processes?

Moderator: *András Deák*, HAS IWE Head of Research Group, Hungary

Margarita Balmaceda, Professor, Seton Hall University and Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, USA

Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Russia Programme Manager, IEA, France

Victor Parlicov, Associate Fellow, IDIS Viitorul, Moldova

Kristián Takáč, former State Secretary at the Ministry of Economy, Slovakia

17.20-17.30: **Closing speech**

András Deák, Head of Research Group, Institute of World Economics, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies HAS, Hungary

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