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## **Foreign Policy Trends of the Visegrad Group in 2015**

**International conference organized by the Association for International Affairs (AMO) with kind support of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the Open Society Foundations and in cooperation with the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the European Union**

**Thursday, 19 November 2015, 9:30 – 12:45**

Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU  
15 Rue Caroly, Brussels

### **Objective**

The Visegrad Group (V4) has recently drawn attention thanks to its unity and disunity during the migration crises. However, the V4 cooperation is more structured and covers larger field than it might have been acknowledged due to the significance of recent EU's discussions on the quotas and the role the V4 played in it. The purpose of the event is to present and discuss the Central European viewpoint on the current direction of the EU. There will be presented results of a unique survey which thoroughly examined the opinions of 430 top foreign policy trend-setters from the V4. Moreover, a discussion of the V4 MEPs will add a viewpoint of the Brussels' insiders on the Central European contribution to the EU's policies.

### **Project**

The research project Trends of the Visegrad Foreign Policy shows extent of cohesion and areas of disagreement in this influential Central European grouping. It has addressed relevance of particular foreign policy issues, quality and importance of relations with individual countries, future of the EU as well as expectations regarding the Visegrad cooperation, international affairs and transatlantic relations. The acquired data can thus serve as an information basis for a subsequent analysis of the Czech, Polish, Hungarian and Slovak foreign policy and the V4 itself. By comparing different positions of the stakeholders we can get better understanding of the existing obstacles in mutual Central European cooperation.

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**#V4trends**



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## Programme

9:30 – 9:45 **OPENING REMARKS**

*H.E. Jaroslav Kurfürst*, Ambassador of the Czech Republic in Belgium

*Stefan Gehrold*, Head of European Office, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

9:45 – 11:15 **PRESENTATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS: “TRENDS OF VISEGRAD FOREIGN POLICIES”**

*Vít Dostál*, Director of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs (AMO), Czech Republic

*Agnieszka Łada*, Head of the European Programme, Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), Poland

*Milan Nič*, Managing Director, Central European Policy Institute (CEPI), Slovakia

*Zsuzsanna Végh*, Research Fellow, Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Central European University (CENS CEU), Hungary

11:15 – 11:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45 – 12:45 **PANEL DISCUSSION of MEPs**

*Ivan Štefanec*, MEP (KDH/EPP), Slovakia

*Tamás Meszerics*, MEP (LMP/Green), Hungary

Chair: *Milan Nič*, Managing Director, Central European Policy Institute (CEPI), Slovakia

12:45 **BUFFET LUNCHEON**

## Registration

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## Organizer

AMO – the Association for International Affairs is a non-governmental non-profit organization founded in 1997. It has developed into a leading independent Czech foreign policy think-tank which strives to identify and analyse issues crucial to Czech foreign policy.

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