

EUROPE AND ITS NEIGHBOURS

What future for European Neighbourhood Policy?

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17.00-19.00

Venue: 1011 CAMPUS Staromestská 3 (3rd floor)
Bratislava, Slovakia

Programme

Speakers:

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Moderated by: **Zuzana Kovačič Hanzelová**, Journalist, Dennik SME

The discussion was held in Slovak.

This event was [live streamed](#).

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What was the objective?

Less than two weeks before the European Parliaments elections, we will debate how external (the return of geopolitics) and internal (the European Parliament election) factors will influence the EU's relations with its neighbours. Will the EU' unity will be strengthened after the elections, thus allowing the EU to play significant role in its neighbourhood? or rather due to overwhelming support for the anti-European parties, the EU will be divided from inside, hence not being able to speak with one voice? Are we witnessing multispeed cooperation in the EU foreign policy? What is the role of Central and Eastern European countries in the EU foreign policy initiatives? CEE region has benefitted from EU activity in areas such as relations with Russia, cooperation with the Balkan countries, and the Eastern Partnership. At the same time, CEE countries have offered little in the way of support for the EU's efforts in other fronts, ex. its southern flank. Will this approach change?

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