



Conference

5 YEARS AFTER MAJDAN: UKRAINE'S REFORM AGENDA

17 December 2018, 16:20h – 18:00h

Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels

Since 2014, Ukraine has been showing an impressive effort in coping with multiple domestic and external challenges. Kyiv has chosen the European path of strengthening democratic institutions, the market economy and the rule of law. Concrete steps have been taken in key reform sectors such as energy, administration, judiciary and anti-corruption. Western support for the country has also been unparalleled but not unconditional. Still, Ukraine faces obstacles that need to be tackled – be it corruption, the further implementation of democratic and economic reforms or the (current) security challenges.

In December 2018 we would like to seize the moment to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the Revolution of Dignity in Majdan, the stepping stone in Ukraine's transformation. Together, we would like to draw conclusions about the general reform process in the country since 2014. Furthermore, the Martens Centre that initiated the #UkraineReforms programme by the end of 2014, we would like to draw conclusions about the impact of the programme.

When the #UkraineReforms programme was launched at the end of 2014 under the leadership of Mikuláš Dzurinda, president of the Martens Centre, we saw two strategic opportunities: the determination for change promoted by Ukraine's civil society and the available reform experiences in other Central European countries. During these four years the programme has organised over 35 activities, 30 high level visits in 10 different Ukrainian cities, around 100 meetings and lectures and over 50 media interviews. Among other activities in Ukraine, the Hanns Seidel Foundation also adds to civic engagement in the country through cooperation with various local partners for more than 25 years.

Together with our highly distinguished speakers we will debate how far Ukraine has come with its reform ambitions. Is the reform legislation voted by the Rada taking root and are the already implemented reforms irreversible? With this event we would like to describe how the EU's eastern member states can help in the modernisation of Ukraine, analyse the state of play with regards to Ukraine's security situation and its impact on the reform process as well as discuss the possible future scenarios of the parliamentary and presidential elections in 2019.

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Programme

- 16:00 Registration
- 16:20 Welcome and Introduction
Mikuláš DZURINDA
President WMCES, former Prime Minister of Slovakia
- 16:30 Panel
- Ivanna KLYMPUSH-TSINTSADZE**
Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration
- Katarína MATHERNOVÁ**
Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
- Ivan MIKLOŠ**
Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of Slovakia
- Amb. Kurt VOLKER**
U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, Executive Director of the McCain Institute for International Leadership
- Moderation:
Jana KOBZOVÁ
Policy Director, Rasmussen Global
- 17:30 Q&A
- 17:50 Closing Remarks
Dr. Ingo FRIEDRICH
Board Member of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, President of European Economic Senate (EES), former Vice-President of the European Parliament
- 18:00 End of the Discussion and Cocktail Reception

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