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In Search of the European interest: EU policies on Russia from 1991 to the Present

Lessons Learned and the Way Forward

16 JULY 2008

DRAFT PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:00 - Registration, welcome coffee

09:00 – Introductory Remarks: Mr. Gerhard Sabathil, Director, DG RELEX

Opening: Mr. Eneko Landaburu, Director General, RELEX
Mr. Pierre Levy, Director, MFA France
Ms. Helga Schmid, Head of Policy Unit, Council Secretariat

10.00 – 11:30 Session I: Political and security aspects of EU - Russia relations

Moderator: Prof. Alyson J.K. Bailes, University of Iceland;

Speaker: Dr. Hiski Haukkala, Finnish Institute for International Affairs;

Discussants:

Dr. Pal Dunay, Geneva Centre for Security Policy;

Dr. Thomas Gomart, Russia and CIS Institute, IFRI, Paris (tbc);

Dr. Ivan Krastev, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia;

Dr. Dov Lynch, Senior Adviser, OSCE;

11:30 – 11:45 – Coffee break

11:45 -13:15 – Session II – EU Economic and energy policies towards Russia 1991 - 2007

Moderator: Dr. Pekka Sutela, Institute for Economies in Transition, Bank of Finland;

Speaker: Prof. Marek Dabrowski, CASE, Warsaw;

Discussants:

Prof. Julian Cooper, CREES, University of Birmingham;

Mr. Arnaud Dubien, Eurasian Intelligence, Paris;

Dr. Frank Umbach, DGAP, Berlin;

Mr. Lúcio Vinhas de Souza, ECFIN, European Commission;

13:15-14:45 Lunch break

14:45 -16:15 – Session III - Building trust and solidarity for the way forward

Moderator: Dr. Fraser Cameron, EU- Russia Centre, Brussels;

Speaker: Dr. Mark Leonard, ECFR, London;

Discussants:

Dr. Hans-Dieter Lucas, MFA Germany (tbc);

Mr. Bjorn Lyrvall, Political Director, MFA of Sweden (tbc);

Dr. Jiří Schneider, Prague Security Studies Institute;

n.n. MFA of France (tbc);

16:15 Concluding remarks: Mr. Gunnar Wiegand, Director DG RELEX;