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## Russia and the EU: Developing a Common Strategy

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### AGENDA

#### Monday, 10 December 2007

##### **9.30 Panel 1: The Agenda of the Slovenian EU Presidency and Russia**

As of 1 January 2008 Slovenia will be the first of the new member states and the first Slavic country ever at the helm of the EU. Fostering strategic partnership between the EU and Russia will be therefore an important dimension of the six months of Slovenian EU Presidency. This will be reflected in the Slovenian Presidency's priorities ranging from the issues of the Western Balkans, climate change and energy to the intercultural dialogue, also in the context of the Forum of Slavic Cultures. The process is expected to culminate at the EU-Russia Summit, one of the highlights of Slovenian Presidency.

*Chair:* **Jožef Jerovšek**, Chair of the Committee on Foreign Policy of the Slovenian Parliament

*Presenters:*

- ❖ **Andrej Rahten**, Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia
- ❖ **Andrey Klimov**, Chairman, Subcommittee on European Cooperation, State Duma of the Russian Federation, Moscow
- ❖ **Taneli Lahti**, Head of Political Section, Delegation of the European Commission to the Russian Federation
- ❖ **Milan Jazbec**, Head of the Policy Planning and Research Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
- ❖ **Volker Rühle**, German Federal Minister of Defense (ret.), Hamburg

**13.00 Working lunch** hosted by **Denis Risman**, Programme Director of Centre for European Perspective

**14.00 Panel 2: Russia and the EU Confronting the Regional Security Challenges**

With the international relations in flux, both the EU and Russia are becoming more active on the global stage. Given their respective leverage, both sides should have an interest in mutual cooperation. Moreover, cooperation between the EU and Russia represents a key pillar of the Euro-Atlantic security structure and is of benefit to the international community as a whole. This is especially important for the stabilization processes in the Western Balkans and solutions for the so-called "frozen conflicts".

*Chair:* **Alexander Rahr**, Program director Russia/Eurasia, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin

*Presenters:*

- ❖ **Sergei Yastrzhembski**, Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for Relations with the European Union
- ❖ **Denis Risman**, Programme Director of Centre for European Perspective
- ❖ **Peter Semneby**, EU Special Representative for South Caucasus, The Council of the European Union, Brussels (tbc)
- ❖ **Anton Bebler**, Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana
- ❖ **Petteri Vuorimäki**, Unit for Relations with Russia, European Commission, Directorate General for External Relations

**19.30 Dinner**, hosted by **Andrej Rahten**, Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia

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**9.30 Panel 3: Interdependence of Russia and the EU**

Russia is EU's third trade partner in global terms. More than half of Russian export goes to the EU markets. Trade in the EU-Russia region is worth € 200 billion a year and is growing fast. A significant share of EU-Russia trade can be attributed to the trade in energy. Both, Russia and EU, are faced with global challenges. Can synergies of the two economies be further strengthened?

*Chair:* **Sergey Karaganov**, Chairman, Council on Foreign and Defence Policy

*Presenters:*

- ❖ **Andrej Benedejčič**, Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Russian Federation
- ❖ **Mikhail Vanin**, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Slovenia
- ❖ **Janez Škrabec**, CEO, Riko
- ❖ **Lutz Guellner**, Coordinator bilateral trade relations with Russia, European Commission
- ❖ **Leonid Grigoriev**, President, "Institute of Energy and Finance" Fund, Moscow
- ❖ **Kees J. R. Klompenhouwer**, Director Southeast and Eastern Europe and Matra Programme, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

**13.00 Lunch** hosted by **Janez Lenarčič**, State Secretary, Government Office for European Affairs

**19.30 Reception** hosted by **His Excellency Dimitrij Rupel**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, President of the Executive Board, CEP

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