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The aim of the conference is to ensure that Ukraine remains on the top of the agenda of the Baltic and European policy makers and opinion leaders as well as wider public after five years of Russia's aggression in the East of Ukraine and the annexation of Crimea. Awareness and discussions about necessary steps to secure further reform advancement are crucial in securing Ukraine's European orientation.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

9:00–10:00 Morning coffee and registration

10:00–10:25 Opening remarks:

- *H.E. Ms. Inara Murniece, Speaker of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia*
- *Mr. Dmytro Kuleba, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine*
- *Ms. Sarmite Elerte, Chair of the Baltic to Black Sea Alliance*

10:25–10:45 Keynote address

- *Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission*

10:45–12:15 First session: Economic reforms

There are several important reforms the success of which is vital for Ukraine's long-term economic development: good corporate governance of state owned companies, transparent and effective privatization of state-owned companies, reforms of the energy sector, and free and fair competition at different levels. The reforms are necessary to improve Ukraine's economic success, encourage foreign investments, and strengthen sustainable market economy.

Moderator: *Dr. Karlis Bukovskis, Deputy Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Associate Professor at Riga Stradins University*

- *Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission*
- *Mr. Taras Kachka, Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Trade and Agriculture – Trade Representative of Ukraine*
- *Ms. Anna Derevyanko, Executive Director of the European Business Association, Ukraine*
- *Mr. Algirdas Shemeta, Former Business Ombudsperson of Ukraine*

Q&A session

12:15–12:45 Coffee break

12:45–13:05 Keynote address

- **Mr. Dmytro Kuleba**, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine

13:05–14:40 Second session: Rule of law, fight against corruption, and strengthening institutions

Good governance, strong political and state administration, accountable and trusted state institutions, the rule of law, and unconditional fight against corruption at different levels are important prerequisites for advancement. These are Ukraine's primary domestic policy goals aimed at ensuring internal development and, at the same time, increasing resilience against external threats. These are also areas that require strong Euro-Atlantic support and encouragement.

Moderator: Ms. Vita Anda Terauda, Chair of the European Affairs Committee of the Saeima of the Republic of Latvia

- **Mr. Dmytro Kuleba**, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine
- **Mr. Dmytro Volkovskiy**, Deputy Head of Department of Analytics and Data Processing of the NABU
- **Ms. Daria Kaleniuk**, Executive-Director of the Anti-Corruption Action Center, Ukraine
- **Ms. Jautrite Briede**, Long-term expert in the framework of the Twinning Project "Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Supreme Court of Ukraine"
- **Mr Gatis Doniks**, European External Action Service's former Lead Adviser on Prosecutorial issues in Ukraine (2015-2019); Public prosecutor of Prosecutor's General Office of the Republic of Latvia

Q&A session

14:40–15:40 Light lunch

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