

EaP CSF Brussels Public Event Series marking 10 years anniversary of Eastern Partnership

The civil society perspective: Taking stock of 10 years of the EaP policy and strategizing for after 2020 – Environment, Climate Change and Energy Security

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Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU
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Strengthening energy security and protecting the environment have been integral objectives of the Eastern Partnership and of the cooperation between the EU and EaP countries from the very beginning.

Within the EaP framework, a number of positive developments have taken place during the last 10 years, ranging from progress on the southern gas corridor, to the establishment of a roadmap for the identification of energy interconnectivity projects, to the adoption of new laws on environmental assessment of strategies plans and investment projects.

At the same time, a number of challenges still persists. In the environmental sector, the unregulated construction of hydroelectric power plants is posing an environmental threat to several EaP countries, preventing both equal access to water resources, and the use of transboundary waters in a sustainable, reasonable and equitable way. In the energy sector, EaP countries' energy security is affected by amendments to the gas directive, inadequate policies, insufficient resources, the influence of disruptive external actors, and the grey areas offered by separatist regions for shady deals.

How has the EaP policy delivered in the field of environment climate change and energy? How far has the region come since the beginning and what challenges lie ahead?

Two studies developed within the EaP CSF re-granting projects on [implementation of SEA and EIA tools](#) and on [transparent energy trading in secessionist regions](#), and the report Energy Security and Russian Influence in CEE: A Comparative Assessment and Case Studies from Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova, Hungary, Romania, to be launched during the event, will provide initial input for the debate.

14.30-15.00 Registration and welcome coffee

15:00 – 15:15 Welcome and Introduction

Speakers: **Jakub Dürr**, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to COREPER II, Head of the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the EU
Natalia Yerashevich, Executive Director, EaP CSF

15:15 – 16:30 World Café: Towards a stronger environmental legislation in EaP countries – from adoption to implementation

Stakeholder Corner:

Davor Percan, Head of DG Environment's unit for Bilateral and Regional Environmental Cooperation, European Commission
Rebecca Harms, Member of the European Parliament

Experts Corner:

Jorgo Riss, Director, Greenpeace (TBC)
Carsten Wachholz, Civil Society Officer, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Civil Society Corner:

Tamara Malkova, Information Center "Green Dossier" – EaP CSF Working Group 3 Member

Ina Coseru, EaP CSF Working Group 3 coordinator and Steering Committee member

16:30 – 18:00 **Panel Debate: Towards a common energy security approach: EU vs EaP**

Launch of the report “Energy Security and Russian Influence in CEE: A Comparative Assessment and Case Studies from Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova, Hungary, Romania”

Panel speakers:

- **Ana Otilia Nutu**, EaP CSF Working Group 3, Steering Committee member
- **Colin Cleary**, Director Energy Diplomacy for Europe, US Department of State
- **Ewelina Hartstein**, International Relations Officer, DG Energy, European Commission
- **Sorin Ionita**, Expert Forum Romania (moderator)

Discussants (country chapter authors)

- **Andras Deak**, Energy Expert, K-Monitor Hungary
- **Denis Cenusa**, Senior Energy Policy Analyst, Expert-Grup Moldova
- **Denys Nazarenko**, Energy Expert, Dixi Group Ukraine
- **Murman Margvelashvili**, Energy Expert, World Experience for Georgia