

THINKING OF RUSSIA FROM THE EU

What is to be done?

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09.45 WELCOME

Gero Maass, Director, Madrid Office, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)

Jordi Bacaria, Director, CIDOB, Barcelona

Jose Ignacio Torreblanca, Director, Madrid Office, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

10.00 ASSESSING EU'S DIFFERENT APPROACHES TOWARDS RUSSIA

Chair: **Cristina Manzano**, Director, esglobal, Madrid

Fernando Valenzuela, Senior Adviser for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Directorate of External Policy and Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Madrid

Nicu Popescu, Senior Analyst, EUISS, Paris

Francisco de Borja Lasheras, Associate Director and Policy Fellow, ECFR, Madrid

10.30 Debate among the experts and with the audience

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 THINKING ON RUSSIA FROM THE EU

Chair: **María Pallares**, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Madrid

Gustav Gressel, Visiting Fellow, ECFR, Berlin

James Nixey, Head, Russia and Eurasia Program, Chatham House, London

Nicolás de Pedro, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona

Peter Pomerantsev, Senior Fellow, the Legatum Institute, London

12.00 Debate among the experts and with the audience

12.30 THINKING ON THE EU FROM RUSSIA

Chair: **Carmen Claudín**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona

Irina Kobrinskaya, Head, Department of International Relations, IMEMO, Moscow

Elena Alekseenkova, Program Manager, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC), Research Fellow at Centre for Global Problems Studies, MGIMO-University, Moscow

Natalia Zubarevich, Professor, Department of Geography, Moscow State University, Director, Regional Program, the Independent Institute for Social Policy, Moscow

13.00 Debate among the experts and with the audience

13.30 CONCLUDING REMARKS

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