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LAUNCHING REFORMS AGENDA IN UKRAINE: COMMON EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY

Brussels, 18th June 2014, 9.30 – 13.00 (*registration as of 9.00*)
Centre for European Policy Studies, 1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels

INVITATION

The Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU is expected to be signed during a meeting of the European Council on the 27th June, 2014. The objectives of the Agreement is associating Ukraine with the EU in political, economic and other areas and supporting transformations of Ukraine. The Ukrainian society, working with the authorities, is taking an active part in reforming the country.

What are the priority areas to be reformed? How consolidated is the Ukrainian society to implement the required reforms? How successful is the cooperation between the Ukrainian expert community and the Ukrainian authorities to implement the reforms? How prepared is Ukraine for a full implementation of the Association Agreement? What is expected of the new Ukrainian President? What is the role of the EU in transformation of Ukraine?

To answer these and other questions we have invited Ukrainian experts, Ukrainian government representatives and EU officials. The speakers will discuss the joint efforts undertaken by the Ukrainian authorities, expert community and the EU to implement the reforms that are required in Ukraine.

The conference is organized by Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels in cooperation with the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and Reforms Support Centre to the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine with support of the International Renaissance Foundation and Mission of Canada to the European Union.

Conference language: English

Please register for the event following the link: <http://www.ceps.eu/event/launching-reforms-agenda-ukraine-common-efforts-government-and-civil-society>

Programme

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration**

9.30 – 10.00 **Welcome word by organisers**

Introductions: Post-Maidan initiatives of the civil society and expert community of Ukraine

Yevhen Bystrytsky, Executive Director of the International Renaissance Foundation

Olha Halabala, Coordinator of Reanimation Package of Reforms Initiative

Olena Prystayko, Head of Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels

10.00 – 10.50 **Panel discussion I: Reanimation of economy and fighting corruption**

Speakers:

Taras Kachka, Vice-Chair, American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine

Dmytro Kotlyar, Expert on fighting corruption, Reanimation Package of Reforms Initiative

Moderator: **Olena Prystayko**, Head of Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels

10.50 – 11.10 Coffee-break

11.10 – 12.00 **Panel discussion II: Judicial and local governance reforms**

Speakers:

Oksana Syroid, Director of Ukrainian Legal Foundation

Yuriy Hanushchak, Adviser to the Minister of Regional Development and Construction of Ukraine

Moderator: **Steven Blockmans**, Head of the EU Foreign Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies

12.00 – 13.00 **Panel discussion III: Dialogue and common work of the government and civil society**

Speakers:

Volodymyr Omelyan, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (tbc)

Peter Balas, Support Group for Ukraine, European Commission

Moderator: **Yevhen Bystrytsky**, Executive Director of the International Renaissance Foundation

13.00 – 13.15 **Wrap-up and conclusions**