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EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy and the European Council on Foreign Relations cordially invite you to the roundtable debate:

Czech perspectives and European assessment of the Eastern Partnership Agenda

Launch of the European Foreign Policy Scorecard 2015

Thursday, May 28, 10h–12h

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Mirror Hall

Speakers

Susi Dennison, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations

Petr Drulák, Deputy-Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Milan Nič, Managing Director, Central European Policy Institute

Jiří Schneider, Senior Fellow, Prague Security Studies Institute

Moderator

Martin Michelot, Associate Research Fellow, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

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2014 has been a year of unraveling for the Eastern Partnership agenda of the European Union. Going from a 2013 Vilnius Summit that created a certain level of skepticism about the effectiveness of this important initiative, the year 2014 significantly reinvigorated the agenda, which became the focal point of deep geopolitical changes in Ukraine, but also in the five other countries with whom discussions had been ongoing. With the agenda back at the drawing board, and a new Summit in Riga on May 22 destined to chart a new course for the Eastern Partnership initiative, these issues remain forefront in the assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of European foreign policy.

In order to assess these developments, the European Foreign Policy Scorecard, published yearly by the European Council on Foreign Relations since 2011, is an innovative and comprehensive way to evaluate the progress made by European foreign policy. The speakers will debate the results of the 2015 Scorecard and share their thoughts on the role of the Czech Republic in strengthening the Eastern Partnership initiative, as well as the future of assistance for democratic reforms in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

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