
Sustainable Development?
Human and Institutional Capital in the Eastern Partnership Countries and
Russia

Wednesday 31 May 2017
Chatham House

9:00-9:30 Arrival & coffee

9:30-9:45 Welcome

Markus Lux, Robert Bosch Stiftung

James Nixey, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

9:45- 11:15 Session 1: People

Countries in Focus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine

- Demographics
- Migration flows (including labour migration)
- Minority policies

Speakers:

Irina Denisova, New Economic School, Moscow

Hans Gutbrod, Transparify

Ella Libanova, Institute of Demographics and Social Studies, Kyiv

Chair: Wilfried Jilge, Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia, DGAP

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Session 2: Education, Science and Technology

Countries in Focus: Belarus, Georgia, Russia

- Development of human resources
- Institutional quality/capability of higher education
- Funding and reform priorities
- R&D - Areas of excellence/what market demands are met and what are the skills gaps?

Speakers:

Matthew Frear, Leiden University

George Mchedlishvili, International Black Sea University, Tbilisi

Andrey Shapenko, Moscow School of Management, Skolkovo

Chair: Ana Bojadjievskaja, Robert Bosch Stiftung

13:00-13:45 Lunch

13:45-15:15 Session 3: Institutions
Countries in Focus: Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

- Representation: centre vs regions? Quality of local government
- Capacity of public administration to deliver services (business regulation, healthcare, education)
- Focus on governance – accountability and transparency
- New cadres and leadership pipeline
- Vested interests vs institutions; formal and informal practices
- Rule of law

Speakers:

Kateryna Boguslavska, Academy Robert Bosch Fellow, Chatham House

Irina Busygina, MGIMO

Cristina Gherasimov, Academy Robert Bosch Fellow, Chatham House

Chair: Stefan Meister, DGAP

15:15-15:30 Break

15:30-16:30 Session 4: Closing Discussion

- Key short- and long-term trends and risks
- Their impact on the capabilities and functioning of the state
- Implications for EU-Russia relations
- Implications for the US and other international actors

Kick-off:

Markus Ederer, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Stefan Meister, Robert Bosch Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Central Asia, DGAP

Ekaterina Schulmann, RANEP

Chair: **James Nixey**, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

16:30 Close