

**EU foreign policy – and the quest for leadership.****23-24 October 2008, Warsaw****Pałac Sobańskich****Aleje Ujazdowskie 13, 00-567 Warszawa**

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**Day One 23.10.2008****14.30 - 15.45****PUBLIC DEBATE****2009 - Year of the Western Balkans and Eastern Partnership****Olli Rehn, Member of the European Commission****16.45 - 17.00 Registration and Welcome Coffee****17.00 - 17.15 Welcome and introduction**

**Paweł Świeboda**, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy  
**Cornelius Ochmann**, Project manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin

**17.15 - 18.00 Opening remarks****Radosław Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland****Alexandr Vondra, Vice Prime Minister for European Affairs of the Czech Republic**

**Chair: Paweł Świeboda**, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

**18.00 - 19.30 Creating the European strategic culture – the policy process and institutions.**

*This session will examine the prerequisites for building a European strategic culture by means of taking stock of national and European interests, creating institutional arrangements to serve cohesion of European policy and generating leadership for engagement in key global policy processes.*

**João Vale de Almeida**, Head of the Cabinet of the President of the European Commission, Brussels

**Mikołaj Dowgielewicz**, Secretary of State, Office of the Committee for European Integration, Warsaw

**Sir Brian Crowe**, Deputy Chairman of Chatham House, former Director General at the Secretariat of the Council, London

**Wolfgang Ischinger**, Chairman, the Munich Security Conference, Munich

**Chair: Cornelius Ochmann**, Project manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin

**20.00 Dinner**

Dinner speaker: Olli Rehn, Member of the European Commission, Brussels on ***The EU's soft power is still hard currency***

**Restauracja Pod Gigantami**  
**Al. Ujazdowskie 24**  
**00-478 Warszawa**

**Day Two 24.10.2008****8.45 - 9.00 Registration and Coffee****9.00 - 11.00 Policy priorities I – A new offer for the Southern and Eastern neighbours.**

*This session will take stock of the recent proposals to re-galvanize EU policy towards both the Southern and the Eastern neighbourhood. Prospects for progress in both regions will be judged against the background of an expected EU commitment.*

**Witold Sobków**, Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw

**Fraser Cameron**, Director, EU-Russia Centre, Brussels

**Claire Lignières-Counathe**, Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Paris

**Chair: Cornelius Ochmann**, Project manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin

**11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break****11.30 - 13.00 Face-lifting or adapting the European Security Strategy and the European Neighbourhood Policy?**

*This session will examine progress on the review of the European Security Strategy and the European Neighbourhood Policy. It will analyse the changing threat scenarios and possible tangible outcomes of the review of the ESS, including in the area of strengthening EU capabilities in both the civilian and military sphere.*

**Robert Cooper**, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels

**Aurélia Bouchez**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, NATO, Brussels

**Antonio Missiroli**, Director of Studies, European Policy Centre, Brussels

**Chair: Paweł Świeboda**, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

**13.00 - 14.30 Lunch**

**14.30 - 16.00 Policy priorities II – 2009: the new political momentum and security landscape in EU-US relations.**

*This session will look into the prospects for enhanced transatlantic understanding in the context of the new political environment both in the United States and in much of the European Union. Key issues such as positions on effective multilateralism and policies vis-à-vis the emerging powers will be examined.*

**Marek Grela**, Director, Transatlantic Relations, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, Brussels

**Miguel Angel Navarro**, Secretary General for EU Affairs, Madrid

**Nick Witney**, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations

**Maria Sadowska**, Head of the Programme Europe in the World, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

**Chair: Cornelius Ochmann**, Project manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin

**16.15 Concluding remarks**

**Paweł Świeboda**, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

**Cornelius Ochmann**, Project manager, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin