

## The EU-Russia conundrum: Contrasting visions for their neighbourhood

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### PUBLIC CONFERENCE

- 09.30 **WELCOME**  
**Dimitri Barua**, Press Officer of the European Commission Office in Spain  
**Jordi Bacaria**, Director, CIDOB, Barcelona  
**Michael Ehrke**, Director, Madrid Office, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung  
**Gonzalo Escribano**, Senior Analyst, the Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid
- 10.00 **THE EU AND THE EURASIAN UNION: COMPETING OR COMPLEMENTARY?**  
*Chair:* **Nicolás de Pedro**, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona  
**Gonzalo Escribano**, Senior Analyst, the Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid  
**Ulrich Speck**, Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels  
**Yulia Zhuchkova**, Research Fellow, International Relations Department, Tomsk State University, Tomsk
- 10.30 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 **CAN THE EU AND RUSSIA COEXIST IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE?**  
*Chair:* **María Pallares**, Programme Coordinator, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), Madrid  
**Félix Arteaga**, Senior Analyst, the Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid  
**Nicolás de Pedro**, Research Fellow, CIDOB, Barcelona  
**Vladislav Inozemtsev**, Director, Center for Post-Industrial Studies, Moscow
- 12.00 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 12.30 **HEEDING OUR NEIGHBOURS: UNDERSTANDING THEIR PERSPECTIVES**  
*Chair:* **Tony van der Togt**, Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael, The Hague  
**Kakha Gogolashvili** Senior Fellow, Director of EU Studies at the Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS), Tbilisi  
**Oleksandr Sushko** Research Director, Institute for Euro-Atlantic, Kyiv  
**Kristi Raik**, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki
- 13.00 **Debate among the experts and with the audience**
- 13.30 **CLOSING**  
**Jordi Bacaria**, Director, CIDOB, Barcelona  
**Charles Powell**, Director, the Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid

Working languages: English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation