

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE PURSUANT TO AN
INVITATION AT EVENTS ORGANISED BY THIRD PARTIES

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5(3) OF ANNEX I TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S RULES OF PROCEDURE CONCERNING
THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WITH RESPECT TO FINANCIAL
INTERESTS AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Forename: ANNA

13 JUIN 2016

Unité

Administration des Députés

I, the undersigned, on my honour and in full cognisance of the Rules of Procedure of the European Parliament, in particular Annex I thereof containing the Code of Conduct for Members, hereby declare, pursuant to Article 5(3) of the Code of Conduct, and the decision taken by the Bureau on 15 April 2013, that I have, pursuant to an invitation and in the performance of my duties as a Member of the European Parliament, attended at the following event organised by a third party where my travel, accommodation or subsistence expenses were paid or reimbursed by a third party:

Date: 18.04.2016

STATEMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS DECLARATION ARE MADE UNDER THE SOLE AND PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBER AND MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF THE NEXT MONTH FOLLOWING THE FINAL DATE OF THE MEMBER'S ATTENDANCE AT AN EVENT PURSUANT TO THE BUREAU DECISION OF 15 APRIL 2013.

This declaration will be published on Parliament's website.

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THE SIGNED ORIGINAL SHOULD THEN BE SENT TO:

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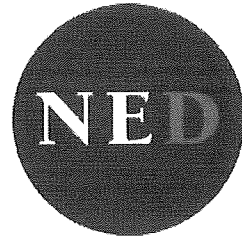
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	INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED	TO BE COMPLETED ACCORDINGLY
THIRD PARTY	Name, function and address of the third party who reimbursed or paid the expenses of the Member ²	International Republican Institute
	Travel:	Yes / No Type (e.g. flight, train): flight Category (e.g. economy, business): economy
TYPE OF EXPENSES COVERED	Accommodation:	Yes / No Name of hotel: Hotel: Courtyard Hotel Vienna Schönbrunn, Schönbrunner Schloßstraße 38-40, 1120 Wien Number of nights ³ : 2
	Subsistence expenses:	Yes / No / No -part (insert details in the comments' section below)
	Dates (and duration) of the Member's attendance at the event:	28-30 April 2016
DETAILS OF THE EVENT ATTENDED	Type of event (if the event programme is not available for attachment hereto, give explanation in comments' section below):	Transatlantic Conference
	Venue (country, city):	Vienna, Austria
OPTIONAL INFORMATION		
COMMENTS	Organizers have covered the costs of the outbound flight, from Vienna to Gdańsk. As a rapporteur of the EP report on EU strategic communication to counteract propaganda against it by third parties, MEP Anna Fotyga was the speaker on the panel regarding the tactics and strategies of disinformation and other means of Russian influence deployed currently.	

² If the third party is registered in the Transparency Register, reference can be made hereto.

³ Separate declaration for breakfasts is not required.



Program

The Beacon Project Second Transatlantic Conference

April 28-30, 2016
Politische Akademie der ÖVP (PolAk)
1120 Wien, Tivoligasse 73

BACKGROUND NOTE:

Thanks to the support provided by the National Endowment for Democracy, IRI's Beacon Project aims to support a stronger and broader transatlantic dialogue on how to jointly defend the core values of liberal democracy against threats from both outside and within. In order to develop this counter strategy, the Beacon Project will create a network comprised of representatives from political parties, party foundations and institutes, independent think tanks, non-governmental organizations and media outlets from the EU and its immediate neighborhood, e.g. the Balkans and the Eastern Partnership countries. To support the network, the Beacon Project will conduct polling and utilize ICT tracking tools to obtain fresh data on disinformation and anti-liberal messaging. Through the continued exchange of this research and other relevant insights from various counter-propaganda projects, including success stories and failures, we will facilitate the formulation of common strategies and future projects amongst members of the network or potentially for the network as such. Two standing round tables will serve as the primary structure of the network's work – a round table for political leaders and legislators and a round table convening civil society actors.

ROUND TABLE OUTLINE:

Based upon the successful discussions held at the first transatlantic meeting of the Beacon Project in January, the upcoming round table will now work toward the goal of creating a standing round table for experts and center-right and conservative political leaders that will look into legal and political measures of combating Russian influence in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). The composition of this working group will be primarily political and legal representatives and other experts from the partner countries. Through sharing information on measures that have been taken or can potentially be taken in local, national, and European legislative and legal bodies the round table aims to refine these approaches and build a more unified response amongst the partners.

AGENDA

THURSDAY

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ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

20:00 Dinner Discussion: Thoughts & Perspectives from Both Sides of the Atlantic
Courtyard Hotel Vienna Schönbrunn, Schönbrunner Schloßstraße 38-40, 1120 Wien

Welcome: **Jan Surotchak**, International Republican Institute
Remarks by: **David Kramer**, McCain Institute
Remarks by: **János Martonyi**, Former Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs

FRIDAY

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09:00 Welcome and Introduction to the Beacon Project

Barbara Haig, National Endowment for Democracy
Miriam Lexmann, International Republican Institute

09:30 Where does Russian influence stand in a geopolitical context?

Chair: **Gary Schmitt**, American Enterprise Institute
Discussants: **David Kramer**, McCain Institute
Petr Kolář, European Values Initiative
František Šebej, MP, National Council of Slovakia

10:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Russian influence challenging our values and exploiting our failures. What are the tactics and strategies of disinformation and other means of Russian influence currently being deployed? Where are we most vulnerable and are there any simple solutions that can be implemented?

Chair: **Milan Ježovica**, MESA 10
Discussants: **Anna Fotyga**, MEP, European Parliament
Milan Šuplata, Central European Policy Institute
Olena Snigyr, National Institute for Strategic Studies
Maik Pawlowsky, Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution

13:00 Lunch

14:30 What are some of the legal, political, and security measures that can be utilized? How effective have they been? What are some of the difficulties in implementing these measures internationally?

Chair: **Veiko Spolītis**, MP, Parliament of the Republic of Latvia
Discussants: **Col. Saulius Guzevičius**, Former Lithuanian Military StratCom Director
Andis Kudors, Centre for East European Policy Studies
Benjamin Heap, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence
Hennadiy Maksak, Polissya Foundation for International and Regional Studies

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 From protector of communism to conservative Savior: How has Putin been able to benefit from the myth of his conservative credentials? How is it interpreted by conservatives in other countries?

Chair: *John O'Sullivan, Danube Institute*
Discussants: *Myroslav Marynovych, Ukrainian Catholic University*
Antonio Miloshoski, MP, Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia
Ivan Gabal, MP, Parliament of the Czech Republic
György Schöpflin, MEP, European Parliament

18:00 Conclusion of the Day

20:00 Dinner

Plachutta Hietzing, Auhofstraße 1, 1130 Wien

SATURDAY

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09:30 How can we improve transatlantic coordination further? Are there transatlantic political or legal responses that can be utilized? How can we better approach the wider EU neighborhood, in the context of Russian information warfare?

Chair: *Paul McCarthy, International Republican Institute*
Discussants: *Barbara Haig, Nation Endowment for Democracy*
Jelena Milić, Center for Euro-Atlantic Studies
Salome Samadashvili, Center for Strategic Communication and Democracy

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Open dialogue to craft innovative approaches

Chair: *Rodger Potocki, Nation Endowment for Democracy*
Presentations: *Radko Hokovský, European Values Initiative*
David Mack, Center for International Private Enterprise
Márton Ugrósdý, Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade

12:00 Conclusions

Miriam Lexmann, International Republican Institute

13:00 Lunch

16:00 Participants depart

