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## “Turkey and EU in Common Neighborhoods: Perspectives from the V4 and Germany”

Prague, April 27, 2016

Mirror Hall, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

- 9:15-9:45 Registration, coffee
- 9:45-10:00 Opening Remarks
- 10:00-11:30 **Discussion 1: What Drives Turkey-EU Relationship?**

Is Turkey's EU membership bid still on the table? Or have we become just strategic partners? Which considerations influence TR-EU relations? Is it business, geopolitics, or democracy and human rights? Are they competing or cooperating? And what role do V4s and Germany play in shaping EU-TR relations?

Chair: **Ms Lucia Najšlová**, Charles University, Prague

Speakers: **Mr Sinan Ülgen**, Carnegie Europe, Brussels; EDAM (Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies), Istanbul

**Mr Günter Seufert**, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

**Mr Adam Balcer**, College of Eastern Studies, Warsaw

**Mr Jiří Schneider**, Aspen Institute, Prague

- 11:30-11:45 Coffee Break



11:45-13:15      **Discussion 2: Approaching Refugee Crisis with Dignity– What Can and Should EU and Turkey Do?**

Which measures were thus far undertaken by EU and Turkey in response to growing number of asylum-seekers from the South? Can the EU respond efficiently and responsibly if several of its members have been reluctant to contribute with open-door policy? Can the EU and Turkey, a country where most citizens consider themselves Muslims, regain mutual trust while Islamophobia is growing in the EU?

Chair:                **Mr Břetislav Tureček**, Metropolitan University, Prague

Speakers:         **Ms Magda Faltová**, Association for Integration and Migration, Prague

**Mr Maximillian Popp**, Der Spiegel, Berlin

**Ms Elif Özmenek Çarmıklı**, International Strategic Research Organization (USAK), Ankara

13:15-14:15      Lunch

14:15-15:45      **Discussion 3: Is There an Underexploited Potential for More V4-Germany Cooperation in EU Neighborhood? What role can and should Turkey Play?**

What are the Lessons from V4-Germany Cooperation in the EU Neighborhoods in the Past Decade? What has worked and what has not? Has German-Turkish partnership fostered more democracy in the neighborhood and strengthening ties with the EU? What are the lessons of the past 10 years of V4-Turkey cooperation? Is there something V4 and Germany can learn from each other? Is Turkey interested in partnering with the EU in its neighborhood policy? Do EU and Turkey compete or cooperate in the neighborhoods? To what extent are domestic developments (quality of democracy and civic liberties) important for respective leverage of Turkey and the EU in the common neighborhoods?

Chair:                **Mr Tomáš Weiss**, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague

Speakers:         **Ms Zsuzsanna Vegh**, Central European University, Budapest

**Mr Onur Sazak**, Istanbul Policy Centre, Istanbul

**Mr Andrasz Racz**, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

**Ms Rebecca Murray**, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava

15:45-15:55      Concluding Remarks