

CIVIC INITIATIVE "EUROPE WITHOUT BARRIERS"

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Preparing and launching the campaign for visa-free Europe

Invitation

Europe without Barriers is pleased to invite you for the round-table discussion: *Preparing and launching the campaign for visa-free Europe*, which will take place **on January 28, 2013 from 13.30 until 17.30** (Address: 60-a, b Vozdvyzhenska str., conference hall).

**THE EVENT IS SUPPORTED BY THE EUROPEAN PROGRAM OF THE INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION**

Promoting the idea of visa –free movement in Europe certainly lacks its advancement tools. Often advocacy activities are carried out spontaneously, without sufficient planning and competent selection arguments. In the event the initiators suggest a discussion on ideological as well as technical content of the campaign on visa-free movement in Europe to strengthen "positive" argumentation in favor of visa abolishment, formulate alternative approaches for the "freedom of movement –public security" dilemma resolution in its economic, legal, ethical, cultural and political dimensions.

**Issues scheduled to be discussed:**

- *Ukraine as a migration-secure country: myth or reality?*
- *Experts view on possible risks and benefits of the free movement of people.*
- *How to "reach" the EU institutions, responsible for the visa liberalisation process?*
- *"Home tasks" and its performance: what is a good way to present in the EU Member States?*
- *Which arguments in favor of visa-free travel are important for civil society, media, and decision-makers?*

**These issues shall be a focus of discussion for** experts in the sphere of international relations, journalists, cultural, civic activists, advocacy and lobbying experts.

**Special event guest: Gerald Knaus, founder of the European Stability Initiative (ESI), leading European analytical and advocacy oriented non-governmental organization.**



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## PROGRAM

13.00 – 13.30 - *Coffee, registration*

13.30 – 13.50 – Welcome and opening remarks

13.50 – 15.00

*Advocacy and campaigning toolkit, put forward by the experts of Europe without Barriers: Iryna Sushko*

*What lessons can be drawn from the campaign for “White Schengen List”, carried out by the European Stability Initiative?: Gerald Knaus*

*Questions and answers, discussion*

15.00 – 16.30 Thematic panel discussion:

- A practical scenario of consequences from the abolition of visas: the benefits and risks
- Visa Liberalisation for the Eastern Partnership Countries: how to provide a support of the EU Member States?
- The search for alternative approaches to resolve the problem of freedom of movement.

16:30 – 17.30 – Closing comments, informal discussion



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