

## The Eastern Partnership: Ukraine and Beyond

## Europe's unique model for building security, stability and growth in its neighbourhood

Launched in 2009, the Eastern Partnership is a joint initiative between the EU, EU member states and the countries of eastern Europe and the southern Caucasus. It aims to stimulate closer political, economic and cultural ties between them. As the EU has expanded, these Eastern Partnership countries have become closer neighbours, and their security, stability and prosperity has an increasingly direct impact on the EU. But recent events have also brought home that what happens in Eastern Europe matters not just to the EU, but also to Asia, and the international system as a whole.

At a time when Europe is investing heavily in its Eastern Partnership strategy, and Japan is also becoming more active in the region, what are the risks and geopolitical consequences of the Ukraine crisis? What lessons can Japan draw from the EU's foreign approach to engagement with its neighbouring states? Assuring security, stability and peace in the EU's neighbouring countries is key to its welfare, but how successful is the strategy proving to be?

During this seminar, the distinguished diplomat, HE Juris Poikāns, Latvian Ambassador-at-Large on the Eastern Partnership will address these questions, and give an insight into the Eastern Partnership as viewed from the Baltics.

## Free of charge, Event held in English

**Date & Time:** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 13:00-14:30, **Venue:** Delegation of the European Union to Japan, 4-6-28 Minami-Azabu, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-0047, Japan

**Registration**: e-mail <u>sebastian.scholl@eeas.europa.eu</u> (for this event only) with your full name, affiliation and title. **Registration Deadline:** Friday 24th October 2014, 16:00

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