



## **Europe Whole and Free: Moving Forward?**

### **Event description**

The recent events in Eastern Ukraine and on the borders of NATO redefined the terms of transatlantic cooperation. During this discussion we will talk about the human aspect of the events of Euromaidan – and subsequent developments in the region – as the panelists saw and lived them. Furthermore, we will look at the wider context of the answer that the West, the EU, and Slovakia gave to the crisis in Ukraine. Other members of the Eastern partnership, namely Georgia and Moldova, will be discussed with respect to their frozen conflicts, along with the role of Belarus in the ceasefire agreements in Ukraine.

### **Moderator:**

**Juraj Antal**

International Affairs Analyst, Chairman European Democrat Students, ret.

### **Speakers:**

**Ambassador Mark Green**

President, International Republican Institute, Washington DC, US.

Prior to leading IRI, in 2013, he served as president and chief executive officer of the Initiative for Global Development, a nonprofit organization that engages corporate leaders to reduce poverty through business growth and investment in Africa. From 2011 through early 2013, Green served as senior director at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, a network of 400 businesses, nongovernmental organizations, policy experts and other leaders supporting development tools in American foreign policy. Mr. Green served as the U.S. Ambassador to Tanzania from mid-2007 to early 2009. Before serving as U.S. Ambassador, Green served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives representing Wisconsin's 8th District. Ambassador Green holds a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire. In 2012, he was awarded an honorary doctor of science from Georgetown University's School of Nursing and Health Studies. In 2014, the President of Tanzania presented him with a special Presidential Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation.

**Gintarė Narkevičiūtė**

International Civic Activist, Former Advisor of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vilnius, Lithuania.

Ms. Narkevičiūtė is the International Secretary of the main centre-right political party in Lithuania, TS-LKD, which developed from the Independence Movement of Lithuania, and is a member of the European People's Party. Simultaneously, Ms. Narkevičiūtė is successfully performing as Director for International Affairs of the Ronald Reagan House, a think-tank dedicated to the promotion and publication of the principles of freedom, democracy, free enterprise and efficient government in CEE and neighboring countries. Prior to that, Ms. Narkevičiūtė was serving as advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania and held several leading positions in the national and European organisations.

For her determination and dedication in advocating freedom, saving lives and promoting culture of saving lives in Ukraine, for contribution in struggle for democracy and help, aid for the victims of demonstrations in the Independence Square in Kiev she was honored three times this past year.