



Program

Russia in the Middle East: EU & Israeli perspectives

Herzliya, 27 September 2016

Conference Venue:

Friedrich- Ebert- Stiftung, Shenkar St. 14, Nolton House, 3rd floor, Herzliya Pituach, Tel. 09-9514760, <http://www.fes.org.il/>

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AGENDA

Tuesday, 27 September

10.00-10.30 Gathering and registration

10.30-11.00 Greetings

Dr. Werner Puschra, Director of FES Israel

H.E Lars Faaborg-Andersen, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the State of Israel

SESSION I:

The geopolitical impact of Russia's intervention in Syria on Israel-EU relations

Chair: **Dr. Roby Nathanson**, Director, Macro Center for Political Economics, IEPN Coordinator

11.00 – 11.20 Keynote speech

Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin, Executive Director of Tel Aviv University
Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)

11.20 – 11.40 Inputs from a EU perspective (based on policy paper)

Dr. Margarete Klein, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin

11.40 – 12.00 Comment from an Israeli perspective

Elizabeth Tsurkov, Research Fellow at the Forum for Regional Thinking

12.00 - 12.40 Discussion

SESSION II:

The impact of Russia on regional cooperation and future political developments in the Middle East

Chair: **Dr. Rem Korteweg**, Centre for European Reform, IEPN Coordinator

12.40– 13.00 Input from an expert (based on policy paper)

Prof. Eyal Zisser, Vice Rector of Tel Aviv University

13.00 - 13.20 Input from an Israeli perspective

Orit Svetlana Zuaetz, former Member of Knesset and regional socio-economic development consultant

13.20 – 13.40 Comment from a EU perspective

Krassimir Nikolov, Deputy Head of Unit – Middle East, European Union
External Action Service

13.40 – 14.10 Discussion

14.10 – 14.50 Light buffet

Session III:

Increase in EU-Russia tension/Increase in Israel-Russia friendship – What does it mean?

Chair: Mr. Jan Busse, University of the Bundeswehr München, IEPN Coordinator

14.50-15.10 Keynote:

MK Robert Ilatov, Yisrael Beitenu Parliamentary Group Chairman,
Member Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee

15.10 – 15.30 Input from a Russian expert

Nikolay Surkov, MGIMO University Moscow

15.30 – 15.50 Inputs from a EU Perspective

Kati Piri, Member of the European Parliament, Socialists & Democrats

15.50 – 16.10 Comment from an Israeli Perspective

Alexander Ben Tzvi, Ambassador, Euro Asian Division, Israeli Ministry of
Foreign Affairs

16.10 - 16.30 Discussion and conclusion of the conference