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**European Opportunity for Ukraine
Future of the Eastern Partnership**

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THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES (GMF US), BRUSSELS

invites you to the conference

„European Opportunity for Ukraine - Future of the Eastern Partnership”

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The conference will gather European leaders and policymakers currently involved in key European projects concerning the Eastern Neighbourhood.

We are convinced that the timing of the conference and the list of distinguished contributors provide us with an excellent platform for discussing the present stage of EU involvement in the Eastern Partnership and concrete projects within the framework of this initiative.

There are two debates foreseen in the programme of the conference: “Eastern Partnership – The European Opportunity for Eastern Partners” and “EU’s Eastern Partnership: How to Proceed in 2009?”. The meeting will start with a presentation of a report *Accelerating Ukraine’s European Integration* by Professor Alan Mayhew.

We hope you will join us in these important debates.

Please kindly confirm your participation by Thursday 4 December by email at

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PROGRAMME

14.00 – 14.30: **Presentation of the report:**

“Accelerating Ukraine’s European Integration”

Alan Mayhew – Professor at Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex

Respondent: Andrew Wilson – Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations

14.30 – 16.00: **Eastern Partnership – The European Opportunity for Eastern Partners**

MODERATOR: Alan Mayhew – Professor at Sussex University

Jacek Protasiewicz – Chairman, Delegation for Relations with Belarus, European Parliament

Vadim Triukhan – Director, Coordination Bureau for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

Alexander Duleba – Director, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association

Eugeniusz Smolar – President, Center for International Relations

Nicu Popescu – Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations

DISCUSSION

16.00- 16.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.30 – 18.00 **EU’s Eastern Partnership: How to Proceed in 2009?**

MODERATOR: Jiří Schneider– Program director of the Prague Security Studies Institute

Benita Ferrero-Waldner – European Commissioner for External Relations and ENP (*TBC*)

Alexandr Vondra – Deputy Prime Minister of the Czech Republic for European Affairs

Hryhoriy Nemyria – Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and International Integration

Radoslaw Sikorski – Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

DISCUSSION

The conference will be held in English.