

Armenia-EU relations: unresolved obstacles or untapped opportunities?

Where: European Endowment for Democracy, Avenue des Gaulois 29, 1040 Brussels

When: Wednesday, 11 January 2017, 10:00 - 12:30 (a light lunch will be served after the event)

The Eurasia Partnership Foundation (Armenia) in cooperation with the European Endowment for Democracy cordially invite you to an expert-level discussion on Armenia-EU relations.

After Armenia's U-turn towards the Russia-led Eurasian Economic Union in 2013 and its failure to sign a long-negotiated Association Agreement with the European Union, Armenia is now rebuilding its relationship with the EU via the new Framework Agreement.

An unresolved conflict with Azerbaijan, closed borders with Turkey, constant electoral fraud, systemic corruption, violation of fundamental human rights, and gender inequality represent serious hurdles for Armenia's democratisation and economic development.

The event aims to provide further analysis of the major identified obstacles and offer some solutions on how key stakeholders, including the EU, can move forward. In particular, speakers will address the following issues:

- **The influence of EU-Armenia cooperation framework on Armenia's domestic politics.** Mikayel Hovhannisyan, EU-Armenia relations and EaP Civil Society Forum specialist, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

- **Nagorny Karabakh conflict and Armenia-Turkey relations: are there prospects for peace?** Artak Ayunts, conflict analyses and transformation specialist, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

- **Armenia's human rights agenda: rhetoric vs reality.** Isabella Sargsyan, human rights and elections specialist, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Artak Ayunts, conflict analyses and transformation specialist, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Dr. Mikayel Hovhannisyan, EU-Armenia relations and EaP Civil Society Forum specialist, Eurasia Partnership Foundation

Isabella Sargsyan, human rights and elections specialist, Eurasia Partnership Foundation cross-border program manager

Naira Sultanyan, EED Country Consultant, Armenia

To learn more about the speakers click [here](#)

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- NGOs and Political Parties: Together or Apart? Naira Sultanyan, EED Country Consultant, Armenia

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