

Weimar Triangle Working Sessions:
Young expertise for Europe

13-15 March 2014
Berlin and Castle Genshagen, Germany

**The EU and Russia:
Weimar Triangle Perspectives**

Thursday, 13 March – Berlin

6:00 PM **Arrival & Snack**

7:00 PM **Welcome and introduction** by Uta Dirksen, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin
and Barbara Kunz, Stiftung Genshagen

7:15 PM **Introductory Debate:**
**Quo vadis Russia? Recent developments in Russia and their
implications for EU-Russia relations**

Where is Russia heading politically, socially and economically? What does that mean for the country's foreign policy and behaviour at the international level? And what implications do intra-Russian developments have for the country's relations with the European Union and its member states?

Speakers: Karsten Voigt, Member of the Commission for International
Relations of the SPD, Berlin

Sabine Fischer, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

Sergei Utkin, Centre for Situation Analysis, Russian Academy of
Science, Moscow

Moderator: Felix Hett, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin

Location: Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Berlin, Hiroshimastr. 28, 10785 Berlin

8:30 PM **Reception**

9:30 PM **Transfer to Genshagen**

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Friday, 14 March – Genshagen

9:00 – 10:15 AM

Welcome and introduction, Presentation round

Moderators: Uta Dirksen, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and
Barbara Kunz, Stiftung Genshagen

10:15 – 10:30 AM

Short break

10:30 – 12:30 AM

Panel discussion:

What approaches to Russia in the years to come?

- *Where do we stand today? And what are the pressing issues on the agenda?*
- *Where do German, French and Polish perspectives differ?*
- *What common ground is there among the Weimar Triangle countries?*

Speakers: Anke Schmidt-Felzmann, Dalarna University, Falun

David Cadier, London School of Economics, London

Michał Natorski, College of Europe, Natolin

Moderator: Barbara Kunz, Stiftung Genshagen

12:30 – 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:30 – 5:30 PM

Workshop:

Russia's role in international relations (with a special focus on current events in Ukraine)

- *What ways of constructive cooperation in world affairs?*
- *What ways of cooperation in the WSC?*
- *What ways of cooperation in international crisis prevention and conflict resolution?*

- *What perspectives for Ukraine?*
- *What role for the EU?*
- *What role for NATO?*
- *What role for the Weimar Triangle and its members?*
- *What repercussions on the Caucasus, Transnistria...?*

7:00 PM

Dinner

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Saturday, 15 March - Genshagen

9:30 – 12:00 AM

Concluding panel, Russian comment and discussion

Russian comment: Sergei Utkin, Centre for Situation Analysis, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow

Moderators: Uta Dirksen, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Barbara Kunz, Stiftung Genshagen

12.00 – 12.30 PM

Evaluation

12:30 PM

Lunch and departure

Shuttle to Ludwigsfelde station at 2 PM sharp outside the castle

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