



# Presentation of the report "Czech Republic and Poland: Advocates of the EU Enlargement?" and the public debate "Envisioning the EU enlargement: breakdown or breakthrough?"

#### **14 December 2010**

#### Venue: Hotel Bristol, Krakowskie Predmieście 42/44, Warsaw

DemosEuropa - Centre for European Strategy and EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy in Prague have an honour of inviting you to a presentation of the report "Czech Republic and Poland: Advocates of the EU Enlargement?" and the public debate" Envisioning the EU enlargement: breakdown or breakthrough?" realized within the framework of the Czech – Polish Forum. The report will reflect on the possible role of Poland and the Czech Republic as countries supporting further enlargement. It is intending to deliver tangible recommendations as to what these two countries could do to enhance the dynamics of the enlargement process, with particular emphasis on the upcoming Polish EU presidency in the second half of 2011. The main aim of the public debate will be to discuss the current challenges, pitfalls but also opportunities facing the enlargement process from different regional and country perspectives. We would try to find answers to the key questions related to the issue:

- How the EU should copy with the current slowdown of the enlargement process?
- What should do Western Balkan countries aspiring to the EU to tackle their most serious internal problems hindering the reform process?
- How can we avoid the possible permanent stalemate of Turkey's accession process?
- Does the enlargement process matter for the Eastern Partnership countries?
- What Poland and Czech Republic should do to enhance the enlargement process?

#### **Program:**

14.30 - 15.00 Coffee and registration

15.00 - 15.10 Welcome and opening remarks

Paweł Świeboda, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy, Warsaw

**Jan Sechter**, Ambassador of Czech Republic

15:10 -15:40 Presentation of the report

**Adam Balcer**, Director of program EU enlargement and neighbourhood, DemosEuropa – Centre for European Strategy, Warsaw

David Král, Director, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague

#### 15:40 -17:20 Public Debate

**Moderator: Paweł Świeboda**, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy, Warsaw

## **Participants:**

**Barbara Lippert**, Head of research division on EU external relations, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

Tija Memišević, Director, European Research Center, Sarajevo

**Stanislav Secrieru,** Associate Researcher, Center for East-European and Asian Studies, Bucharest/Chisinau

Ivan Vejvoda, Deputy Director, the German Marshall Found, Belgrade/Washington

**Professor Hakan Yılmaz**, President, Centre for European Studies, Bosphorus University, Istanbul

### 19:30 Dinner at Czech Republic Embassy (Street Koszykowa 18)

The working language of the event will be English.



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