

INVITATION

The German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) and the
German Association for East European Studies (DGO)
would like to invite you to a key note and panel discussion with

H.E. Edgars Rinkēvičs

Minister for Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Shaping Europe: The Baltic States and their Role in Driving EU Reform

Thursday, 20 September 2018, 6:30 – 8 pm

DGAP, Rauchstraße 17, 10787 Berlin

Since joining the European Union in 2004, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have evolved as member states with dynamic economies and strong support of the European reform agenda. Their contribution is manifest, for instance, in the areas of digital transformation as well as energy and transport. The three Baltic states are members of the Eurozone and support a tough stance on the issue of EU fiscal consolidation. While developments in the Baltic states have been on a positive track, the growing number of conflicts between Brussels and the Visegrád countries has been overshadowing the debate on the future of the EU and the role of the Eastern member states. At our meeting, we want to discuss a Baltic view on the future of the EU as well as the role the countries play in driving European reforms.

Discussant: **Andreas Peschke**
Director, European Directorate-General at the Federal Foreign Office

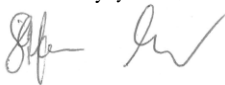
Daniela Schwarzer
Director, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

Chair: **Gabriele Freitag**
Executive Director, German Association for East European Studies (DGO)

Organized by the Robert Bosch Center, this event is part of a series of discussions hosted by the German Council on Foreign Relations in cooperation with the German Association for East European Studies. This event is supported by the Latvian embassy in Berlin. The discussions will be held in English. You are cordially invited to a reception after the debate.

Please note that seating is limited and we therefore recommend an early registration. Please RSVP by email to Yulia Loeva (events@dgap.org).

Sincerely yours,



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