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SUPPORT. TOWARDS A SUSTAINED  
DEMOS IN THE EU'S EASTERN  
NEIGHBOURHOOD

**Public stakeholders conference:**

***Looking backwards, moving forward: The EU and support for democracy  
in a fragmented and troubled neighbourhood***

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**09:15-9:30 Registration and coffee**

**09:30-09:45 Welcome**



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**09:45-10:15 Keynote speech by H.E. Amb. Vassilis Maragos, Head of EU Delegation to Armenia, Yerevan**

**10:15-11:30 Panel I: Taking stock of two decades of EU democracy support towards its eastern neighbourhood: progress and challenges**

Moderator: *Arusyak Aleksanyán, Assoc.Professor, Centre for European Studies, YSU, Yerevan*

*H.E. Amb. Paruyr Hovhannisyán, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, Yerevan*

*Tina Freyburg, Professor, Chair of Comparative Politics, University of St. Gallen*

*Lousineh Hakobyan, President, Europe in Law & Co-Chair, EU-Armenia Civil Society Platform, Yerevan*

*Michael M. Richter, Post-doctoral fellow & REDEMOS Researcher, University of Surrey*

*Grigor Yeritsyan, CEO, Armenian Progressive Youth, Yerevan*

**11:30-12:00 Coffee break**

**12:00-13:15 Panel II: What's next for Armenia? Democratic transition, authoritarian threats, and regional risks**

Moderator: *Tobias Schumacher, Professor & Deputy Coordinator, REDEMOS, NTNU, Trondheim*

*H.E. Amb. Patrik Svensson, Ambassador of Sweden to Armenia, Yerevan*

*Alexander Markarov, Professor & Vice-Rector for Scientific Policy and International Cooperation, YSU, Yerevan*

*Natia Natsvlishvili, Permanent Representative of the UNDP to Armenia, Yerevan*

*Sona Ghazaryán, MP, Standing Committee on European Integration, National Assembly, Yerevan*

*Nino Lomjaria, former Ombudsman of Georgia & Member of the REDEMOS International Advisory Board, Tbilisi*

**13:15-13:20 Farewell & end of conference**