



**Programme of International Conference**  
***Visegrad Group States and Russia: Dimensions of Cooperation, Chances and Challenges***  
**April 17, 2013**  
**The Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Moscow**  
**4, Klimashkina Street, Moscow**

**09.15 – 10.00 - Registration**

**10.00 – 10.15 - Opening of the conference.**

H.E. Mr. Wojciech Zajączkowski, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Russian Federation

**10.15 – 12.15 - Session 1: Political aspects of “Visegrad Four” – Russia relations**

1. V-4 Member States’ and Russia’s relations with the CIS countries.  
*Dariusz Kalan – Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland*
2. Visions of Europe in the strategies of the V-4 States and EU-Russia relations.  
*Tomas Strazay – Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Slovak Republic*
3. Russian civil society institutions and the Central European context.  
*Maria Lipman – Carnegie Moscow Centre, Russia*

Discussion – The Chatham House Rule.

**12.15 – 12.30 - Coffee break**

**12.30 – 14.30 - Session 2: Economic dimension of mutual cooperation**

1. V-4 States’ economic relations with Russia: models, challenges, perspectives.  
*Katarzyna Zukrowska – Warsaw School of Economics, Poland*
2. Models of energy co-operation between V-4 Member States and Russia.  
*Andras Racz – Hungarian Institute of Foreign Affairs, Hungary*
3. Economic crisis in the Visegrad countries: conclusions for Russia.  
*Natalia Kulikova – Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Science, Russia*

Discussion – The Chatham House Rule.

14.30 – 15.15 - Buffet lunch

**15.15 – 17.15 - Session 3: Socio-cultural foundations of the development of Visegrad States – Russia relations**

1. Political-economic transformation of the Visegrad States as a testimony of civilizational choice made by the Central Europe.  
*Vit Dostal – Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic*
2. Cooperation of local authorities in the context of building civil societies in the V-4 States.  
*Anna Czyz – University of Silesia, Poland*
3. Image of Russia in the Visegrad States.  
*Boris Frumkin – Moscow State University of International Relations (MGIMO), Russia;*

Discussion – The Chatham House Rule.

**17.15 – 17.30 - Closing of the conference.**

**Reception**