Spain and Ukraine: Prospects for Partnership
Barcelona, 3rd and 4th of December 2007

Programme

Working languages: Spanish and Ukrainian

MONDAY, 3rd of DECEMBER
09.00 Opening session
- Narcís Serra, President CIDOB Foundation
- Anatoliy Scherba, Ambassador of Ukraine in Spain
- Javier Gil Catalina, Ambassador of Spain in Ukraine

09.30 Transition to democratic governance (1)
Chair: Orysia Lutsevych, Executive Director, Open Ukraine Foundation, Kyiv
- Introduction: What does a transition entail?
  - Pere Vilanova, Professor of Political Science, University of Barcelona
- Ukraine’s broader context. What are the main issues at stake?
  - Olena Zerkal, Director of State Department on Legal Approximation, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine
  - Valentin Yakushik, Professor of Political Science, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
  - Ivan Poltavets, Economist, Analytical Centre “BEST”, Kyiv

10.45 Debate
11.30 Coffee break

11.45 Transition to democratic governance (2)
Chair: Carmen Claudín, Deputy Director, CIDOB Foundation
- Assessing the outcomes of the Spanish experience
  - Miquel Roca Junyent, President of the law firm Roca Junyent
  - Josep Piqué, Board of Directors, Círculo de Economía (Economic Forum)
  - Narcís Serra, President CIDOB Foundation

12.45 Debate
13.30 Lunch
Afternoon: Bilateral meetings and visits
21.00 Dinner

TUESDAY, 4th of DECEMBER
09.30 Managing regional differences: from conflict and division to competitiveness and cohesion
Chair: Anna Derevyanko, Executive Director, European Business Association (EBA)
- Maryna Cherenkova, Head of the Working Group on CSR Regional Policy, Donetsk Oblast Council
- Jordi Vaquer, Coordinator of the Europe Programme, CIDOB Foundation
- Mykhailo Gonchar, Director for Energy Programs, NOMOS, Sebastopol

10.30 Debate
11.15 Coffee break

11.30 Ukrainian - EU relations within the European Neighbourhood Policy
Chair: Eduardo Junco, State Secretariat for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Madrid
- Oleksandr Sushko, Deputy Director CPCFP
- Anna Terrón, General Secretary for the European Union, Catalan government
- Olga Shumylo, Deputy Director, International Centre for Policy Studies

12.30 Debate
13.15 Lunch

15.30 Final debate: the way ahead
Chair: Thomas Eymond-Laritaz, President, CEO, Victor Pinchuk Foundation, Kyiv
Conclusions: Opportunities for joint projects
- Jordi Vaquer, Coordinator of the Europe Programme, CIDOB Foundation

17.00 Closing session:
- Volodymyr Nikitin, Director International Centre for Policy Studies
- Josep Ribera, Director CIDOB Foundation

17.30 End
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In collaboration with the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Directors: Carmen Claudín (CIDOB) and Olga Shumylo (ICPS)

Objectives
• To raise awareness about each of the countries potential and current situation in the other country
• To identify the potential areas of bilateral co-operation between Ukraine and Spain
• To stimulate bilateral contact between some of Spain and Ukraine’s leading institutions, in order to facilitate future projects of bilateral co-operation
• To draft a joint ICPS - CIDOB paper to be sent to the key players in Spain and Ukraine, outlining some proposals for further progress in bilateral co-operation

Participants
About ten leading figures from Ukraine will be invited to Barcelona to participate in the seminar. Those participants will be chosen according to a combination of several criteria:
• Expertise and current responsibilities in potential fields of co-operation
• Representation of different sectors (academia, political parties, journalism, business) and different regions
• Commitment to the workshop’s methodology and objectives
• Capacity to mobilise resources, people and institutions in potential projects following the seminar

Their counterparts will be Spanish leading figures with similar responsibilities or with experience relevant to the discussion, and chosen with similar criteria to the ones mentioned above.
Some other officials will be invited to participate, representing the governments of both Spain and Ukraine, as well as the European institutions.

Methodology
The workshop will consist of two parts:

1. Four off-the-record sessions where participants will be able to talk and discuss freely amongst themselves. These sessions will be introduced by some participants as a kick off for open debates.
2. Ukrainian participants will have the opportunity to visit some initiatives and institutions in Barcelona conducting projects of their interests. The goal of these visits will be to establish direct bilateral links, to identify best practices and to start the search for possible bilateral cooperation in the future.

A joint CIDOB - ICPS paper containing recommendations for a Ukraine - Spain Partnership will be drafted after the workshop, and sent to the relevant institutions in Spain and Ukraine. The organisers and the participants will thereafter work to implement at least some of the recommendations by means of further activities, including workshops, publications, study visits, etc.