

Europe, Ukraine and Russia: a triangular relationship in multiple stages?



You are welcome to participate in a debate, which addresses the role of Europe in the conflict between Ukraine and Russia.

When: December 2, from 8 till 10 PM.

Where: Utrecht University Hall (Senate Room), Domplein 29 Utrecht.

Do you want to attend this event the 2nd of December? <mailto:europawerkgroep@groenlinks.nl>. The room can host about 100 people, so make your reservation and secure your seat. We highly appreciate a small contribution to cover the expenses at the entrance.

Developments during the past weeks in the Netherlands, have given more weight to this topic than ever before. Think of the Dutch Safety Board reports with respect to the MH17 crash; or the campaign for a non-binding Dutch referendum on the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine. The upcoming Dutch EU chairmanship in 2016, will only add an extra dimension to this complex matter.

A topic like this deserves a panel that knows the ropes. Therefore the EU Work Group is pleased that Giselle Bosse, Wierd Duk, Rebecca Harms and Pavlo Kovtonyuk are willing to participate in this debate. Moderator: Tineke Strik, GroenLinks senator.
(Spoken language is English).

- **Giselle Bosse:** Assistant Professor at Maastricht University. She is one of the experts in the Dutch academic world, when it comes to knowledge of the EU, Ukraine, Russia, or the Eastern Partnership. For her research, Giselle has been awarded with a VENI-grant for excellent researchers. EU institutions and think tanks frequently ask for her expertise.
- **Wierd Duk:** Historian and publicist. As a journalist active as correspondent in Berlin for The Post Online, Algemeen Dagblad, De Tijd and De Nieuwe Revu amongst other things. Wierd presents a more positive attitude toward Russian politics. As a former Russia and current Germany correspondent, he knows the complex reality at the spot. Published a political biography about Angela Merkel and one about Vladimir Putin.
- **Rebecca Harms:** Co-President of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament. German politician and MEP since 2004, on behalf of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen. One of the issues she is responsible for is the relation between Europe and Ukraine and Russia. She is a member of the EU-Ukraine and EU-Russia Delegation. Rebecca can be regarded as a specialist on this matter. She is co-author of "Maidan! Ukraine, Europa", which was published in 2014.
- **Pavlo Kovtonyuk:** Member of the National Reform Council, advisory body of the Ukrainian government. Pavlo is an insider in the Ukrainian political and administrative arena. Despite his academic background as lecturer at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla, he remains connected to everyday politics. During the Euro-Maidan-protests in 2014, he was at the scene and published events via social media.

Not only the speakers as such, but also their background, will guarantee an interesting and vigorous debate.

Also the Work Group is delighted that Tineke Strik is willing to act as debate moderator. She currently holds the position of parliamentary group leader for GroenLinks in the Dutch Senate. Tineke is an expert in several policy fields, such as European affairs. She also chaired the GroenLinks committee, that wrote the election programme for the 2014 European Parliament elections.