**International Conference**

*Russia and the EU: the question of trust*

28 – 29 November 2014

*Abbaye de Neumünster, 28 rue Münster, Luxembourg*

**Programme**

**Friday 28 November 2014**

09.00 – 09.15  Welcome speeches

09.15 – 10.45  **Session 1**: The Ukraine crisis: eroding mutual trust and returning to a cold war mentality?

10.45 – 11.15  Coffee break

11.15 – 12.45  **Session 2**: A permanent divide of Europe? The impact of sanctions on Russia and the EU, and Moscow’s re-orientation to the East (BRICS, SCO, Eurasian Union)

12.45 – 14.15  Lunch (Restaurant de l’Abbaye de Neumünster)

12.45 – 13.15  Media briefing (Restaurant de l’Abbaye de Neumünster)

14.15 – 15.45  **Session 3**: Shared interests? Russia, the EU and the USA in the international system

15.45 – 16.15  Coffee break

16.15 – 17.30  **Session 4**: Can Russia and the EU heal the rift? De-escalation and the prospect for restoring mutual trust

18.30  Reception (Embassy of the Russian Federation in Luxembourg)

**Saturday 29 November 2014  **  *Russian Centre of Science and Culture, 32 rue Goethe, Luxembourg*

10.00 – 11.15  **Session 5**: Ways and means to restore partnership relations

11.15 – 11.30  Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30  **Session 6**: Conclusions

12.30  Cocktail