International Conference

**Economic Integration with the European Union
Prospects and Opportunities**

*26-28 March 2014*

*Exhibition and Convention Centre – “ExpoGeorgia”*

*Tbilisi, Georgia*

**26 March**

**20:00** ***–*** **Welcome Reception** *(*[*Radisson Blu Iveria Hotel, Tbilisi*](http://www.radissonblu.com/hotel-tbilisi)*, Filini Restaurant)*

**27 March**

***09:30 – 10:00 Registration****,* ***coffee/tea***

**10:00 – 10:30 Opening of the Conference**

**Welcome Remarks: Mr. Alex Petriashvili** – State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

**Opening Addresses**:

1. **H.E. Mr. Irakli Garibashvili** – Prime Minister of Georgia
2. **H.E. Algirdas Butkevicius** - Prime-Minister of Lithuania (tbc)
3. **Mr. George Kvirikashvili** – Vice Prime Minister of Georgia, Minister of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

**10:30 – 11:30 Session I** **–** **Prospects for Deepening Economic Cooperation in the Framework of the Eastern Partnership**

**Format:** Moderated discussion

**Panelists**:

**Q&A**

***11:30 – 12:00 Break (coffee/tea)***

**12:00 – 13:00 Session II** **–** **The EU’s Economic Potential and Its Impact on the Eastern Partnership**

**Format:** Moderated discussion

**Panelists**:

**Q&A**

***13:00 – 14:30 Lunch***

**14:00 – 15:00 Session III** **–** The Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area Agreement (DCFTA) Related Reforms, Prospects for Modernization and Increased Competitiveness

**Format:** Moderated discussion

**Panelists**:

**Q&A**

***15:30 – 16:00 Break (coffee/tea)***

**16:00 – 17:00 Session IV – Sectoral Integration**

**Format:** Moderated discussion

**Panelists**:

**Followed by Q&A**

**20:00 –** **Gala Dinner** *(Restaurant Funicular)*