Crimean Tatars:
A Missing Piece in Ukrainian Society?
Roundtable Discussion on the Restoration of Crimean Tatars’ Rights

Opening remarks
Leonidas Donskis MEP
Elected in 2009, Mr Donskis sits on the Subcommittee on Human Rights and the EU’s committees to Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia. In an expansive and comprehensive career, he held the position of European Commission Ambassador in Lithuania for Tolerance and Diversity in 2004 and holds the title of Commander of the Order of Orange-Nassar. Having hosted an event on the situation of Crimean Tatars in 2010, he remains a fervent advocate for human rights.

Marino Busdachin UNPO
After serving as UNPO Executive Director, Marino Busdachin was elected UNPO General Secretary in 2005. He founded the NGO “Non c’è’ Pace Senza Giustizia” in 1994 and campaigned for the International Criminal Court, representing Civil Society at the Rome Conference and working to establish ad hoc tribunals on war crimes in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

Moderator
Andrew Swan UNPO
Having joined the UNPO in 2008 after working for the Isle of Man Parliament, or Tynwald, Andrew Swan became a member of the UNPO fact-finding mission to Crimea in 2009. Working alongside academics, media, and experts he has also organised and managed key conferences examining the issues of identity and self-determination for nations and peoples in Eastern Europe, Middle East and North Africa, and the Far East.

Discussants
Natalia Mirimanova Crimea Policy Dialogue
Having a broad experience in conflict research and being heavily involved in training programmes of conflict analysis and resolution, Natalia Mirimanova is a Crimean Policy Dialogue co-director. Other work includes assistance for conflict initiatives and organisation and implementation of civic advocacy campaigns. She is currently working as a consultant with International Alert on projects on the South Caucasus.

Eveline Schulz EEAS
A desk officer for Ukraine in the EEAS, Eveline Schulz has previously worked as policy advisor in the European Parliament and as assistant to Vural Öger MEP. An expert on the region, she has written extensively on EU enlargement, European Neighborhood Policy and on Turkey’s role in the Caucasus.

Michael Emerson CEPS
Associate Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for the Political Studies and head of the EU Foreign, Security and Neighbourhood Policies research unit Michael Emerson is former EU ambassador to Russia. Known for a series of publications regarding Eastern Europe issues, he was also responsible for the “Crimea: where global security meets local peace” panel discussion, organised recently by CEPS and Crimean Policy Dialogue.