

President Toomas Hendrik Ilves will today depart for a working visit to Belgium to participate, at the invitation of organisers, in the high-level Brussels Forum and discuss the current economic situation, trans-Atlantic relations, security and the future of Europe in general with other influential heads of state and the shapers of foreign policies.

This year, the key topics discussed at the Brussels Forum include the economic competitiveness of Europe, entrepreneurship and innovation, trans-Atlantic relations, the changed security situation in Europe, Russian-Ukrainian relationships, terrorism and energy independence.

The Estonian Head of State will take part in a panel discussion on the future of Europe. Within the framework of the forum, he will address the audience at a dinner that focuses on propaganda war and strategic communication.

Brussels Forum is an annual, high-level meeting that concentrates on foreign and security policies. This year, it is taking place for the tenth time and brings together the most influential political, corporate and intellectual leaders from Europe and North America to address the pressing challenges currently facing both sides of the Atlantic. Participants include heads of state, senior officials from the European Union institutions and the member states, U.S. Cabinet officials, Congressional representatives, Parliamentarians, academics and the media. Brussels Forum provides a forum for maintaining and strengthening trans-Atlantic relations and the discussion of global issues.

President Ilves will return to Estonia late on Sunday night.

Additional information about the Brussels Forum is available at: <http://brussels.gmfus.org/>

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