

The 2015 Aspen Prague Award is being presented to President Ilves for his outstanding contribution to democracy building and his successful and safe leadership of Estonia as a part of a united Europe; the award also acknowledges the Head of State for helping to maintain a strong Atlantic relationship between the countries of Europe and North America and for promoting regional cooperation between the countries of Central and Eastern Europe.

The former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright became the first recipient of the Aspen Prague Award in 2014; she received the award at the institute's annual conference from President Ilves.

The award will be presented to the Estonian Head of State at the Aspen Institute Prague annual conference. The 2015 conference will take place in Prague on 20 October 2015.

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