

At President Toomas Hendrik Ilves's meeting with Polish Prime Minister At President Toomas Hendrik Ilves's meeting with Polish Prime Minister Tusk, the discussions centred on the European Union's Eastern Partnership and energy issues in the Baltic Sea Region.

“The Eastern Partnership program initiated by the European Commission must become an effective and far-reaching helping hand for the target states in their convergence with the European Union,” said the Estonian Head of State. “However, it is important that the countries most interested in the Community's eastern neighbours had a greater role, also institutionally, in shaping the European Union's Eastern Partnership, as well as our general common foreign policy.”

President Ilves and Prime Minister Tusk also talked at length about the problems related to Nord Stream and the Ignalina nuclear power station. They also discussed the need to create a functioning and well-connected electricity market in the Nordic countries and Baltic region, which would help to increase the security of supply in the entire area.

Speaking about gas connections, the Estonian Head of State stressed that the diversification of energy sources and suppliers is critically important.

President Ilves and Prime Minister Tusk also spoke about the future of the Via Baltica Highway that should stretch from Finland through the Baltic countries to Poland.

“The Via Baltica, if it were a well-functioning main road would contribute to the development of the entire region, and thereby create a basis for future economic growth,” said the Estonian Head of State.

The Estonian Head of State and Polish Prime Minister also stressed the importance of the current year on the entire region – it marks 70 years since the signing of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and the beginning of the Second World War, but also 20 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

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