At the invitation of the Swedish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Carl Bildt, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves will participate from today until Sunday in an international conference, "EU Eastern Neighbourhood – Between Authoritarianism and Democratic Transition", in Visby, on the island of Gotland.

At this three-day conference, influential politicians from several countries will be discussing the influence of the euro zone crisis on the European Union enlargement process, security policies within the context of trans-Atlantic relations and the situation in the European Union neighbourhood.

President IIves will be participating in a panel discussion at the conference that will analyse security policies.

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