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Secretary General Jagland signs "Facility" for the Eastern Partnership with Commissioner Füle

Date: 15 December 2010, 1pm

Location: Strasbourg, Council of Europe.

News: In the framework of Council of Europe - European Union relations, Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland will meet today European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), Štefan Füle. The meeting will focus on the signature of a € 4 million "Facility" for the [Eastern Partnership initiative \(EaP\)](#), in order to implement multilateral projects in the fields of: electoral standards, support to the judiciary, fight against corruption and cybercrime in six *EaP* countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine.

Background information: The European Union launched the Eastern Partnership initiative (*EaP*) in May 2009, at the Prague Summit. The Council of Europe is a permanent participant in two (out of four) policy platforms: Democracy, good governance and stability (Platform 1); Contacts between people (Platform 4).

The *EaP* multilateral instruments are based on mutual commitments to the rule of law, good governance, respect for human rights, respect for and protection of minorities, and the principles of the market economy and sustainable development.

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