



“How to improve the European Neighbourhood Policy? Concepts, perceptions and policy recommendations for its Eastern dimension”

Brussels, 4/5 November 2009
Fondation Universitaire, rue d'Egmont 11, 1000 Brussels

Wednesday, 4 November 2009

15.30 h – 16.00 h **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

16.00 h **Welcome**

Anne Schmidt, Research Assistant, TEPSA

Katrin Böttger, Research Associate, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

16.15 h – 18.30 h **Panel 1: “The state of the art of the ENP: Analysis and assessment of concepts and developments”**

During the first session the presentations and discussion will focus on the state of the art of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the Eastern Partnership by analysing current developments. How to evaluate the recent initiatives of Eastern Partnership and Union for the Mediterranean with regard to the ENP? Furthermore, the concepts of ownership and conditionality as the key guiding principles of the ENP and the Eastern Partnership will be discussed. How useful are these concepts and how can they be successfully implemented?

Chair: Yvonne Nasshoven, Executive Director, TEPSA

Key note speaker: Petr Kratochvíl, Deputy Director, Institute of International Relations, Prague

Further speakers: Krassimir Nikolov, Secretary General, Bulgarian European Community Studies Association, Sofia

Viorel Ursu, Senior Policy Officer, Open Society Institute, Brussels

18.30 h **Reception**

20.00 h **Dinner debate: “Eastern Neighbourhood: From Partnership to transformation”**
- Location: Hotel Leopold (Rue de Luxembourg 35 B, 1000 Brussels) -

Speaker: Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, MEP, EPP, Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly, TEPSA Board member

Thursday, 5 November 2009

09.00 h – 11.00 h **Panel 2: “Changing the perspective: the ENP from the Eastern partner countries’ view”**

In this session the focus will shift towards the Eastern partner countries’ perceptions of the ENP and Eastern Partnership. How do they see the ENP and how to improve it from their point of view? How do they evaluate flagship initiatives of the Eastern Partnership’s platforms? What advantages do they see in the new bilateral approach of the Eastern Partnership? What do they expect from the European Union in this respect? The ENP and Eastern Partnership will be discussed from Ukrainian, Moldovan and Belarusian perspectives.

Chair: Katrin Böttger, Research Associate, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Ukraine: Iryna Solonenko, Director, European Programme, International Renaissance Foundation, Kiev

Moldova: Iulian Groza, Minister-Counsellor, Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the European Communities

Belarus: Giselle Bosse, Assistant Professor, Political Science Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Maastricht

- - - *Coffee Break* - - -

11.15 h – 13.15 h Panel 3: “Conclusions: From analysis and assessment to policy advice”

During the concluding session the previous discussion on the usefulness and effectiveness of ENP policy concepts and instruments and the perceptions of the partner countries will be summarised and synthesised in the form of concrete policy recommendation. Those will be commented by practitioners from the European Institutions working on ENP and Eastern Partnership. How successful and how effective are the EU’s activities in Eastern Europe?

Chair: Michele Comelli, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

Key Speaker: Sieglinde Gstöhl, Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe, Bruges

Commentators: Egidio Canciani, Deputy Head of the ENP General Coordination Unit, European Commission

Elmar Brok, MEP, EPP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Hannes Swoboda, MEP, S & D, member of the Delegation to the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly

13.15 h – 13.30 h Concluding remarks

Katrin Böttger, Research Associate, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Yvonne Nasshoven, Executive Director, TEPSA

- - - *Lunch* - - -