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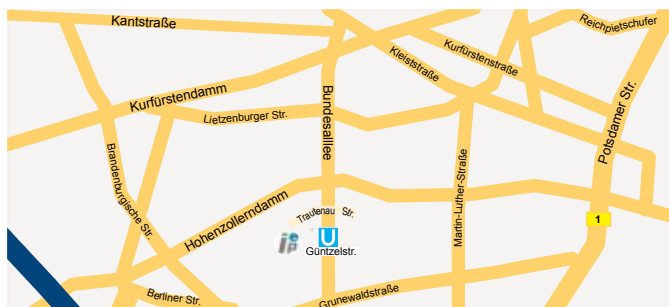
Since 1959, the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) has been active in the field of European integration as a non-profit organisation. It is one of Germany's leading research institutes on foreign and European policy.

IEP works at the interface of academia, politics, administration, and civic education. The tasks of IEP include the analysis of European policies and the development of policy options for deeper integration. It also offers a European and interdisciplinary forum close to citizens; national and international debates about EU policies as well as reflections on the future of Europe with distinguished experts from academia, politics, economics, and the media.

Networks

IEP is a founding member of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), located in Brussels; and it has been a member of the European Movement Germany since 1962. The IEP's academic quarterly journal *integration* is edited in cooperation with the Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration (AEI).

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About us

The Future of the European Union

IEP emphasizes the establishment and development of a system of rules for European governance (structure, institutions and EU treaty reforms). Current reform debates, especially those regarding treaty reforms, as well as long-term trends of European integration are analysed and evaluated by interdisciplinary means and from many different perspectives.

Germany and Europe

Since the establishment of the Federal Republic of Germany, the pursuit of European integration has been a constitutive element of the German *raison d'État*. Thus, German European policy and Germany's role within Europe are at the centre of IEP research projects, publications, and events.

Enlargement, Neighbourhood and Central Asia

Since 1989, IEP has analysed the transformation of relations between Europe and the Central and Eastern European Countries by means of several research projects on stability, economic development, and their relevance with regard to the European integration process. The research questions focus on possibilities and limitations of the EU in shaping re-arrangement processes in the neighbourhood areas (in particular the East, including the Southern Caucasus and Central Asia) as well as its capacity to influence certain neighbouring countries through enlargement and neighbourhood policies.

European Foreign and Security Policy

IEP has observed and analysed the development of European foreign policy from the proposal of a European Political Community all the way up to the current Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), including the dimension of security and defence policy (CSDP). At the centre of the analyses lie both theory and practice of contractual basics, as well as actors and instruments involved.

Energy and Climate Policy

Energy and climate policy has become one of the high priority topics in EU policy-making over the last couple of years. IEP observes current developments in this dynamic policy field, deals with processes of policy formation and analyses the potential outcomes of a common European approach.

IEP is a forum, where current developments of European integration and key issues of European politics are discussed. The research results are presented to expert audiences from politics and academia, as well as to the general public through conferences and in publications. Events held on a regular basis are:

IEP Lunch Debates/public lectures

Prominent guest speakers and distinguished experts are invited to discuss current key issues with interested citizens and civil society organisations.

Study Groups

- Neighbourhood and Enlargement of the EU
- CFSP/ CSDP
- The Value of Europe
- Economic and Monetary Union

Bilateral and multilateral Fora

- Franco-German Dialogue
- German-Hungarian Forum
- German-Italian Discussion Forum
- German-Nordic-Baltic Forum
- German-Portuguese Forum
- German-Romanian Forum

Standard Works and Publication Series

Handbook on Germany's European Policy

Eds.: Katrin Böttger, Mathias Jopp

The handbook provides a detailed overview of Germany's European Policy, its broad parameters and basic concepts in important EU policy fields.

integration Ed.: Heinrich Schneider

This quarterly journal offers an interdisciplinary, theory-based and policy-related forum for current issues of European integration.

Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration

Eds.: Werner Weidenfeld, Wolfgang Wessels

This yearbook has thoroughly documented and evaluated the European integration process since 1980.

Europa von A bis Z Eds.: Werner Weidenfeld, Wolfgang Wessels

This pocket book on European integration provides broad and specific information on central terms, key features, and problems of European integration.

Europäische Schriften

IEP publication series about current issues in European integration.

Online publications and websites

www.eu-28watch.org; www.trulies-europe.de;
www.wissen-europa.de

Objectives and areas of focus

Since its inception, IEP has been active in the field of education and training on European policy issues. Knowledge is conveyed on the basis of research results through:

Conferences, Lecturing, Expert Workshops, Online Academies and Simulations on European and International Issues.

One major focus lies on the cooperation with countries of Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe (in the framework of the EU's pre-accession strategy and the European Neighbourhood Policy), as well as with Central Asia.

The training programmes combine political advisory services with practical experiences, exercises and interactive training methods, aiming to ensure a comprehensive and sustainable transfer of EU-expertise on accession and transformation processes. Furthermore, IEP encourages and supports the development of different approaches to regional integration, e.g. Black Sea Synergy, Eastern Partnership, ASEAN.

Programmes, Measures and Instruments

- EU Train-the-Trainers Programmes
- Training programmes on the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreements (SAA & AA)
- Specialized trainings, e.g. management of structural funds, anti-corruption measures, good governance
- EU Project Cycle Management
- EU Negotiation Training
- European Project Management
- Study programmes for young professionals
- Research and professional training programmes for young researchers and policy analysts
- Regional integration and network building between experts, public servants and civil society representatives
- Special training programmes for senior officials, diplomatic services, NGOs
- Study visits in Germany and study trips to EU institutions as well as other EU countries
- Simulations on European and International issues
- Online Academies for specific target groups
- Development of teaching manuals and training material on European policies