

THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU) EASTERN NEIGHBORHOOD: ECONOMIC CHALLENGES AHEAD

18th March 2009

Venue: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
Conference Room
Place du Congrès 1, 1000 Brussels

This Conference will be the final event of the Project “*EU Eastern Neighborhood: Economic Potential and Future Development*” (*ENEPO*), a three-year research project led by [CASE - Center for Social and Economic Research](#) (Warsaw) and involving 11 institutes from as many countries. It will aim at presenting the key results of the project and it will be jointly organized with the Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) Unit of [CEPS](#), which carries out the research on the cooperation in the area of Freedom, Security and Justice within the ENEPO Project.

ENEPO has sought to examine different aspects of the European Union’s relations with its neighbours to the East such as:

- the closing of the development gap between the New Independent States (NIS) of the former USSR and the EU;
- the NIS-EU energy and trade relations;
- the capital flows, Foreign Direct Investments (FDIs) and investment climate in the NIS;
- the labour markets mismatches: migration and its social consequences in the NIS and the EU;
- the cooperation in the area of justice, security and freedom;
- the institutional harmonization of NIS economies towards the EU standards.

ENEPO’s innovative approach consists in the formulation of a comprehensive analysis of the interconnections between the four basic market freedoms (free movement of goods, services, capital and people) in the two regions and the identification of specific policy implications that can foster the economic and institutional development of the NIS as well as their closer integration with the enlarged EU.

PROGRAMME

9:45 – 10:15 Registration

10:15 – 10:45 Welcome and introduction by [Daniel Gros](#) (CEPS), [Marek Dabrowski](#) (CASE) and [Dominik Sobczak](#) (DG Research, European Commission)

10:45 – 12:15 **CIS DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES**

Chair: [Maryla Maliszewska](#) (CASE)

[Alexander Chubrik](#) (CASE Belarus & CASE), [Development Gap between CIS and EU](#)

[Rainer Schweickert](#) (Kiel Institute for the World Economy), [Institutional Convergence of CIS towards European Benchmarks](#)

[Alina Kudina](#) (CASE Ukraine, CASE and University of Warwick), [How to improve the investment climate in CIS?](#)

Discussant: [Lucio Vinhas de Souza](#) (DG ECFIN, European Commission)

Open Discussion

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch Break

13:15 – 15:00 **EU-CIS TRADE AND MIGRATION PERSPECTIVES**

Chair: [Marek Dabrowski](#)

[Maryla Maliszewska](#) (CASE), [Measuring the benefits of improved market access for selected ENP countries: a Computable General Equilibrium \(CGE\) analysis](#)

[Arne Melchior](#) (NUPI), [East-West Integration and the Economic Geography of Europe](#)

[Matthias Luecke](#) (Kiel Institute for the World Economy), [Income and Distribution Effects of Migration and Remittances: An Analysis Based on CGE Models for Selected CIS Countries](#)

Discussant: [Michael Gasiorek](#) (University of Sussex)

Open Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 17:00 **BEYOND TRADE: EU-CIS COOPERATION**

Chair: [Rainer Schweickert](#)

[Wojciech Paczynski](#) (CASE), [EU-CIS Energy Cooperation](#)

[Aziz Atamanov](#) (CASE Kyrgyzstan), [EU technical assistance to CIS countries](#)

[Thierry Balzacq](#) (CEPS), [The External Dimension of EU Justice and Home Affairs: Tools, Processes, Outcomes](#)

Discussant: [John O'Rourke](#) (DG RELEX, European Commission)

Open Discussion

Closing Remarks by [Marek Dabrowski](#)