



TRANS EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES ASSOCIATION

CONFERENCE

Effects of EU Enlargement

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With the enlargements of 2004 and 2007, the European Union has altered its dimension and faces new challenges. The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) has encouraged and supported this process of expansion, accompanying it by analyses of 'widening' and 'deepening'.

Four years after the beginning of this round of enlargement, it is appropriate to assess the effects which it has had on the new member states. How has involvement in the structures of the European Union shaped their polity, policy and politics? What changes have been set in motion by the membership negotiations? How far have national administrations, civil society groupings and media adapted to EU membership? How has it affected the EU as a whole?

TEPSA has therefore organised a conference on this topic in collaboration with its member institutes, not only from the new member states but also from the old member states. Institutes in new member states not yet represented in TEPSA (Malta, Slovakia, Romania) will also participate.

Speakers will contribute to the first part of the conference by presenting research results on the effects of accession on their own country, particularly in the economic, social and foreign policy fields. In the second part of the conference these results will be assessed and synthesised. The conference's results will be the object of a publication by TEPSA.

Invitations to the conference are being sent to all members of the TEPSA network, to TEPSA friends and to persons in the Brussels community interested in European affairs – representatives of the EU institutions, independent commentators, press correspondents etc.

Programme

Wednesday, 22 October 2008

14.00

Welcome

Graham AVERY, Secretary General, Trans European Policy Studies Association, Brussels

Introductory remarks

Prof. Dr. András INOTAI, Director, Institute for World Economics, Budapest

Session I Effects of accession on new member states

14.30 – 16.00

Chair
Graham AVERY

Presentations (maximum 10-15 minutes)

Poland

Prof. Dr. Maria KARASINSKA-FENDLER, Research Director, Foundation for European Studies - European Institute, Lodz

Czech Republic

Vít BENEŠ, Researcher, Institute of International Relations, Prague

Hungary

Dr. Tamás SZEMPLÉR, Scientific Deputy Director, Institute for World Economics, Budapest

Slovakia

Zuzana LISOŇOVÁ, Research Fellow, Slovakian Foreign Policy Association Research Centre, Bratislava

Discussion

16.00 – 16.15

Coffee Break

16.15 – 17.15

Slovenia

Dr. Sabina KAJNC, Research Fellow, Centre of International Relations, University of Ljubljana

Cyprus

Kostas SASMATZOGLOU, PhD, Vice President, Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean, European and International Studies

Malta

Prof. Dr. Roderick PACE, Director, European Documentation and Research Centre, University of Malta

Discussion

17.15 – 17.30

Coffee Break

17.30 – 18.30

Lithuania

Prof. Dr. Gediminas VITKUS, European Studies Department, Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences, University of Vilnius

Bulgaria

Dr. Krassimir NIKOLOV, Secretary General, Bulgarian European Community Studies Association, Sofia

Discussion

19.30

Dinner for invited participants

Thursday, 23 October 2008

Session II Synthesis of effects of accession on new member states

9.00 – 11.00

Chair

Dr. Barbara LIPPERT, Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Effects on the economic situation

Prof. Dr. András INOTAI, Director, Institute for World Economics, Budapest

Effects on cohesion issues

Maurice GUYADER, Adviser, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Effects on foreign policy attitudes

Dr. Henriette RIEGLER, Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna

Discussion

11.00 – 11.15

Coffee Break

Session III Effects of enlargement on the European Union

11.15 – 12.45

Chair

Dr. Anne FABER, Researcher, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Effects of enlargement on the EU's policies

Margus RAHUOJA, Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Siim Kallas, European Commission

Effects of enlargement on the EU's institutions & decision-making

Prof. Dr. Edward BEST, Head of European Decision-Making Unit, European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht (*including presentation of the recently published book "Institutions of the Enlarged European Union" by Best/Christiansen/Settembri*)

12.45

Closing remarks

Graham AVERY

13.00

Lunch Buffet