



TEPSA Newsletter - July 2008

Dear Friends,

This issue of our Newsletter presents an overview of the activities of TEPSA and its member institutes in recent months.

Highlights include a report on the Pre-Presidency Conference in Paris and the results of TEPSA's General Assembly.

The success of TEPSA's meetings in Paris on 12-13 June was overshadowed by the results of the Irish referendum, which poses a new challenge to the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty and to the process of institutional and constitutional reform on which the EU has been engaged for a number of years. TEPSA will analyse the reasons and consequences of this situation, and assess options for the future.

Good wishes,

The TEPSA Team

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Pre-Presidency Conference Paris, 12-13 June

On 12-13 June 2008, the traditional Pre-Presidency Conference was held at Sciences-Po, Paris, under the title “La France en Europe: un acteur pas comme les autres?”. The event was organised by the Centre for European Studies of Sciences Po, TEPSA’s member in France, in partnership with TEPSA and EU-CONSENT.

After a presentation of the programme of the upcoming French Presidency of the EU by **Jean-Pierre Jouyet**, France’s State Secretary for European Affairs, and a first assessment of the Slovenian Presidency by **Marjan Svetlicic**, Director of the Centre of International Relations at the University of Ljubljana, the conference addressed three issues which have given rise to misunderstandings between France and its partners: economic reform policies, the Union for the Mediterranean, and the role of politics in European integration.

The first session, on “**Economic Reform Policy**”, sought to evaluate the progress achieved by the EU in its effort of economic modernization, and to discuss future priorities. It was chaired by **Renaud Dehousse**, Director of the Centre of European Studies (Sciences Po). Speakers included **Laurent Cohen Tanugi**, international lawyer and chairman of the mission on “Europe and globalization” for the French government, **Ian Gibbs**, Assistant Commissioner at Australia’s Productivity Commission and Visiting Fellow in Sciences-Po, and **Jacques Pelkmans**, Director of Studies at the College of Europe (Bruges). It was followed by a debate with the audience, which included representatives from most TEPSA member institutes.

The second session focused on the “**Union for the Mediterranean**”, a project initiated by French President Nicolas Sarkozy which has given rise to controversy. It was chaired by **Gianni Bonvicini**, Executive President of the Istituto Affari Internazionali (Rome) and Member of the Board of TEPSA. Speakers included **Yves Gazzo**, Head of the European Commission Representation in France, **Smail Goumeziane**, former Algerian Minister for Trade and economist, **Gunilla Herolf**, Senior Research Fellow at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute and Member of the Board of TEPSA, **Leila Vignal**, researcher at the University of Oxford, and **Michèle Gendreau-Massaloux**, chargée de mission at the French

Presidency’s Working Group on the Union for the Mediterranean.



TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference, Paris, 12 - 13 June

The final session addressed the question “**How to Politicize European Decisions?**”, which refers to President Sarkozy’s call to “inject politics” in EU decision-making. Chaired by **Jean-Victor Louis**, Honorary Professor at the University of Brussels and Member of the Board of TEPSA, the first panel of this session focused on the place of political actors in macro-economic policies. Speakers included **Iain Begg**, Professorial Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and Member of the Board of TEPSA, **Josep Borrell**, Member and former President of the European Parliament, **Jacques Le Cacheux**, Professor of Economics at Sciences-Po, and **Tomaso Padoa-Schioppa**, former Minister of Economy and Finance of Italy. The second panel of speakers, which focused on the role of citizens in EU decision-making, was chaired by **Hanna Ojanen**, EU Programme Director at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and Member of the Board of TEPSA, and included **Stephen Boucher**, Researcher at Notre Europe, **Andrew Duff**, Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Board of TEPSA, **Vivien Schmidt** from the University of Boston and **Lenka Rovna**, from the Charles University in Prague.

In the concluding session, **Petr Kratochvil**, Deputy Director of the Institute of International Relations in Prague, talked about the prospects of the future Czech Presidency of the EU and raised the question of the articulation of the Czech and the French priorities, in the framework of a “team Presidency” which also includes Sweden. Finally, **Wolfgang Wessels**, Chairperson of TEPSA, closed the conference with some words on France’s difficult challenge: that of exerting leadership. He then expressed his warm thanks on behalf of the entire TEPSA network to Renaud Dehousse and his team

at Sciences Po for having organised this conference rich in ideas and debates.

General Assembly Paris, 13 June 2008

TEPSA held its General Assembly at Sciences Po, Paris, on 13 June after the conclusion of the Pre-Presidency Conference. The meeting, presided by Chairperson Professor Wolfgang Wessels, was attended by representatives of practically all of TEPSA's 28 member institutes.

Among questions discussed were the enlargement of TEPSA to include new member institutes in Malta, Slovakia, Romania and Turkey, on which reports were made by Gianni Bonvicini, Gunilla Herolf and Wolfgang Wessels. Work will continue for the identification of future partners.

In his report on TEPSA's financial situation, Secretary General Graham Avery confirmed that the European Commission has awarded a grant of 110,000 euros to TEPSA for 2008 from the 'Europe for Citizens' programme, together with a multiannual partnership for the years 2008-9.

The General Assembly was informed of the ongoing activities of the network, including the series of briefings made by TEPSA member institutes for the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee. Yvonne Nasshoven and Benjamin Rey of TEPSA's secretariat reported on progress with the 'Young TEPSA' training project, the TEPSA Guest Lecture series and the study on European Citizenship.

Petr Kratochvil of TEPSA's member institute in Prague announced that the next Pre-Presidency Conference and General Assembly will take place there on 4-5 December 2008 (see separate section of this Newsletter) and Maria Stromvik of TEPSA's member institute in Stockholm confirmed that the Pre-Presidency Conference in 2009 would take place there (dates to be finalised).

At TEPSA's General Assembly in December 2008 a decision will have to be taken on the future members of the Board of TEPSA, who were appointed in December 2006 for a term of two years. To ensure a good preparation of this decision, which will be made if necessary by a vote, Professor Jean-Victor Louis kindly accepted to act as 'informateur'. Members of TEPSA or of the Board are invited to send comments, suggestions or proposals to him on a confidential basis at jvlouis@skynet.be by 20 October 2008.

Awards of Honour

Jacques Vandamme, Robert Toulemon and John Pinder receive TEPSA Awards of Honour

The TEPSA Awards of Honour, delivered by the Board of TEPSA to honour distinguished individuals for their contribution to the work of the association, have been attributed to three great friends of TEPSA, Jacques Vandamme, Robert Toulemon and John Pinder. The ceremony took place on 12 June 2008 at the European Commission Representation in France, on the occasion of the TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference held on 12-13 June in Sciences-Po, Paris. The event, attended by representatives of most TEPSA member institutes, took place in the presence of Jacques Vandamme and Robert Toulemon; John Pinder was represented by Brendan Donnelly, Director of the Federal Trust (London).



Jacques Vandamme at the Award Ceremony

Jacques Vandamme received his Award from the hands of Wolfgang Wessels, Chairperson of TEPSA, who paid homage to his predecessor and recalled his role in the development of the network. In the mid-seventies, besides being a professor at the University of Leuven and having served 13 years in the European Commission, Jacques was advisor to the Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans, whom he accompanied in his consultations for the preparation of the Tindemans report on the future of the European Union. This is how he met the founding members of TEPSA, in 1975. He later initiated the creation of TEPSA's Belgian member, GEPE (Groupes d'Etudes Politiques Européennes), and was elected President of TEPSA in 1982. At the end of his tenure, in 1995, he became Honorary President. Wolfgang Wessels saluted a man who "still contributes greatly with his energy and his dynamism" and "always has an idea in advance".

Jean-Victor Louis, Member of the Board of TEPSA, made the “laudation” to Robert Toulemon, who was closely involved in the creation of TEPSA in its early years as the founding President of the Association Française pour l’Etude de l’Europe (AFEUR), the long-time French member of TEPSA. As a high civil servant in France and in the European Commission, which he left in 1973 as Director General for Industrial Affairs, Robert Toulemon has been an important actor of European integration. Jean-Victor Louis noted that, “although Robert belongs to the administrative corps of Finance Inspectors, his approach to Europe is not that of a technocrat; he is, on the contrary, a passionate supporter of a more political Europe”. A passion which he communicates in his latest book, entitled “Aimer l’Europe”, as well as on his blog (<http://toulemon.blogspot.com>), in which he regularly comments and analyses political developments from the point of view of a true European.



Brendan Donnelly receiving the Award in name of John Pinder

Finally, Graham Avery, Secretary General of TEPSA, said a word for John Pinder. Through his work in the European Movement, the Federal Trust, the International Union of European Federalist and TEPSA, John Pinder has always been a fervent advocate of European federalism, never discouraged by the scepticism of his compatriots in the United Kingdom. Brendan Donnelly, from the Federal Trust, expressed his thanks on behalf of John Pinder.

We plan to include in our next Newsletter a full length interview with John Pinder.

Pre Presidency Conference in Prague, 4-5 December

The next in our series of Pre-Presidency conferences will take place in Prague on 4th and 5th December 2008 under the auspices of TEPSA’s Czech member the Institute of International Relations www.iir.cz

Dr. Petr Kratochvíl kratochvil@iir.cz is in charge of planning the conference.

We hope to inform members soon of the programme for the event, which will be followed by TEPSA’s General Assembly.

Meanwhile, please reserve these dates in your diary!

Workshops, talks and seminars

European Studies Foundation

Budapest, 20 May

Graham Avery, Secretary General of TEPSA spoke at the Club Europe Forum in Budapest 20 May at the invitation of András Inotai, Director of TEPSA’s Hungarian member IWE and Chairman of the European Studies Foundation (Európai Tanulmányok Alapítvány). This forum was created in 2002 to discuss topical issues of Hungary’s preparation for membership in the European Union, and since Hungarian accession it continues to discuss European integration. The session was chaired by Tamas Szemler, Deputy Director of IWE. Graham Avery’s talk was on the theme “The Expanding European Union: What are its Future Limits?” A report of his talk is available at TEPSA’s website <http://www.tepsa.eu>

Congress of Europe

The Hague, 23 – 24 May 2008

On 23-24 May Yvonne Nasshoven participated for TEPSA in the Congress of Europe in The Hague, which celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the European Movement.

Participants included amongst others MEPs Andrew Duff, member of the TEPSA Board, Jo Leinen, Elmar Brok, the President of the European Movement, Pat Cox MEP, José Barroso, Javier Solana, Janez Janša, and Hans-Gert Pötering. MEP President of the EP. Also the Chairmen of the four big European

Political Parties, EPP, SPE, European Greens and ELDR took part in the congress.

After discussions of civil society representatives in three workshops on Economic and social Europe, Political Europe, and Educational and Cultural Europe, the following issues were strongly debated with the representatives of the European Institutions: To make the issue of energy a common policy, to create a stronger CFSP, to have the ERASMUS programme not only accessible to university students, to enhance women's rights and for the European political parties to nominate who is running for the office of the President of the European Commission for their political family

“Young science and Europe” Berlin, 29 – 30 May 2008

On 29-30 Mai 2008 Yvonne Nasshoven took part in the conference “Young science and Europe”, organized in Berlin by the German Hanns Martin Schleyer Foundation.

The event focussed on the possible effects of the Lisbon Treaty on European integration and, more specifically, the conditions for economic dynamics. In four workshops the participants discussed key topics like energy, the Lisbon Agenda and politicisation in the EU from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The concluding discussion on Europe's role in the world included a keynote speech of Prof. Herfried Münkler, Humboldt-University Berlin and as discussants, amongst others, John Kornblum, former ambassador of the United States in Germany, Prof. Dr. Xinyu Song, Beijing and Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MEP. The conference thus enabled to shed light on current European topics not only from different scientific disciplines, but also with a multi-country perspective, integrating the views of the US and China on the EU.

The Hanns Martin Schleyer Foundation exists since 1977 and aims at bridging science, political praxis and media, especially encouraging young researchers and practitioners.

“Integrating Bulgaria in EU Politics and Policy” Brussels, 29-30 May 2008

At the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels, on 29-30 May, TEPSA organised a two-day conference in cooperation with TEPSA's member institute BECSA (the Bulgarian European Community Studies

Association) entitled 'Integrating Bulgaria in EU Politics and Policy'.

Benjamin Rey, Research Assistant at TEPSA, was coordinator, and members of TEPSA's network participated as moderators in sessions of the conference: Professor Jean-Victor Louis, Honorary Professor at the University of Brussels; Professor Sieglinde Gstöhl, College of Europe, Bruges; Graham Avery, TEPSA's Secretary General who also opened and closed the conference.

The conference was divided in two sections: 'Neighbours of the Enlarged Union: Bulgaria's Contribution' and 'Europe & Citizens: Bulgarian Perspectives'.

Professor Dr. Dinko Dinkov, BECSA's President & Jean Monnet lecturer at the University of National and World Economy, Sofia, and Krassimir Nikolov, BECSA's Secretary General & Jean Monnet chair at Varna Free University “Chernorizets Hrabar” were keynote speakers at the opening session of the Conference.

The first day of the Conference featured as speakers Nickolay Mladenov, Member of the European Parliament, Andreas Herdina, Head of Unit for European Neighbourhood Policy Coordination in the European Commission's Directorate-General for External Relations, and Ambassador Vesselin Valkanov, Bulgarian Representative in the EU's Political & Security Committee

On the first day the discussion touched upon Bulgaria's role in the CFSP, the relationship of Bulgaria with its neighbours and the potential of the country to act as a policy maker in the actual geopolitical context (South Eastern Europe and the Black Sea Region were indicated as focal points).

The second day of the conference was entitled “Europe and Citizens: Bulgarian Perspectives”. Among the topics discussed were the Europeanization of the priorities and identities of Bulgaria's citizens, the potential of the Bulgarian National Assembly in the increased role of national parliaments in EU decision-making, Bulgaria's involvement in the EU reform process and the participation of Bulgarian citizens in national and European politics.

With a series of question-and-answer sessions ranging across many topics, the conference provoked a richly diverse range of ideas and opinions.

A full report of the conference can be found on our website <http://www.tepsa.eu>

'The EP and the CFSP' by Jacek Saryusz-Wolski
Brussels, 4 June 2008

TEPSA, in co-operation with International Security Information Service (ISIS-Europe), organized on the 4 June a talk on the topic "The European Parliament and the CFSP" by Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and Member of the Board of TEPSA.

Mr Saryusz-Wolski presented his new Report¹ prepared for the Committee on Foreign Affairs. The Report focuses on the 'state of art' of the Common Foreign Security Policy and offers recommendations on how to enhance its future development.

The Report underlines that 'the CFSP/ESDP strengthens the identity of the Union', therefore it is necessary for the EU to speak with one voice, to enhance the coordination of its actions and to strengthen the cooperation among MS in this policy area.

Mr Saryusz-Wolski called for a 'qualitative jump' of the CFSP which would foster the development of the EU as a 'hard' power and not only as a normative power. The basic principle behind this vision is that the EU should be a *policy player* not a *policy taker*.

The talk was attended by representatives from the European Commission, Permanent Representations, the NGO sector, NATO, ESDA and research institutes. A full report as available at www.tepsa.eu

'From Why to How: Reflections on the Lisbon Agenda post 2010' by Ann Mettler
Brussels, 24 June 2008

TEPSA, in cooperation with the European League for Economic Cooperation (E.L.E.C) organised on the 24 June at the Fondation Universitaire a talk on the topic of the Lisbon Agenda by Ann Mettler, Executive Director of the Lisbon Council.

Ann Mettler's speech was based on her recent briefing "From Why to How: Reflections on the Lisbon Agenda post 2010". In the Briefing she advocates more vigorous and far reaching reforms to be introduced in the Lisbon strategy in order to speed up the process.

Mr Jean-Claude Koeune, director of E.L.E.C., gave his personal contribution to the talk by addressing

some basic principles of the Lisbon Strategy. He referred fact that the Lisbon Strategy, when established in the year 2000, benefited of a very different geopolitical situation from today. In light of these geopolitical differences, he said, the reform of the Lisbon Agenda.

The debate focused on the impacts globalization, on the political will of Member states to address Lisbon priorities and on the implications of education in the manufactory and services sectors.

The talk was attended by representatives from the European Commission, Brussels-based interest groups, Permanent Representations of member states, students and trainees The and was followed by a reception, at the Fondation Universitaire.

A full report of the event can be found on our website www.tepsa.eu

Federal Studies Conference
Bath, 27-29 June

Several members of the TEPSA network participated in the Federal Studies Conference 2008 at the University of Bath on 27-29 June. The theme of the conference, organised by the James Madison Trust, was "The Lisbon Treaty and Europe in the World".

- Andrew Duff MEP, member of TEPSA's Board and representative of the European Parliament in the 2007 Intergovernmental Conference gave the opening address on 'How the Lisbon Treaty could enhance the European Union's role in the World'.
- Graham Avery, Secretary General of TEPSA, spoke in a session on 'The External Action Service: a new instrument for Europe's foreign policy'.
- Brendan Donnelly, Director of TEPSA's member the Federal Trust, and John Pinder, Chairman of the James Madison Trust, contributed to the conclusions of the conference regarding the federal process in the EU after the Lisbon Treaty.

Other participants included Sir Stephen Wall, formerly Private Secretary to the British Prime Minister and British Permanent Representative to the European Union; Professor Guido Montani, President, Movimento Federalista Europeo; Lord Williamson, formerly Secretary General of the European Commission; Graham Watson MEP, President of the ALDE Group in the European Parliament.

¹ Report on the annual report from the Council to the European Parliament on the main aspects and basic choices of the CFSP, A6-0189/2008, 16 May 2008

European Online Academy Brussels, 29 June

Graham Avery, Secretary General of TEPSA, participated in the European Online Academy's workshop in Brussels on 29 June, speaking on the theme "Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy".

The European Online Academy is a programme conducted by TEPSA's member institute CIFE (Centre International de Formation Européenne). Its fifth year of activity has proven to be successful and enriched its expertise in the e-learning project.

Starting in autumn 2008, CIFE will offer the European Online Academy as a two-year Masters programme offering an accurate blend of theoretical and practical knowledge to young professionals, postgraduates and junior officials interested in, or, already working in the field of European integration.

Details of the programme can be obtained at www.eu-online-academy.org or from Dr. Helgard Fröhlich, Programmdirektorin, email helgard.froehlich@cife.org

Ongoing activities

THESEUS

Anne-Marie Le Gloannec (Centre d'études et de recherches internationales CERI, Sciences Po Paris) is Currently THESEUS Visiting Professor at the University of Cologne. Her inaugural lecture on the topic "*The Borders of Europe*" took place at the end of May at the Institute for Political Science and European Studies of the University of Cologne. The project THESEUS is happy to announce that in the autumn semester 2008 *Francois Bafaïl* (Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (CERI), Sciences Po Paris) will be the next THESEUS Visiting Professor in Cologne. He will give a course on "*Europeanisation in Central and Eastern Europe*".

The first **THESEUS Lecture** on "*The review of EU Finances*" by *Jacques Le Cacheux* (Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques (OFCE), Sciences Po Paris) took place in Cologne at the end of April. His lecture was commented by Michaela Schreyer, formerly member of the European Commission responsible for budget (1999-2004).

The first **THESEUS Europe Award** winner will be *Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck* for his film "*The lives of others*", which encouraged debate on an

important chapter of German and European history all over Europe. The Award ceremony will take place in Cologne in autumn. Further information will be available soon.

In our next Newsletter we will report on the Second THESEUS Summer School taking place in Brussels from 20 June to 5 July.

For further information please visit: www.theseus-europe.net or www.theseus-europa.net.

EU-CONSENT

General Assembly, 12 June, Paris

The EU-CONSENT Network of Excellence met in Paris on 12 June 2008 for its General Assembly 2008. In this context the core objectives of EU-CONSENT's final year were presented and approved as well as reporting issues dealt with.

TEPSA will in the next months especially be involved in the EU-CONSENT activities to ensure the sustainability of network activities beyond the funding period.

Moreover, TEPSA will jointly with the Co-ordinator organise the concluding EU-CONSENT Plenary on 26th and 27th March 2009. Those of you involved in EU-CONSENT are hence warmly invited to participate in this concluding event and kindly asked to mark those dates in their agenda.

TEPSA and EU-CONSENT are looking forward to yet another year of fruitful co-operation within the framework of this Network of Excellence.

**EU-CONSENT Cross-cutting Framework:
Widening: Enlargement/ENP**

**EU-Neighbourhood Policy Democratisation at
the EU Borders**

**European Institute, 2 & 3 October 2008, Lodz,
Poland**

Call for expression of interest

Workpackage V deals with the role of citizens in the process of European integration, basing on the assumption that support of democratic values and active political participation constitute major elements in building a wider and deeper European Union. Within the framework of the EU-CONSENT and in close co-operation with Workpackage VII, led by Istituto Affari Internazionali, it deals with issues of European Neighbourhood Policy in the context of widening and enlargement, stimulating research and organising series of conferences.

The main objective of this particular Conference is to discuss the democratic aspects of the European Neighbourhood Policy in its Eastern and Southern dimension, its contextualisation within the larger concept of widening, its instruments and their efficiency in promoting democratic changes, and to debate the interrelation between democratisation and security seen as important elements of the future strategy for EU relationships with neighbouring regions and countries.

The Conference is planned to be composed of three sessions:

1. Democratisation Through Enlargement
- Eastern Dimension of the EU Neighbourhood Policy
2. Making Conditionality Work
- Southern Dimension of the ENP
3. Future of the EU Neighbourhood Policy

We would be pleased to receive proposals for papers from Members of EU-CONSENT Network and from PHD Students.

The venue of the Conference is European Institute, situated in the very centre of Lodz city. Some cultural events will supplement the programme of our Workshop.

Please send abstract of your paper (max. 500 words) by **July 20, 2008** to:

Maria Karasinska-Fendler by mail: mkf@ie.lodz.pl; and ajedrzejewska@ie.lodz.pl; or by fax: 00 48 42 637 05 86.

Final papers are expected to be delivered by September 20, 2008.

TEPSA Guest Lecture Series

The TEPSA Guest Lecture Series is a new initiative approved by TEPSA's General Assembly in December 2007. It encourages TEPSA member institutes ("hosts") to invite other TEPSA members ("guests") to give lectures on European topics to their institutes and the wider public, and therefore contribute not only to reinforce the research community, but also to disseminate reflection and information on key issues of European policies.

The subjects of the lectures are based on the propositions made by potential "guests" and on the interest expressed by "host" institutes. On the "host" side, TEPSA member institutes in 23 EU member states and TEPSA associate institutes (IMO in Croatia, College of Europe, EIPA, CIFE) have been invited to participate. On the "guest" side, the TEPSA Guest Lecture Series targets Directors and senior researchers from TEPSA member/associate institutes as well as TEPSA Board members.

The TEPSA Guest Lecture Series is coordinated by TEPSA's secretariat in Brussels and implemented in collaboration with the host institutes and the "guests". The programme for the year 2008 includes three lectures.

On 17 June 2008, the **Institute for World Economics** of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Budapest) invited **Dr. Andris Spruds**, Research fellow at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs (Riga), to give a lecture on "*The EU-Russia relations: Baltic perspectives*". Dr. Spruds briefly presented the historical background of the relations between Russia and the Baltic states before analysing today's challenges, in the aftermath of the countries' accession to the EU and NATO. The lecture was followed by a discussion. The full report is available at www.tepsa.eu.

Towards **November/December 2008**, two other Guest Lectures are planned. The **Centre of International Relations** (Ljubljana) will invite **Paul Meerts** (Clingendael, The Hague) to give a lecture on "Negotiating in the EU". Moreover, the **Finnish Institute of International Affairs** (Helsinki) will invite a researcher from the Danish Institute for

International Studies (Copenhagen) to give a lecture on “The Danish opt-outs and the referenda”.

Calls for Applications for Tenders

TEPSA submitted three tenders in the last months:

- Within the framework of the IPA Information and Communication Programme a project with METU, Turkey,
- A tender for a framework contract in the area of Justice and Home Affairs at the Committee of the Regions with participation from EKEME, METU, EIPA, OIIP, the Centre of International Relations, Ljubljana and SWP,
- A tender for a study on consular protection involving our member institutes IAI, EKEME, SIIA, Clingendael and BECSA

If a call you wish to participate in would be interesting for a group of member institutes or researchers, you can contact the TEPSA Secretariat to find collaborators or to envisage a collective initiative coordinated by us.

Furthermore you can also contact TEPSA in order to look for partners for other projects initiated by your institute (funded by the EU or other sources).

Briefings for the European Parliament

Under the framework contract between TEPSA and the European Parliament and with the support of its member institutes, TEPSA delivers briefings and studies to the EP's Foreign Affairs Committee (available at www.tepsa.eu).

In May, TEPSA delivered a series of briefings on the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance:

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for Albania under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Višnja Samardžija
Co-author: Henriette Riegler

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for Bosnia-Herzegovina under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Tamás Szemplér
Co-authors: Mladen Staničić, Sandro Knezović

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for Croatia under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Tom Lynch
Co-author: Višnja Samardžija

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for Kosovo under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Henriette Regler
Co-author: Filip Tesar

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Florian Trauner
Co-author: Tom Lynch

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for Montenegro under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Filip Tesar
Co-author: Marcus Delacor

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for Serbia under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Tomislav Marsic
Co-author: Marie-Janine Calic

“Analysis of the 2007 Annual Action Programme for Turkey under the Pre-Accession Instrument in preparation of the review of the relevant Multi-annual Indicative Programme”

Lead author: Mladen Stanicic
Co-author: Burcu Gültekin-Punsmann

The following briefings have been delivered in June:

"Assessment of Programmes funded under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)"

Lead author: Burcu Gültekin-Punsmann

Co-authors: Tomislav Marsic, Dusan Reljic, Florian Trauner

“Property restitution in Albania”

Lead author: Nikos Frangakis
Co-authors: Eda Gemi, Michaela Salamun

Ongoing briefings

The European Parliament has requested a series of briefings on the EU's assistance to neighbouring countries. The drafts of the following briefings have been delivered in June:

“Analysis of the EU's assistance to Armenia“

Co-authors: Burcu Gultekin-Punsmann, Graham Avery

“Analysis of the EU's assistance to Azerbaijan“

Lead author: Jérôme Boniface
Co-authors: Heidi Maurer, Jost Morgenstern, Mara Wesseling

“Analysis of the EU's assistance to Georgia“

Lead author: Piret Ehin
Co-authors: Burcu Gultekin-Punsmann, Andres Kasekemp

“ENPI implementation: the case of Belarus”

Lead author: Alena Vieira
Co-author: Giselle Bosse

The drafts of the following briefings have been delivered in July:

“Analysis of the EU's assistance to Ukraine”

Lead author: Zsuzsa Ludvig
Co-authors: Michal Koran, Tamás Szemler

“Analysis of the EU's assistance to Moldova”

Lead author: Andris Spruds
Co-authors: Vadim Kononenko, Renars Danelsons

Finally, the following briefing is being prepared:

“Implementation of the ENPI: analysis of the EU's assistance to Russia”

Co-authors: Piret Ehin, Matjaz Nahtigal

News of TEPSA Member Institutes

**Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean,
European and International
Studies
(KIMEDE)**

The second volume of KIMEDE's *The Cyprus Yearbook of International Relations 2007* circulated a few weeks ago. Edited by Costas Melakopides, Achilles Emilianides and Giorgos Kentas, it covers such issue-areas as EU-US relations, international law, the Cyprus problem, and human rights. While the Yearbook's third volume is now in preparation, KIMEDE extends an invitation to TEPSA colleagues to submit essays for consideration until early September 2008. (For communication, please consult our website, www.kimede.org)

Costas Melakopides's essay, “The Moral Grounds for the EU's Obligation to End the Occupation of northern Cyprus”, was published –in English and Spanish- at the website of fellow-TEPSA-member, Real Instituto Elcano of Spain. In addition, Dr Melakopides attended the Conference, “Small States inside and outside the European Union: The Lisbon Treaty and Beyond”, on 16-17 May in Luxembourg.

KIMEDE welcomed recently the return to Cyprus of co-founder and Board Member, Professor Andreas Antoniou, who had worked for six years at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. Prof. Antoniou recently attended the 12th [Annual International Conference on Macroeconomic Analysis and International Finance](#), in Rethymno, Crete, organised by the Department of Economics of the University of Crete, 29-31 of May. Prof. Antoniou was a discussant in a Session on Finance and Macroeconomics. The Conference was attended by academics from across Europe, the US, Japan, China, the Middle East and Latin America. Keynote speakers included, Prof. Richard Rogerson from Arizona State University, Prof. Andrew Rose, UC Berkeley, Dr. George Tavlas, Bank of Greece, and Prof. Joseph Zeira, Hebrew University.

Finally, Chairman Costas Melakopides was accompanied to the Paris Pre-presidency Conference by KIMEDE's Research Associate, Ms Annita Demetriou, following TEPSA's initiative to invite a number of “young scientists” to Paris.

Center of International Relations Ljubljana

2nd Global International Studies Conference “What Keeps Us Apart, What Keeps Us Together” will take place in Ljubljana at the Faculty of Social Sciences from 23 to 26 July.

It will host more than 850 scholars from more than 70 different states discussing issues that are of major concern of every human being, such as security, human rights, or environment.

As dr ANTON GRIZOLD, Professor and the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences stresses, the Faculty of Social Sciences has a long tradition of openness to scholars from other countries. Numerous students from abroad, especially from the developing world, have graduated there. The Global International Studies Conference adds to that tradition and all efforts will be made to make the conference a memorable and enjoyable event in every possible respect.

You are welcomed to visit the World International Studies Committee (WISC) web page at <http://www.wiscnetwork.org/index.php>.

Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Budapester Gespräche – conference series with German partners on the topic: Services.
September 18-19, Budapest

European Institute in Lodz, Poland

The European Institute in Lodz, Poland, celebrating this year 15th anniversary, organizes two events under a joint heading:

“EUROPEAN UNION AS A GLOBAL ACTOR – LISBON TREATY AND BEYOND”
European Institute, Łódź, Poland
2nd - 4th October 2008

These events are constituted by:

- EU-CONSENT Workshop: EU Neighbourhood Policy – Democratization at the EU Borders (organised jointly by European Institute and Istituto Affari Internazionali within Cross-Cutting

Issues Framework) to be held on 2nd-3rd October, and

- European Institute Jubilee Conference devoted to the larger context of the EU Actorness at the Global Arena (organised in co-operation with TEPSA and EU-CONSENT) to be held on 3rd-4th October.

What is and what could be the role of the EU in her closest Neighbourhood and in the larger context of the globalized world? This leading question will be addressed through deeper reflection on the strengths and weaknesses of the current position of the EU in the global system, through the debate on the practical outcomes of the Lisbon Treaty in terms of the increased EU ability to act as a global actor and through the debate on missing elements depriving the EU from playing its international role effectively.

Economically the EU seems to be losing influence and dynamism. Its potential growth has been steadily declining. Europe has been largely inward-looking, implementing several structural and institutional reforms. It has contributed to the global system in terms of increased stability but not in terms of higher growth, reflecting the fact that it has a stability-generating framework but its growth strategy remains still ineffective. In spite of the introduction of the euro, its external voice is less influential than one could expect, and often divided.

Politically the EU external relations studies increasingly address the question of what kind of power the EU has already been and is about to become: not only the external implications of its integration, not only its distinctive notions of conditionality, bilateralism, multilateralism, regional cooperation, but also the very concept of global/regional power. Beyond the euro-centric debate about the export of the so called “European model”, some attention recently focused on the theoretical implications of the EU model of shared sovereignty. More intensive debate should be fostered on issues concerning: regional integration, international institutions and the evolving notion of international power: ‘soft power’, ‘civilian power’, ‘civilizing power’, ‘norm setting power’.

Within these perspectives the impact, influence and effectiveness of the EU in international relations needs to be studied further. This probably requires coming up with the agreed: methodology, or at the very least an agreed set of questions to ask, for assessing the EU impact on the third countries and on the global system, issue areas (such as crisis management, security, development, trade reform, democratisation, and so on) and international

Is the EU effective in its policies towards foreign partners? Does it achieve its goals and how appropriate are those goals in terms of desired outcomes? Does it have an impact on developments within other countries or regions or international organisations, and what sort of impact does it have? What sort of influence does it have on international processes and trends? Does it exercise international leadership? What are the limits to EU effectiveness? Specific sessions of the cross-cutting nature will discuss among others: EU role in shaping the closest neighborhood, making EU “soft power” role effective, bringing the EU to the position of the vocal actor in international organisations and shaping relationships with world powers. These are the questions we will attempt to address during our conference, whose assumption is to bring together approaches from various disciplines: economics, international relations, law, political science and others to discuss the main topics of EU strategy and efficiency in foreign and security policy seen from various angles.

Draft Framework Programme:

Part I (2/3 October) :

EU-CONSENT Workshop - EU Neighbourhood Policy – Democratisation at the EU Borders

Session I: Democratisation Through Enlargement – Eastern Dimension of the EU Neighbourhood Policy

Session II: Making Conditionality Work – Southern Dimension of the EU Neighbourhood Policy

Session III: Future of the EU Neighbourhood Policy
If you are interested in presenting your paper during this Workshop see our Call for papers

Part II 3/4 October :

Jubilee Conference: European Union as a Global Actor – Lisbon Treaty and Beyond

Opening Session – Round Table – Challenges of EU Foreign and Security Policy

Session I: EU Foreign and Security Policy So Far

Session II: Lisbon Treaty and the European Foreign and Security Policy

Session III: What Strategy for the European Foreign and Security Policy?

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