



News from TEPSA – February 2007

Dear Friends,

With this first newsletter of 2007, we would like to inform you about our activities and plans for the next months. In this newsletter, you will find:

- News of TEPSA members;
- TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference;
- TEPSA General Assembly;
- "Europe for citizens" – TEPSA application for Grant 2007;
- Calls for proposals;
- European Parliament – TEPSA contract;
- Ongoing TEPSA projects;
- TEPSA Friends;
- Calendar of events of TEPSA members;
- Publications

HIGHLIGHTS. We would like to draw your attention particularly to:

- EU-Watch 25/27 n°4. Please read it, and mention it on your web-sites!
- Important documents annexed to this Newsletter:
 - TEPSA's Work Programme for 2007
 - 'TEPSA, Citizens and Civil Society' (with thanks to the member institutes who contributed to this summary of TEPSA's outreach)
 - TEPSA's new contract to provide briefings for the European Parliament

Yours sincerely,

Wolfgang WESSELS
Chairperson

Graham Avery
Secretary General

News of TEPSA members

- Graham Avery was nominated as TEPSA' Secretary General and Member of the Board during the General Assembly that took place in Berlin on 2nd December



2006. He is a Senior Member of St. Antony's College, University of Oxford and Honorary Director-General of the European Commission;

- Our former Secretary General, Prof Christian Franck will become a Honorary Member of the Board;
- A new member of the Board was also nominated by the General Assembly in Berlin: Dr Hanna Ojanen, Senior Researcher at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs - FIIA (UPI), and replaces Dr Stephane Rodrigues.

We would like to welcome the new members of the Board, and to thank Prof. Franck for his work for TEPSA in the last years.

- As a consequence of the entry of Bulgaria and Romania into the European Union, BECSA (Bulgarian European Community Studies Association) has become a full member of TEPSA, as from 1st January 2007;

We welcome BECSA, which as an associated member of TEPSA was already well-known in the TEPSA network. TEPSA has now enlarged to include member institutes in 23 of the EU-27 Member States, and is in the process of identifying appropriate institutes in the remaining 4 EU countries (Lithuania, Slovakia, Malta, and Romania).

- At the General Assembly in Berlin, it was decided to accept IMO (Croatian Institute of International Relations) as an associated member of TEPSA.

We are pleased to welcome IMO as a new associated member of TEPSA. European integration has always been one of IMO's core activities. It hosts the only European Info Centre in Croatia. Moreover it has been cooperating with the European Commission and the Council of European and other international organisations and foundations.

- The new Chairman of the European Parliament's Committee for Foreign Affairs is Prof. Jacek Saryusz – Wolski, a member of TEPSA's Board.

We wish Prof. Saryusz – Wolski all success in his new work for Europe in the world!

▶ TEPSA Pre-Presidency conference,

Berlin 30 November and 1st December 2006

“Moving the EU forward: Priorities of the German EU-Presidency” was the title of TEPSA pre-Presidency conference, hosted by the **Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP)** and organised in cooperation with **TEPSA** and with the support of the **EU-CONSENT network, the ASKO Europa Federation, the Delegation of the European Commission to the Federal Republic of Germany and the German Federal Foreign Office**. It took place in Berlin in the German Federal Foreign Office on **30th November and 1st December 2006**.

The conference dealt with priorities of and challenges for the German Presidency of the European Union. Further topics related to the future of the EU between deepening and widening were discussed by experts from TEPSA and Consent networks and by high-



ranking politicians. Specific topics such as Justice and Home Affairs, the Common Foreign and Security Policy, the EU's social dimension and the European Neighbourhood Policy were debated by international experts and high-ranking politicians.

With a total of seven panels, representatives of 27 international research institutes, of the German federal government and of Brussels-based institutions discussed the upcoming points of the German presidency of the EU.

During the conference Iain Begg presented "The Way Forward for Europe", seven recommendations for a successful German EU Presidency, developed by a number of EU-CONSENT members:

1. The **Constitutional Treaty** which has been ratified by a majority of EU member states should be regarded as the roadmap and the basis for any further debates on institutional and political reform. Re-opening debates on institutional reform starting from the Treaty of Nice or substantially altering the contents of the Constitutional Treaty does not represent a politically acceptable alternative.
2. A high level *groupe de reflexion* on the **EU budget** with a mandate to prepare (as the Kok report did for the re-launch of Lisbon) the 2008/9 review of the EU budget should be established, chaired by a high profile figure such as a former prime minister or person of similar standing.
3. In developing the EU's **energy policy**, priority should be given to embedding it in a *smart growth* strategy which focuses on investment in sustainable energy solutions. A smart growth strategy needs to be understood not just as a contribution to sustainable development objectives, but also as a means of fostering the EU's competitive position in the global market for sustainable technologies such as wind turbines. In addition, the foreign policy and international security dimensions of energy policy choices should be highlighted.
4. A common **European policy on immigration** should be established. Its task will be the management of immigration in a fair and sustainable way. Moreover, immigration policy will have to take into account salient issues of internal security.
5. **European crisis management** should be made more credible, more pro-active and more effective and should be regarded as a vital instrument for expressing Europe's role and responsibility in the world. In order to do so, the civil-military cell should be reinforced in its role to make ESDP a coherent policy. More battle groups as well as more resources devoted to civilian tasks should be created, and the High Representative should be invited to the meetings of the European Commission regularly.



6. The **European Neighbourhood Policy** needs new impetus. It is essential to include it in a coherent European Security Strategy and turn it into a credible and effective instrument of a comprehensive European foreign and security policy towards and in cooperation with the neighbours in the East and South.
7. The creation of a **European public space** is of utmost importance and should thus explicitly be acknowledged in the Berlin Declaration. It would also be useful to explore imaginative options for creating a denser and more active European public space. These might include initiatives such as promoting the development of pan-European TV channels, or supporting the making of discussion programmes and documentaries related to European issues.

TEPSA General Assembly 2nd December 2006

TEPSA General Assembly took place on **Saturday 2nd December** from 9am to 12pm at the Hotel Henriette, Berlin.

The General Assembly confirmed the Chairperson and the other Members of the Board, and elected a new Secretary General and a new Member of the Board.

Important decisions concerning the financial situation of TEPSA were taken, such as the decision to increase the Membership fees from 1st January 2007 onwards.

The annual membership fees, which remained unchanged for six years, are now increased to 1500 euros (full members) and 750 euros (associated members).

“Europe for Citizens” – TEPSA application for grant 2007

TEPSA submitted on 21st December 2006 its application for an operating grant in the framework of the call for proposals EACEA 12/06 “Structural support for European public policy research organisations and for civil society organisations at European level”

This call for proposals EACEA 12/06 was based on the draft decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing the “Europe for Citizens” programme to promote active European citizenship for the period between 2007 and 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Programme’). The proposed programme ensures the continuity of the current Civic Participation programme (2004-2006) and opens the way to new activities. This call for proposals implements the measures 1 and 2 within the action 2 “Active Civil Society for Europe”.



The programme is intended to contribute to the following general objectives:

- a) Giving citizens the opportunity to interact and participate in constructing an ever closer Europe, which is democratic and world-oriented, united in and enriched through its cultural diversity, thus developing citizenship of the European Union;
- b) Developing a sense of European identity, based on common values, history and culture;
- c) Fostering a sense of ownership of the European Union among its citizens;
- d) Enhancing mutual understanding between European citizens respecting and promoting cultural and linguistic diversity, while contributing to intercultural dialogue.

The call for proposals asked the applicant organisations to focus on at least one of these themes:

- Future of the European Union and its basic values;
- Active European Citizenship;
- Intercultural dialogue;
- Impact of European policies in societies;
- People's well being in Europe, employment social cohesion and sustainable development;
- Equal opportunities for all (European Year 2007);
- Enlargement 2007, discovering/celebrating two new EU member states.

In its application, TEPSA states that it will focus on its work programme on all of themes mentioned above, except intercultural dialogue and equal opportunities. It includes in its programme for 2007 numerous elements related to the themes of the Future of the European Union and its basic values and of Active European Citizenship.

As for the financial aspect of the grant, TEPSA applied for an amount of 100.000€

In support of its application for grant, TEPSA submitted a number of documents including:

- A draft Work Programme of TEPSA for 2007: you will find the latest version of this programme at Annex 1 of this Newsletter;
- A summary of the activities of TEPSA and its member institutes entitled "TEPSA, Citizens and Civil Society". This synthesis, based on contributions received by the Secretary General from 13 member institutes, explains how TEPSA's "outreach" to citizens and civil society supports the objectives of the "Europe for Citizens" programme. You will find it at Annex 2 of this Newsletter.



▶ Calls for Proposals

Framework Programme 7

The thematic priority n° 8 “socio-economic sciences and humanities” of “Cooperation” programme could be interesting for TEPSA and its Members.

The following call for proposals was published on 22nd December 2006:

Call FP7-SSH-2007-1

Specific Programme: Cooperation
Theme: Socio-economic sciences and Humanities

Deadlines for submission of proposals: 10 May 2007
29 November 2007

Budget: € 58 500 000

More information on the call for proposals is available online at:

http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.CooperationDetailsCallPage&call_id=39#prereg

We would like to encourage you to contact the Secretariat if you are interested in taking part or have any suggestions regarding the preparation of such proposals.

General information on Framework Programme 7 is available online at
<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/home.html>

Europe for Citizens (2007-2013)

Action 2 - Active Civil Society in Europe: “Support for projects initiated by civil society organisations”

More information on the call can be found at
<http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/citizenship/call1206/action2.htm>

We draw your attention particularly to this new possibility for obtaining grants from the Commission for individual ‘events’ related to the theme of ‘Europe for citizens’. It may be interesting for TEPSA member institutes to consider making applications for grant under this new action.



▶ European Parliament – TEPSA contract

Contract for advice to the European Parliament on foreign affairs

In response to a tender submitted in September 2006, TEPSA has obtained a 'framework service contract' for provision of briefings and studies for the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) in the area of 'EU enlargement, European Neighbourhood Policy, Russia'. The contract, which was signed by TEPSA's Secretary General on 30 January 2007, runs until 31 May 2009.

The Parliament's committees are allocated annual expertise budgets to enable them to avail themselves rapidly of technical or scientific expertise. The area covered by the contract with TEPSA formed Lot number 1 of five different lots for advice to the Committees on Foreign Affairs (AFET), Development (DEVE) and International Trade (INTA). The other lots concerned 'Other International Relations as well as Multilateralism', 'Development Policy' 'Security and Defence' and 'Trade Policy' (apparently only one of the other lots has been the object of a successful tender).

The TEPSA secretariat, responsible for coordinating the work in collaboration with TEPSA members, will assure the necessary contacts with the Parliament's secretariat. Before the tender was submitted, the TEPSA secretariat consulted TEPSA member institutes and identified a list of more than 20 persons interested in participating in this work. Those members who signified their interest will be informed of future developments, including any specific requests received for briefings.

If other members are interested, they are asked to inform the Secretariat.

Further details of the new contract can be found in Annex 3 of this Newsletter.

▶ On-going TEPSA projects

"Networking for Citizens and Neighbours – Networking for Europe"

TEPSA and BECSA have started a joint project "**Networking for Citizens and Neighbours – Networking for Europe**" under the PHARE – Civil Society programme 2004 of the EU. The project started in December 2006 and will finish in June 2008.

The project aims at integrating Bulgarian NGOs that work in the fields of EU democratic governance and citizen participation, and foreign and security policy into relevant pan-European networks of civil society.

For more information, see the concept note of the project:

<http://www.becsa.org/News/2006/Phare2004%20-%20BECSA-TEPSA%20concept%20note.pdf>



EU-CONSENT, Wider Europe, deeper integration? ,Constructing Europe' Network (www.eu-consent.net)

EU-CONSENT is a network of excellence for joint research and teaching which stretches across Europe.

During the second year of EU-CONSENT TEPSA was involved in the organisation of two of the major EU-CONSENT activities the 2nd annual plenary conference and the German Presidency Conference, which were organised by TEPSA, Institut für Europäische Politik and University of Cologne. Both events were very successful and marked a highlight of this ongoing EU-CONSENT year.

At the beginning of 2007 the EU-CONSENT discussion forum '**Agora**' was relaunched (see www.eu-consent.net) asking for a discussion on the seven recommendations for the German EU Presidency that were presented at the Presidency Conference 'Moving the EU forwards: Priorities for the German EU Presidency' in Berlin (30th Nov. – 1st Dec. 2006) and on the contents of the expected Berlin declaration. If you like to contribute to this discussion please visit WEB-CONSENT (www.eu-consent.net) and send us your comments on the topic.

In January 2007 the **4th issue of the EU-25/27 Watch** was published. This publication sheds light on key issues and challenges of European integration. Institutes from all 27 EU member states as well as from Croatia and Turkey participate in this survey. The aim is to give a full comparative picture of debates on European integration and current developments in European politics in each of these countries. Among the issues analysed are expectations for the German EU Presidency; elements for the Berlin declaration; scenarios for future negotiations of the Constitutional Treaty; European energy policy and Russia and the European Neighbourhood Policy. For detailed information please visit the following link in order to download the full document <http://www.eu-consent.net/content.asp?contentid=522>.

In the months to come several EU-CONSENT conferences and workshops will be organised.

At the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome the *work package 'Theories'* is organising in cooperation with the European Liaison Committee of Historians a conference in Rome on *'L'expérience européenne, 50 ans de construction de l'Europe'* from 21st to 25th March 2007. At this historical occasion the work package will not only discuss its further work plans but will also in terms the research aims of EU-CONSENT analyse the integration process to date and develop visions and scenarios for the future of the European Union. Furthermore, this conference will provide an excellent opportunity to further discuss horizontal and theoretical issues and thus to contribute to the interdisciplinary character of the network.

A number of workshops will be organised in Brussels:

- *Team dealing with 'Institutionalising Access: European Civil Society after Enlargement' within the work package 'Institutions'*

Meeting: 'Institutionalising Access: The Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee after Enlargement'

Date / location: February 14th, 2007, Brussels.



This meeting will begin to chart the new composition of the Committee of the Regions and of the European Economic and Social Committee and to explore the most significant changes in their organisation and functioning after the latest enlargement.

Meeting: 'Institutionalising Access: The Social Dialogue after the 2004 Enlargement'

Date / location: February 15th, 2007, Brussels.

This meeting will focus on the impact of enlargement on the Social Dialogue. Social dialogue refers to attempts at extending the participation of workers in European decision-making processes and the practices of worker consultation in the new member states.

- *Work package 'Economic and Social Policies'*

Workshop: 'Reviewing the EU budgetary system'

Date / location: March 6th – 7th, 2007, Brussels

The aim of this conference is to offer a platform for academics, Commission representatives and politicians to exchange ideas on potential reform options for the EU budget.

▶ TEPSA Friends

The following TEPSA Friends events were organised at the end of 2006:

- **"America's big challenge (The Transatlantic relations in an American viewpoint, the problem of security, the American foreign policy)"**, lunch debate organised by TEPSA and by the Club of the Fondation Universitaire at Fondation Universitaire on 14th November 2006. Mr James A. Thomson, President and Chief Executive Officer of RAND Corporation was invited to share his views on these issues with the participants;
- **"La politique énergétique européenne: le cas de l'approvisionnement en gaz. Approche nationale ou communautaire?"**, debate organised by TEPSA, "Club de la Fondation Universitaire" and Groupe d'études politiques européennes (GEPE) at Fondation Universitaire on 16th November 2006 ;
- **"Decision-making in the external policies of the EU"**, conference organised by TEPSA and The Federal Trust for education and research, in collaboration with the Bureau d'Information de Bruxelles of the European Parliament at Eastman Building in Brussels on 23rd November 2006. Dr. Brendan Donnelly, Director of the Federal Trust and Professor Stephen Haseler, London Metropolitan University presented a Federal Trust Report on "Decision-making in the external policies of the EU";
- **"L'espace Euro et sa gouvernance économique"**, conference organised by TEPSA, in collaboration with the Bureau d'Information de Bruxelles of the European Parliament at Eastman Building in Brussels on 7th December 2006. Mr. Grégoire Brouhns, Director General for Economic and Social Affairs at the Council of the European Union gave a speech on this subject.

The following TEPSA Friends events will take place in the coming months:



- **“Germany and Europe”**. Prof. Wolfgang Wessels will be the speaker at this breakfast meeting that will be organised by the Club de la Fondation Universitaire, GEPE and TEP SA at Fondation Universitaire on 27th February;
- **“Constitution Plus – Renegotiating the Treaty”**, Launch of the new pamphlet of MEP Andrew Duff, to be organised in collaboration with TEP SA on 28th February at the European Parliament;
- **“L’Europe et la recherche”**, lunch- debate with MEP Philippe Busquin to be organised by the Club of la Fondation Universitaire, in collaboration with TEP SA on 8th March 2007;
- **“A Responsible Europe”**, conference organised by TEP SA at Fondation Universitaire on 20th March 2007. Dr Hartmut Mayer, Lecturer in Politics at Oxford University will present his recent book “A Responsible Europe”.

▶ Calendar of Activities of TEP SA members

- **“Europe beyond the crisis - Fifteen proposals for Italy’s European policy”**, International conference organised on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, 23rd – 24th January, Rome (www.iai.it)
- **“Democracy, Legitimacy and Accountability in the EU”**, Launch of a Federal Trust Report by **Professor Vernon Bogdanor**, 24th January, European Parliament Office, London
- **“Transatlantic Security Dialogue”**, Seminar organised by the Istituto Affari Internazionali, with the support of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, 28th February, Brussels
- **“Europe, the next 50 Years”**, conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, March 22, 2007, Chatham House, 10 St James’s Square, London (www.fedtrust.co.uk)
- See also WEB-CONSENT for updates on activities organised within the EU-CONSENT Network (www.eu-consent.net)

▶ Publications

- **“Eastern enlargement and the future of the EU27: EU foreign policy in a global world”**, by Attila Agh, *‘Together for Europe’*, Research Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, 2006;
- **“The EU’s Responsibility for Global Security and Defence”**, by Hanna Ojanen, in *“A Responsible Europe? Ethical Foundations of EU External Affairs”*, by Hartmut Mayer and Henri Vogt (ed.), Palgrave, 2006
- **“Economic Government of the EU”**, by Ingo Linsenmann, Christoph O. Meyer and Wolfgang Wessels (ed.), Palgrave, January 2007
- **EU-Watch 25/27 n°4**, edited by Institut für Europäische Politik – Berlin, in the framework of EU-CONSENT, January 2007 (www.eu-consent.net)



- **"The Legal Foundations of the SGP in Primary and Secondary Law"**, by Jean- Victor Louis in Fritz Breuss (ed.), in *"The Stability and Growth Pact. Experiences and Future Aspects"*, Springer Wien, New York, 2007, p. 3-31;
- **"An ever-wider Europe? Where will the EU's borders end?"**, by Graham Avery, in *"Challenge Europe"*, EPC's policy Journal, January 2006 (www.epc.eu)

The TEPSA Secretariat would like to encourage all member institutes to send information regarding their own activities, projects and publications to tepsa@tepsa.be in order to be included in our newsletter.

Thank you very much in advance for your collaboration.

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