



TEPSA Newsletter - April 2008

Dear Friends,

This issue of the TEPSA Newsletter presents an overview of the activities, projects and latest news of TEPSA and its member institutes.

Highlights include more details on the next TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference in Paris (12-13 June 2008); an interview with Hanna Ojanen, EU Programme Director at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) and Member of the Board of TEPSA; and the preparation of new briefings for the European Parliament.

The newsletter also reports on the positive results of TEPSA's recent Board meeting.

Good wishes,

Graham Avery
Secretary General

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TEPSA News

News of TEPSA Secretariat

We are pleased to welcome two new members of the TEPSA team in Brussels: Benjamin Rey and Ingrid Bozin.



Benjamin Rey replaced Mathieu Briens, who left TEPSA to join the European Commission in January, as Research Assistant in March.

He studied at the Institute of Political Sciences in Toulouse (France) and holds a MA in EU International Relations and Diplomacy from the College of Europe in Bruges.

He gained further experience of the EU at the European Parliament before joining TEPSA. His main areas of interest include the EU's relations with its Southern neighbours and with the Middle East. Benjamin speaks French, English, Spanish and Arabic.



Ingrid Bozin replaced Alessio Ruta, who left TEPSA in the end of March, as Research Assistant in the beginning of April.

She holds an MA in European Studies from the Institute for European Studies (IEE) in Brussels.

Prior to joining TEPSA she worked as an Administrative / Research Assistant at the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe in Brussels. Her main fields of interests are the Western Balkans and EU enlargement policy. Ingrid speaks Croatian, Italian, English and French.

Meeting of the Board 16 April 2008

On 16 April seven members of TEPSA's Board attended its latest meeting at the Fondation Universitaire, Brussels, under the chairmanship of Professor Wolfgang Wessels.

The Board discussed all aspects of TEPSA's activities, its situation and prospects, and latest developments in the TEPSA network.

The Board noted that the financial situation of TEPSA remains sound, and welcomed the two new personnel in TEPSA's secretariat (Benjamin Rey and Ingrid Bozin).

Among the matters discussed were:

- Progress with enlargement of TEPSA to include new member institutes, both in member states (Malta, Slovakia, Romania) and in prospective members.
• The preparation of TEPSA's Pre-Presidency Conference and General Assembly in Paris in June.
• The successful work conducted by TEPSA in preparing briefings for the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.
• The publication of TEPSA's new brochure, and plans for its new website.

The Board approved an action plan for TEPSA's Guest Lecture series (a new project announced at the last General Assembly) and further information will soon be sent to all member institutes.

After the Board's deliberations, the first meeting of the Steering Group of the TEPSA Training Programme developed ideas for this new project, on the basis of a paper prepared by Yvonne Nasshoven, Andreas Hoffmann and Benjamin Rey, taking account of positive comments received from many members of the TEPSA network.

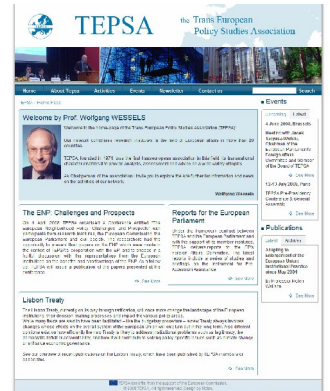


TEPSA Board meeting, 16.04.2008. Around the table, from left to right: Andrew Duff, Jean-Victor Louis, Hanna Ojanen, Graham Avery, Wolfgang Wessels, Gunilla Herolf, Nikos Frangakis

TEPSA's new website

We are developing a new-style website for TEPSA, and we hope that it will be online in the coming weeks. Watch out for the new website at:

www.tepsa.eu



Pre-Presidency Conference Paris, Sciences-Po, 12-13 June 2008

The Pre-Presidency Conference will take place on 12th and 13th June at Sciences Po, Paris, starting on Thursday at 1 p.m. and continuing on Friday morning. The Conference is organised by TEPSA's French member institute Centre for European Studies of Sciences Po, in cooperation with TEPSA and the EU-CONSENT network.

The sessions will concentrate on "Economic Reform Policies", "The Project of Union for the Mediterranean", and on "How to Politicize European Decisions?"

It will be followed by **TEPSA's General Assembly** on Friday 13 June at 2. p.m.

Further details: www.portedeurope.org

Workshops, conferences and seminars

Workshop: "The European Neighbourhood Policy: Challenges and Prospects"

Brussels, Fondation Universitaire, 4 April 2008

The object of this workshop was to discuss the results of the briefings delivered by TEPSA to the European Parliament's Committee for Foreign Affairs in October 2007.



In the morning, the following briefings were presented by their authors:

"A Cost/Benefit Analysis of the ENP for the EU's Southern Partners" by Michele Comelli;

"The Cost/Benefit Analysis of the ENP for the EU's Eastern Partners" by Petr Kratochvil and Barbara Lippert;

"The ENP: visibility and perception in the partner countries" by Annegret Bendiek;

"The Eastern EU neighbourhood – an area of competing policies: shared neighbourhood between the EU and Russia" by Piret Ehin and Graham Avery.

The afternoon's session included an intervention by Rutger Wissels, Director for ENP at the European Commission, and a presentation on the European Parliament's role by Eva Palatova (European Parliament, DG External Policies).

All TEPSA briefings for the European Parliament are available at www.tepsa.eu.

Conference on Civil Society at the European Commission

The Conference "Civil Society Development in Southeast Europe: Building Europe Together" took place on the 17th and 18th April in Brussels. The Conference was organised by DG Enlargement and aimed to be a platform for representatives from Civil Society Organizations of the region to exchange ideas, enhance networking but also to get guidance and support from the European Commission.

Graham Avery (Secretary General of TEPSA) and Višnja Samardžija (IMO, Croatia), represented TEPSA at the Workshop "Effective networking: finding strategic partners" on the 18th April. Yvonne Nasshoven and Ingrid Bozin of TEPSA's secretariat participated in a number of sessions of the conference.

Ms Samardžija took the opportunity to present the book "Communicating Integration Impact in Croatia and Ireland" co-published by IMO and IIEA (Ireland). The book is edited by her and Alan Dukes and includes contributions from Wolfgang Wessels and Yvonne Nasshoven.

A fuller report on this publication will be published on our website soon.

Conference: "Cyprus after the Presidential elections"

Brussels, Fondation Universitaire, Brussels

Date to be confirmed

Together with our Cypriot TEPSA member, the Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean European and International Studies, TEPSA will organise a joint conference to analyse the Cypriot elections' probable implications for Cyprus's EU policies and the Republic's re-unification prospects.

Further information will soon be available at www.tepsa.eu.

Conference: “Integrating Bulgaria in EU Politics and Policy: Focus on the Citizens and the Neighbours”

Brussels, 29-30 May 2008

This conference is organised with the Bulgarian European Community Studies Association (BECSA) in the framework of the joint BECSA -TEPSA project “Networking for Citizens and Neighbours – Networking for Europe” (see *Ongoing activities* below).

Building upon the results of this joint project, this event seeks to encourage debate on Bulgaria’s role in EU policy-making and political processes. It will gather EU officials, experts, academics and civil-society actors in two discussion panels focusing on “The neighbours of the enlarged Union and Bulgaria’s contribution”, and “Europe and the citizens: Bulgarian perspectives”.

The full programme will soon be available at www.tepsa.eu. To register, please contact Benjamin.rey@tepsa.be

Hydra and Spetses International Seminars, Greece, 3-5 and 7-8 July 2008

Organised by the Institute of International Relations of Panteion University (Athens), with the cooperation of TEPSA

- Hydra International Summer Seminar 2008

The Institute of International Relations of Panteion University (Athens), in cooperation with the Hellenic Observatory of the London School of Economics, the Center of Southeast European Studies of the University of Oxford, TEPSA and the Greek Center of European Studies & Research (EKEME), is organising its International Summer Seminar on 3-5 July on “The Integration of Western Balkans into the Euroatlantic Structures”. The Seminar will take place at the Museum of Hydra.

- 16th European Summer Academy in Spetses

The European Summer Academy is annually organised by ECSA-Greece. Participants have a unique opportunity to attend two high-level research workshops and meet and discuss with an international faculty of renowned academics and experts. The 16th Annual Session of the European Summer Academy in Spetses aims at developing a deeper understanding of the conceptual and structural properties of “Normative Power Europe”.

The deadline for application is 15 May 2008. Guidelines for applicants and more information on the International Summer Seminars are available at www.idis.gr.

Ongoing activities

THESEUS

The project THESEUS is happy to welcome Prof. Dr. Anne-Marie Le Gloannec (Centre d’études et de recherches internationales CERI, Sciences Po Paris) as first **THESEUS Visiting Professor** at the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne.

She holds a course on “Strategic and conceptual approaches: the EU in the international system”. The objective of the chair is to reinforce cooperation in the field of European integration research and to foster transnational academic discourse in Europe. It addresses scholars with a focus on European integration.

From 1997-2002 Anne-Marie Le Gloannec was Vice-director of the Marc Bloch Institute in Berlin. Beyond her teaching activities in France she was lecturer at the Europe Centre of the Johns Hopkins University in Bologna, at the Free University Berlin, at the Europe-University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder and at the University of Stuttgart. She published important works on international relations and the role of Germany in Europe.

Her inaugural lecture will take place end of May at the Institute for Political Science and European Studies of the University of Cologne.

On 30 April will take place the first **THESEUS Lecture** on “**The review of EU Finances**” by **Prof. Dr. Jacques Le Cacheux** (Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques OFCE, Sciences Po Paris) at the Institute for Political Science and European Studies of the University of Cologne.

From 29 June to 5 July will take place the next **THESEUS Summer School** in Brussels on “**The EU’s role in the world – what priorities?**”

The EU’s role on the international scene is controversial. The negotiations leading to the Lisbon Treaty highlighted this once again. With the incoming French presidency and the revision of the implementation of the European Security Strategy decided by the European Council in December 2007 the topic figures once again high on the EU agenda. The THESEUS Summer School will ask main

political decision-makers, civil servants and experts about current and future priorities for external action of the European Union - such as Gianni Bonvicini (Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome), Geoffrey Edwards (Cambridge University), Gunilla Herolf (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute) or Elfriede Regelsberger (Institut für Europäische Politik).

The THESEUS Summer Schools look each year for 20 excellent young professionals and researchers to tackle together with speakers and high-level experts from international organisations, research, business, politics and NGOs one of the internal and external challenges which Europe faces. The full call for applications will be available on the THESEUS website (www.theseus-europe.net) in the coming weeks.

Last but not least, the THESEUS High Council selected the first **THESEUS Europe** and **Future Award** winners. The Europe Award is granted to a European having distinguished her or himself by a long-term transnational commitment for Europe. The two Future Awards are given to outstanding projects or works that deal constructively with the future challenges of Europe. The ceremony will take place in Cologne in June this year. Further information will be available soon.

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

EU CONSENT General Assembly in Paris

In the context of the TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conference “*La France en Europe, un acteur pas comme les autres?*” on 12 and 13 June 2008 in Paris, EU-CONSENT will hold a General Assembly entitled “Horizontal integration and network sustainability: EU-CONSENT’s third annual reporting” prior to the commencement of the TEPSA event.

The Assembly will take place in Paris on Thursday 12th June 2008 from 12:00h to 13:00h at Maison Heinrich Heine (Cité Internationale Universitaire de Paris, 27c Bd. Jourdan, 75014 Paris).

Since the next EU-CONSENT plenary conference will not take place before March 2009 it was decided to hold an additional General Assembly during the calendar year 2008 in order to provide for continuous coherence of the network. The 3rd update of the Joint Programme of Activities will be presented, discussed and put to vote during the meeting.

Since EU-CONSENT is entering its final year, particular emphasis will be laid on the sustainability of network activities beyond the funding period. Participation is therefore warmly encouraged. A more detailed agenda to the General Assembly will be circulated beginning of May 2008.

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).

Latest briefings

In February, TEPSA delivered a series of briefings on Turkey:

“Social dialogue and its contribution to social cohesion in Turkey”

Lead author: Giorgos Glynos
Co-authors: Michael Kaeding, Ayse Idil Aybars

“Religious freedom and the situation of religious minorities in Turkey”

Lead author: Burcu Gültekin-Punsman
Co-authors: Cengiz Günay, Riva Kastoryano, Kivanç Ulusoy

“The influence of the Turkish military on political agenda-setting in the country”

Co-authors: Sait Akşit and Costas Melakopides
Editor: Graham Avery

The following briefings were also delivered, respectively, in January and February:

“Visa facilitation versus tightening of control: Key aspects of the ENP”

Lead authors: Jérôme Boniface, Mara Wesseling
Co-authors: Kevin O’Connell, Ariadna Ripoll Servent

“Health services in the EEA”

Authors: Dominik Hanf, Stephen Coutts

Ongoing briefings

Following the European Parliament's request, researchers from TEPSA Member institutes are preparing the following briefings on the Pre-Accession Strategy.

The drafts have been transmitted to the European Parliament in March.

“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 Szemlér
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: Marie-Janine Calic
Co-author: Tomislav Marsic

“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 reports have been requested by the European Parliament and are currently being elaborated by teams of researchers:

"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

TEPSA Interview

Hanna Ojanen

Member of the Board of TEPSA & EU Programme Director at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, interviewed by Benjamin Rey



You are very committed to TEPSA's activities. How did you get interested in the network and what are, in your opinion, its main benefits for you and the Finnish Institute for

International Affairs (FIIA) in Helsinki?

I remember that my first trip abroad as a researcher from the FIIA was to a TEPSA round table conference on the results of Amsterdam. That was back in the autumn of 1997 and I had only just started at the FIIA. I was really pleased to find again the European debate that I had left behind when leaving the European University Institute in Florence. Back in the 1990s, the debate – both as to topics and to style – was quite different in Finland from what it was in continental Europe. To some extent, this still holds true.

I think our institute has benefited from TEPSA membership both in terms of visibility as “the” Finnish policy research institute on EU affairs and in terms of networking opportunities. The organisation of the two TEPSA Pre-Presidency conferences in Helsinki in 1999 and in 2006 was a chance to get a number of interesting, new people to Finland – and great fun, too!

In the future, I am looking forward to TEPSA's plans to help young researchers network among themselves and get policy research training that they would not get in the university world, perhaps not in most think-tanks, either.

Although your institute was established in 1961, it took on a new legal basis in 2007 in association with the Parliament of Finland. Was it a "second birth" and what does it concretely mean for your objectives and activities?

In a sense, yes, we were reborn. The most important change has come through a considerable

enlargement of our research staff. In May, when all the people we recruited last autumn have arrived, we'll be altogether 23 persons including researchers, research assistants and research programme directors. What I find great is that there are many different nationalities present. For years already, our working language has been English. Now, you occasionally also hear Russian, Chinese, Arabic, Spanish, Italian or French – and more – spoken in the corridors.

We have also reorganised our work in a new way. We have four research programmes and each researcher is part of one programme – even though she or he might also have projects in another programme. Through these small groups of some 6 persons, we combine team work with the perhaps more traditional individual research.

The EU foreign, security and defence policy is Finland's foreign policy priority. To what extent do you think Finland has managed to integrate its own objectives in the development of CFSP and in the formulation of the EU's foreign policy choices?

Now, this is an intricate question! I think it is part of the Finnish EU 'credo' to say that Finland has contributed a lot and has had quite an impact on the CFSP. People like to refer to the Petersberg tasks as having been brought into the Amsterdam Treaty thanks to

Sweden and Finland. Other examples of questions where Finland has had some influence would include the EU's policy on Russia, emphasis on civilian crisis management, and regional questions – that is, the Northern Dimension, and in the near future probably the Baltic Sea. A strong CFSP has time and again been defined as being in Finland's interests.

In particular, Finland has been keen on keeping the member states united, impeding splits occurring among them in foreign and security policy issues. The Finnish influence might even be seen as paradoxical, since one could think that a non-aligned

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country (if that term still can be used) would not be among the most active member states in CFSP. But herein also lies a partial answer: Finland has been active and constructive in order to dispel doubts about its ability and willingness to be a full CFSP member. The activism extends to the ESDP as well, to the Battle Groups and the European Defence Agency in particular – but common defence has been a question where the Finnish position seems to vacillate.

Until 2004, Finland was the only member state that had a border with Russia. Did the latest wave of enlargement have an impact on Finland's policy towards its giant neighbour?

There seem to be signs of a reconsideration of the benefits of bilateral relations. When Finland entered the EU, it was assumed that relations with Russia would henceforth be multilateral – and for many, this was very welcome. Now, the picture is less clear. Enlargement no doubt has increased the diversity of views on the EU-Russia relations within the EU and made it more difficult for Finland to understand how exactly it should act, what strings to pull so as to influence – or build – that policy. As a result, the Finnish politicians seem again to value direct bilateral relations with Russia. But isn't this what all countries do? Well, that's the question: are bilateral relations undermining the very idea of the CFSP, or are they additional channels through which common policies can be implemented?

Having ratified the Constitutional Treaty, it did not seem at first sight that the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty by Finland would pose any major

problem. But in March, the tiny Åland islands threatened to block the process in order to protest against the EU ban on snuff. What is your comment on this?

This is about more than snuff, really. The question is about the autonomy of the Åland islands and how the Finnish EU membership unintentionally impacts on it. In the view of the representatives of Åland, completely satisfactory settlements have not yet been found. Finland has come to represent the Åland islands in the EU not only in questions that normally falls under Finnish legislation, but also in questions that fall under the Åland islands home rule. On a more general level, the case leads to thinking about whether the EU should be more responsive to autonomous territories. How to ensure

that they are properly represented?

It also brings the Åland islands to the fore in Finnish debate – where they seldom appear. And, for Åland, this is a question of finding the appropriate ways of getting understanding and attention, and constructive ways of contributing to the debate.

Let's end with a traditional question. We know that research is a full-time vocation; but do you have some time left for other activities?

It is true that research tends to be a vocation ... But there is always time for music – for the moment, as a Lusophile, I'm listening to Ronda dos Quatro Caminhos, and as a beginner in Turkish, to Ferhat Göcer. Languages and literature are very important in life, too!

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News of TEPSA Member Institutes

Federal Trust, London

The Federal Trust is organising a conference on “The European Parliament after the Lisbon Treaty”, on 25 April 2008 at the London Metropolitan University (31 Jewry Street, London EC3N 2EY), from 14.00 to 17.30 (followed by a reception).

The event will examine the questions of a European demos, the relationship with the Council of Ministers and relationships with national parliaments.

Speakers will include Andrew Duff MEP, Dr Andreas Maurer, Professor Edward Best, Professor Simona Piattoni, Dermot Scott and Brendan Donnelly.

The full programme can be downloaded on the Trust’s website:
www.fedtrust.co.uk/uploads/EP_workshop_Prog_25_April08.pdf

To register please contact Ulrike Rüb-Taylor on ulrike.rub@fedtrust.co.uk or on 020 7320 3045.

Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

The latest issue of the IAI’s quarterly *The International Spectator* (Volume 43, No.1, March 2008), features, among others, a few articles on EU-related issues: *Europe’s Future Foreign Service* by Graham Avery; *Beyond the Stalemate: How Europe Can Contribute to UN Reform* by Ulrich Roos, Ulrich Franke and Gunther Hellmann; *Promoting Regional Cooperation: The EU in South Eastern Europe* by Alessandro Rotta.

Institute of International Relations, Prague

In January 2008, the Institute of International Relations (IIR) in Prague held a closed **round table** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the Director of Directorate of the European Commission for the European Neighbourhood Policy Coordination **Mr. Rutger Wissels**.

In March 2008, IIR Prague organised, in cooperation with the Ukrainian Embassy, the conference “**15 years of Diplomatic Relations between Czech Republic and Ukraine**”. The conference, which was

attended by almost a hundred participants, had two panels: 1) Political aspects of mutual relations and 2) Economical and cultural relationships.

For the second half of April 2008, the IIR is preparing the public presentation of a new publication: “**50 years of Czech International Relations Research: from IIPE to IIR**”. You can read a résumé of the new publication at <http://www.iir.cz/upload/Publikace/50letUMVResumeAJ.pdf>.

On the 5th-6th June 2008, the conference “**Visegrad Cooperation and the Czech EU Presidency**”, which IIR Prague is organising in cooperation with the Visegrad Fund, will take place. This conference resumes where the Budapest conference from December 2007 (*The Foreign Policies of the Visegrad Countries towards the Eastern Neighbourhood – Areas and Options of Cooperation*) left off. The Prague conference in June will focus on regional cooperation in Middle Europe during the presidency of Czech Republic in the European Council from 1 January 2009 till 1 July 2009. You are very welcome to join this conference (on your own expenses).

Institute of European Affairs, Dublin

In December 2007 Alan Dukes finished his term after five years as Director General of the Institute of European Affairs, and in March 2008 Jill Donoghue, Director of Research, was appointed Deputy Director General and acting Director General.

As of May 2008, The Institute of European Affairs will be renamed the Institute of International and European Affairs, and will incorporate broader global considerations into its research program.

Greek Centre of European Studies and Research (EKEME), Athens

EKEME has updated and upgraded its website, which now includes in a new design the centre’s projects, activities, publications, news, events, documentation and many other useful things. Have a look at www.ekeme.gr!

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

The Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences is organising with its German partners a workshop on “Services and liberalisation in the Single Market”, as part of the serie “Budapester Gespräche”, on 22-24 May 2008, at the IWE and the Budapest Business School.

Further information: www.vki.hu

Center of International Relations, Ljubljana

The 2007 survey of the 25 largest Slovenian multinational enterprises (MNEs), conducted by the Centre of International Relations (CIR), Ljubljana, and the Columbia Program on International Investment (CPII), New York, was released on February 18, reveals dynamic outward foreign direct investment (FDI) activity by Slovenian firms. FDI outflows from Slovenia have surpassed FDI inflows in three of the past four years, as Slovenia firms look to expand in foreign markets.

The principal findings of the survey are that, in 2006, Slovenia's Top 25 MNEs, valued by foreign assets, had US\$4bn¹ in assets abroad; had nearly US\$4bn in foreign sales (including exports); and employed 23,616 persons abroad. Their foreign assets and employment each more than doubled since 2004, while foreign sales increased 60%. Foreign assets are concentrated in Europe. The top three firms – Mercator, Gorenje, Krka – account for more than half of the total assets of the Top 25, and the top five firms account for 68% of the Top 25's total foreign assets.

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See also the press release:

<http://www.cpii.columbia.edu/projects/documents/CIR-CPIIPressReleaseSlovenianMNEs-18March2008.pdf>

¹ The following EUR/USD exchange rates, based on XE.com Universal Currency Converter (<http://www.xe.com/ucc/>), were used throughout: 1.31954 (2006); 1.18395 (2005); 1.35338 (2004).

Centre International de Formation Européenne, Nice

As of autumn 2008, the CIFE's European Online Academy will offer a two-year **Masters programme online**. Its Master in EU Studies (60 ECTS) is set to offer an accurate blend of theoretical and practical knowledge. The Master in EU Studies is an ideal training programme and additional qualification for young professionals, postgraduates and junior officials interested in, or, already working in the field of European integration.

Objectives

To gain an enhanced knowledge of recent developments in the European integration process and up-to-date insight into proceedings and policy areas, EU institutions, EU Law and Economics (1st year); and to specialise in one of the core subjects: Political Science, Economics and EU Law, (2nd year);

Requirements

- University Graduate Degree (minimum required BA)
- Commitment to EU topics or relevant work experience
- Fluency in English

Methodology

The Master in EU Studies offers through a combination of e-learning and compact face-to-face learning phases in for example Berlin, Brussels, Prague and Rome:

- Online-Courses and discussion forums;
- Interdisciplinary subject blend: Political Science, Economics and EU Law;
- Workshops and intercultural seminars;
- Simulations, tests, written and oral exams;
- Organised visits to the EU and national institutions, dialogue with decision makers.

The project involves recognised experts with academic and practical backgrounds as teachers, tutors and researchers such as François Bafail (Sciences-Po, Paris), András Inotai (Institute for World Economics, Budapest), Ingolf Pernice (Walter Hallstein-Institute, Humboldt-University, Berlin), Wolfgang Wessels (Jean Monnet Chair, University of Cologne). Working language is English.

Information: www.eu-online-academy.org

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