



EU EASTERN PARTNERSHIP

JEAN MONNET CONFERENCE

University of Latvia, Riga
11 - 13 June 2014

FROM CAPACITIES TO EXCELLENCE

STRENGTHENING RESEARCH, REGIONAL AND INNOVATION POLICIES IN THE CONTEXT OF HORIZON 2020

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 11 June 2014

Mazā aula / Small Hall, University of Latvia, Riga, Raina blvd. 19

10:30 – 18:00 PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS - INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN LABOUR
MARKET INTEGRATION, SOCIETAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES –
FOCUS ON THE BALTIC STATES AND EU EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES

Thursday 12 June 2014

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9:00 – 10:00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
10:00 – 10:45 OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION
10:45 – 12:00 INTRODUCTORY KEY NOTE STATEMENTS: EASTERN PARTNERSHIP –
TIME FOR A NEW COOPERATION STRATEGY
12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH

Senāta sēžu zāle / The Senate Room

13:30 – 15:00 THE REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES ROUND TABLE: SOFT VERSUS HARD POWER
15:00 – 15:15 COFFEE BREAK
15:15 – 16:45 FIRST EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN H2020
16:45 – 17:00 COFFEE BREAK
17:00 – 18:30 FIRST EASTERN PARTNERSHIP ROUND TABLE THE EU'S EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
IN TURMOIL – FRONT LINE ISSUES: STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION

Friday 13 June 2014

Baltic Beach Hotel, Jurmala, Juras str. 23/25

8:00 – 8:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
8:30 – 9:30 SECOND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP ROUND TABLE: FRONTLINE ISSUES AND
CONVERGENCE WITH EU POLICIES: STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION
9:30 – 10:30 SECOND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN H2020
10:30 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK
10:45 – 11:15 REGIONAL ENERGY ISSUES
11:15 – 12:45 AGORA I: PRACTICES AND POLICIES IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH
14:00 – 15:00 AGORA II: PRACTICES AND POLICIES IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
15:00 – 16:30 CONCLUDING SESSION: THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP MULTILATERAL
PLATFORMS 2014-2017 : IS THE EU INSTITUTIONALLY READY?

The Conference, an initiative within the framework of the European Commission
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Wednesday 11 June 2014

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- 10:30 – 18:30** **PRE-CONFERENCE JEAN MONNET RESEARCH SEMINAR:**
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES IN LABOUR MARKET INTEGRATION, SOCIETAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES – FOCUS ON THE BALTIC STATES AND EU EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES
(programme is available at <http://www.lu.lv/jeanmonnetconference2014/welcome>)
- 10:30 – 13:00** *Panel I* **Towards Labour Market Challenges for Inclusion and Equal Employment**
- 14:00 – 16:00** *Panel II* **Conference Doctoral School “European Integration and Baltic Sea Region Studies”, University of Latvia**
- 16:00 – 17:00** **Concluding Session followed by the *Graduation Ceremony of the European Studies Masters Programme, University of Latvia***
- 17:00 – 18:00** **STRAWBERRIES, CHEESE AND WINE**

Thursday 12 June 2014, morning

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- 9:00 – 10:00** **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**
- 10:00 – 10:45** **OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION**
Indriķis Muižnieks, Vice Rector for Research, University of Latvia
Inna Šteinbuka, Head, European Commission Representation in Latvia
Andrejs Pildegovičs, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia
Conference Chairperson: **Tatjana Muravska**, Professor, Director, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Latvia
- 10:45– 12:00** **INTRODUCTORY KEY NOTE STATEMENTS:**
EASTERN PARTNERHSIP - TIME FOR A NEW COOPERATION STRATEGY
- Chairperson:* **Inna Šteinbuka**, Head, European Commission Representation in Latvia
- Speakers:* *Eastern Partnership after Vilnius Summit. Legacy of Lithuanian EU Presidency, Challenges Ahead,* **Darius Vitkauskas**, Deputy Director, Eastern Neighbourhood Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania
Opportunities for Jean Monnet Activities in EaP Countries – the Erasmus+ Programme, **Renato Girelli**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture
Research and Innovation- Cooperation with EaP Countries in the Horizon 2020 Programme, **Thierry Devars**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Road to the EU Membership? **Roman Petrov**, Professor, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine
- INTERVENTION** by H.E. **Georgios Chatzimichelakis**, Embassy of Hellenic Republic to Latvia
- DISCUSSION**
- 12:00 – 13:30** **LUNCH** *Restaurant “Daily”, Private Hall, University of Latvia*

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Thursday 12 June 2014, afternoon

Senāta sēžu zāle / The Senate Room

13:30 – 15:00

THE REGIONAL SECURITY ISSUES ROUND TABLE: SOFT VERSUS HARD POWER

Chairperson: Žaneta Ozoliņa, Professor, University of Latvia

KEYNOTE STATEMENT

H.E. **Māris Riekstiņš**, Permanent Representative of Latvia to NATO

Speakers:

Current Issues in the Security Policy, **Mark Oppenorth**, Russia and Ukraine Relations Section Political Affairs and Security Policy, NATO

Russia's Soft Power with a Hard Edge? **Jānis Kažociņš**, Advisor on International Security Issues to the Minister of Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Political Aspects of Security Policy in Relation to Eastern Partnership: Perspectives for Georgia, **Eka Sepashvili**, Dr, Chief Adviser to the State Minister, Office of the State Minister of Georgia on European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Georgia

Peace and Security through Law - the Role of the Individual Rights as a Stabilizing Factor for National and International Politics, **Rainer Arnold**, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair "Ad Personam", University of Regensburg, Germany

DISCUSSION

15:00 – 15:15

COFFEE BREAK

15:15 – 16:45

FIRST EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN H2020

Co-chairpersons:

Thierry Devars, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation
Indriķis Muižnieks, Vice Rector for Research, University of Latvia

Introductory Note:

Reinforcing Cooperation EU - EaP Countries on Energy Research and Innovation, **Manfred Spiesberger**, Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna, Austria

Panel members:

Through FP7 to H2020: Armenian practice - IPERA project, **Aram Papoyan**, ERA-WIDE, Director, Institute for Physical Research of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia, Ashtarak, Armenia

History and Best Practice in Bridging the Gap between Research and Innovation, **Daniela Chiran**, Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum, Stuttgart, Germany

Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis: From East to West – Keeping the Best, **Ivars Kalviņš**, Professor, Head, Department of Medicinal Chemistry, Latvian Institute of Organic Synthesis and Chair of the BIRTI Council

DISCUSSION

16:45 – 17:00

COFFEE BREAK

17:00 – 18:30

FIRST EASTERN PARTNERSHIP ROUND TABLE THE EU'S EASTERN PARTNERSHIP IN TURMOIL – FRONT LINE ISSUES: STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

Chairperson:

Anders Paalzow, Rector, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia

Speakers:

European Crises: Even External Ones? **Michael Bolle**, Professor, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Free University, Berlin, Germany

An Eastern Foreign Policy for the EU: EU - Russia Relations in a Prospect of Further Enlargement of the EU, **Andrea Bosco**, Professor, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Florence, Italy

Post-Soviet Regionalism: the Case of Ukraine, **Viktor Chuzhykov** and **Oleksandr Fedirko**, Professors, Jean Monnet Chair, Kyiv National Economic University named after Vadym Hetman, Ukraine

DISCUSSION

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8:00 – 8:30 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

8:30 – 9:30 **SECOND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP ROUNDTABLE**
FRONTLINE ISSUES AND CONVERGENCE WITH EU POLICIES:
STABILITY, DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION

Chairperson: **Roman Petrov**, Professor, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

Speakers: *European Territorial Cooperation with Non-EU-Member States*, **Wolfgang Streitenberger**, Dr, European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional Policy and Urban Development

OSCE Commitments in the Area of Migration. ODIHR's Support to Participating States in their Implementation, **Juris Gromovs**, Adviser on Migration and Freedom of Movement, The Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Challenges and Prospects for Georgia as the Result of Eastern Partnership, **Rati Abuladze**, Professor, Georgian Technical University, Tbilisi, Georgia

DISCUSSION

9:30 – 10:30 **SECOND EASTERN PARTNERSHIP PANEL:**
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION IN H2020

Chairperson: **Indriķis Muižnieks**, Vice Rector for Research, University of Latvia

Speakers: *Smart Specialisation and EU Eastern Innovation Cooperation – a Conceptual Approach*, **Gunnar Prause**, Professor, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

Strengthening of EU-Ukraine S&T COOPERATION: ERA-Wide Program and Its Results Based on the Nanotwinning Project, **Olena Fesenko**, Head, Institute of Physics, National Academy of Sciences, Kiev, Ukraine

EU-Ukraine STI Cooperation in Aeronautics: FP7 Experience and New Opportunities in H2020, **Igor Rybalchenko**, National Aerospace University “KhAI”, Kharkov, Ukraine

10:30 – 10:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:45 – 11:15 **REGIONAL ENERGY ISSUES**

Speakers: *Regional Energy Policy Issues: the Case of Latvia*, **Jurijs Spiridonovs**, Dr, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Economics of the Republic of Latvia

Energy Relations between Turkey and the European Union with Reference to EaP, **Tolga Demiryol**, Professor, Istanbul Kemerburgaz University, Turkey

DISCUSSION

11:15 – 12:45 **AGORA: POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP (PART I)**

Chairperson: **Alexandre Berlin**, Dr, Honorary Director, European Commission, Paris, France

Speakers: *Cooperation with EaP Countries: Experience of the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga*, **Anders Paalzow**, Rector, Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia

Significance and Impact of Innovation Network of Academia and Business with Special Emphasis on Work Based Learning, **Max A. Hogeforster**, Dr, Chairman, Baltic Sea Academy and **Elina Priedulena**, Hanse Parliament, Hamburg, Germany

Eastern Partnership and Ukrainian Crisis – Geostrategic, Economic and Social Challenges with Reference to European Studies, **Kamil Zajączkowski**, Dr, Vice Chair, Polish ECSA and Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, Poland

Adolescence of European Lawyer: Promoting Legal Education through Eastern Partnership, **Tanel Kerikmäe**, Professor, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

DISCUSSION

12:45 – 14:00 **LUNCH**

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14:00 – 15:00

AGORA: PRACTICES AND POLICIES IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP (PART II)

Chairperson:

Alexandre Berlin, Dr, Honorary Director, European Commission, Paris, France

Speakers:

Financial Policy Instruments for Enhanced Cooperation with EaP Countries, **Valdone Darskuvienė**, Professor, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

ENP Financial Instruments, **Ewa Latoszek**, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland (presented by Kamil Zajączkowski, Dr, Vice Chair, Polish ECSA and Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw, Poland)

DISCUSSION

Need for Service Design Development for Sustainable Rural Tourism in Azerbaijan, **Aytan Poladova**, Dr, Ekoloji Tarazliq NGO, Baku, Azerbaijan and **Jonna Heikkilä**, Dr, Turku University of Applied Sciences, Finland

DISCUSSION

Latvia–Russia & Eastern Partnership in Agriculture **Ainārs Nābels-Šneiders**, Dr, Agricultural Attaché in Moscow, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia

DISCUSSION

15:00 – 16:30

CONCLUDING SESSION AND GENERAL DISCUSSION THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP MULTILATERAL PLATFORMS 2014-2017: IS INSTITUTIONALLY THE EU READY?

Speakers:

EU Presidency Priorities for Latvia, H.E. **Juris Poikāns**, Ambassador-at-Large for Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Institutional setup of European Neighbourhood Policy- Increasing Efficiency Ahead, **Ilze Rūse**, Dr, Director, European Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Concluding Remarks, **Tatjana Muravska**, Professor, Director, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Latvia

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FAREWELL