



The Member States and the EU's Eastern Neighbours

A Wider Europe Seminar with the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Venue: SWP, Ludwigkirchplatz 3–4, 10719 Berlin

30 October 2008

09h00 Welcome – Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) and the Jean Monnet Wider Europe Network (JMWEN)
Volker Perthes (Director of SWP)
Alan Mayhew (JMWEN)

09h15 Can ENP Deliver Reform in Eastern Europe?

This session would look at the strengths and weaknesses of ENP in supporting economic, legal and social reform in Eastern Europe; changes to the policy will also be considered.

Chair: Alan Mayhew (JMWEN)

Speakers: Gerhard Almer (Auswärtiges Amt); Rainer Lindner (SWP); Laure Delcourt (Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques -IRIS); Tom Casier (University of Kent; Brussels)

10h45 The Member States and the Eastern Neighbours

How do the Member States regard ENP? What influence have the Member States had on its creation and development? How do Member States see the future of then policy? Influence of the new MS on the policy? Are there potential alliances of Member States involved in ENP? How far do relations with Russia affect Member States views of ENP?

Chair: Christophe Hillion (JMWEN)

Speakers: Nat Copsey (JMWEN); Maria Sadowska (demosEUROPA-Warsaw); Florian Escudie (Embassy of France to the Federal Republic)

- 12h15 Lunch
- 13h15 Deep Integration: Is it Feasible in Eastern Europe?
- What is it? The legal and economic requirements of deep integration. How far can they be realised in Eastern Europe? The enhanced agreement with Ukraine and FTA+ as first attempts at deep integration in the region.
- Ewa Synowiec (European Commission); Valerii Pyatnitsky (Deputy Minister of the Economy tbc); Christophe Hillion (JMWEN);
- Chair: Alan Mayhew (JMWEN)
- 14h45 Coffee
- 15h00 Keynote speaker
- Kostiantyn Yelisieiev (deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine, tbc)
- 15h30 Roundtable on the Member States and EU's Eastern Neighbours: Towards an Eastern Partnership?
- Chair and discussant: Prof. William E. Paterson (University of Birmingham)
Speakers: Nat Copsey (JMWEN); Alan Mayhew (JMWEN); Laure Delcourt (IRIS);
- 16h30 Closing words