

# The EU and Eastern Europe: opportunities and challenges



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# Points for discussion

1. ENP: origin and thinking
2. EaP: a new opening?
3. New opportunities for Eastern neighbours
4. New/Old challenges for neighbours

ESRC-funded project  
'Europeanising or Securitising the outsiders?  
Assessing the EU's partnership-building  
approach with Eastern Europe', 2008-2010  
(RES-061-25-0001)

- Surveys: published in EU and conducted in EE
- Interviews: in EU: EC, MEPs, and MS; in EE: EU delegations, Embassies + MFA, MPs and Presidential Administrations
- Focus groups
- School essays on Europe

For more: [www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/minisites/widereurope/index.html](http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/minisites/widereurope/index.html)



# ENP: history and thinking

<b>2002</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Proposals from British and Swedish Foreign Ministers</li><li>- 'Proximity Europe' (Patten and Solana); 'Everything but the Institutions...' (Romano Prodi) + 'backyard of Europe'</li></ul>
<b>2003</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 'Wider Europe— Neighbourhood: A New Framework for Relations with our Eastern and Southern Neighbours'. Russia included</li></ul>
<b><u>2004</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- '<b>European Neighbourhood Policy</b>', <i>STRATEGY PAPER</i></li><li>S. Caucasus included</li></ul>
<b>2005</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 7 First Action Plans adopted and 5 more under preparation</li></ul>
<b>2006/7</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- '<b>Strengthening the European Neighbourhood Policy</b>'</li><li>- <b>The ENPI enters into force</b></li><li>- Neighbourhood Conference in Brussels</li></ul>
<b><u>2008</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Re-launch of the Union for the Mediterranean (with 9 ENP partners)</b></li><li>-12 progress reports</li></ul>
<b><u>2009</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>Launch of Eastern Partnership (6 countries)</b></li><li>- <b>Neighbourhood Convention</b></li></ul>
<b>2010</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Negotiations over Associations Agreements with Ukraine and Moldova</li></ul>

# Eastern Partnership (EaP): a new opening?

- ❑ A more ambitious partnership
- ❑ Two-track approach: bi- & multi-lateral relations
- ❑ Four thematic platforms through Association Agreements
- ❑ Five flagship initiatives

# EaP: new opportunities

- Regional focus
- Ambitious partnership
- Multi-lateral approach
- Institutional Capacity Building
- Cross-Border-Cooperation
- Visa Liberalisation + Mobility Packs
- More Money

# EaP: 2011-13 budget

<b><u>European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument</u></b>	
<b>Country Programmes</b>	<b>Total 2011-13 in EUR million</b>
Armenia	157.3
Azerbaijan	122.5
Georgia	180.3
Moldova	273.1
Ukraine	470.1
<b>Multi Country Programmes</b>	
Regional Programme – East	262.3
Inter-Regional Programme	757.7

\* The mid term review of the country programme for Belarus and the Cross Border Co-operation programmes are under preparation and will be completed soon, IP/10/221, 2 March 2010 (<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/221&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>)



# EaP: new/old challenges

- ❑ EaP's added values?
- ❑ EaP's conceptual foundations?
- ❑ Normative tensions?
- ❑ Security Dilemmas?

# Conclusions: What is Next?

- EC: optimistic
- MEPs/MS: 'wait-and-see'
- EE: 'toothless' policy, no visibility, no prospect