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
ENP as a Regional Policy
# ENP: history and thinking

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<th>Year</th>
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| 2002 | - Proposals from British and Swedish Foreign Ministers  
- ‘Proximity Europe’ (Patten and Solana); ‘Everything but the Institutions...’ (Romano Prodi) + ‘backyard of Europe’ |
| 2004 | - ‘European Neighbourhood Policy’, *STRATEGY PAPER*  
S. Caucasus included |
| 2005 | - 7 First Action Plans adopted and 5 more under preparation |
| 2006/7 | - ‘Strengthening the European Neighbourhood Policy’  
- The ENPI enters into force  
- Neighbourhood Conference in Brussels |
| 2008 | - Re-launch of the Union for the Mediterranean (with 9 ENP partners)  
- 12 progress reports |
| 2009 | - Launch of Eastern Partnership (6 countries)  
- Neighbourhood Convention |
| 2010 | - Negotiations over Associations Agreements with Ukraine and Moldova |
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

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* 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