

## News from TEPSA – JANUARY 2008

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Dear Friends,

With this first newsletter of 2008 we wish you all the best – success and the achievement of your personal and professional goals for the year.

Highlights are the enlargement of TEPSA, with the admission of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science (IIRPS, Lithuania) as member and the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) as associate member, the Pre-Presidency Conference in Ljubljana on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and the Pre-Presidency Conference in Paris on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

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### TEPSA activities:

- **Pre-Presidency Conference in Ljubljana, 3-4 December**
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The Centre for International Relations (CIR), Ljubljana, in cooperation with TEPSA and the EU-CONSENT network of excellence, organised a Pre-Presidency conference which took place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 in Ljubljana on the theme "Competitiveness, Globalisation and Cohesion: Priorities of the Slovenian EU Presidency".

The conference hosted over 200 attendants from Slovenia's public and political life, as well as the diplomatic corps in Slovenia and journalists.

The conference discussed some of the major issues of the European agenda, and highlighted the priorities of the Slovenian Presidency of the EU. Prof. Dr. Marjan Svetlicic, Head of the CIR opened the conference and Graham Avery, Secretary General of TEPSA welcomed speakers and participants on behalf of TEPSA. The Slovenian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dimitrij Rupel, described the current issues facing the EU and presented the priorities of the Slovenian Presidency: ratification process of the Lisbon Treaty, integration of the Western Balkans into the EU, Lisbon Strategy, energy security, climate change and intercultural dialogue. Professor Jaap de Zwaan, Director of The Clingendael Institute, The Hague, presented the following recommendations from the TEPSA network to the Slovenian Presidency:

1. **The Reform Treaty** to be signed in Lisbon on 13 December needs to be ratified in 2008 so that the institutional Reform can finally come into force early in 2009. **The process of ratification** should be accompanied by **good preparation for implementation** of the Treaty, including the adaptation of the provisions for Freedom Security & Justice where the third pillar will be abolished, and the creation of the European External Action Service to assist the new High Representative/Vice-President for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy.
2. The EU should press forward with implementation of the Hague Programme for **freedom, security and justice**. Although the Lisbon Treaty has not yet been signed, let alone entered into force, progress in this area is in interest of the Union, its Member States and citizens. Priorities include **evaluation** of common measures adopted so far; implementation of the common **external border** arrangements in the new Member States (the former Schengen cooperation); realisation of a system for common European **asylum**; reflection on a common approach to **legal migration** (linkage with the Lisbon Agenda); refinement of instruments for **combating terrorisms**, and implementation of **mutual recognition** – cooperation in the spheres of criminal law and criminal procedure. Moreover the **external dimension** – cooperation with third countries for example with regard to asylum and migration, and aspects regarding CFSP – requires full attention.
3. The EU's commitment to **environmental protection** and sustainable growth should be the basis for its external policies in view of **energy security**. A strategy for enhancing the EU's competitive position in the global market for sustainable technologies should underpin its offers to deal with the consequences of **climate change**. Discussion of proposal expected soon from the Commission should be a priority for the Slovenian Presidency, and its successors, with a view to decisions in 2009.

4. There are potentials inconsistency between the aims, procedures and timetables of the **Lisbon Strategy**, the **Sustainable Development Strategy** and the **Energy Policy for Europe**. In the interests of efficient and effective policies affecting the supply-side of the EU economy, efforts should be made to reconcile the different strategies so as to establish a more coherent governance system
5. The recent proposal from the Commission for improvement of the **common agricultural policy** ('health check') should be addressed soon by the Council. The reforms of 2003 need to be updated and complemented to ensure that this policy, which occupies an important place in the EU's budget, responds to the needs of consumers and of rural society, as well as the protection of the environment
6. The EU should maintain the **enlargement** process on the basis of its renewed consensus, and prospective members must continue with the necessary political and economic reforms. Reconciliation with neighbours, externally and internally, including respect for minorities, intercultural dialogue and comprehension of the past, is a precondition for European Integration. In the **Western Balkans** the Stabilisation and association Process needs to be extended; Croatia's progress on the path to membership can encourage the others; a solution of the Kosovo question will bring stability to region and allow Serbia to confirm its European vocation, while state-building is the priority in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and better governance in Montenegro, Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
7. The EU should urgently develop a **common strategy** towards **Russia**, reversing the trend of recent years towards bilateral relationships. A strengthened relationship should be based on the principle of mutual trust and characterised by respect for democracy, openness and human rights. It should aim to improve relations in trade and energy and other cooperation between EU and Russia.

The conference discussions were then structured along the lines of the priority issues. Academics, analysts and government representatives from the Western Balkans outlined the state of affairs in the integration process and strategies undertaken, and Mr. Axel Wallden from the Commission's DG Enlargement summed up the major challenges facing the region (Kosovo status, statehood in Bosnia and Herzegovina and stable democracy in Serbia) and stressed that progress in the integration process to a large extent depends on the countries of the region.

Innovation and creativity, open business environment and social as well as environmental awareness were discussed in relation to achieving greater competitiveness for European business and the overall aims of the Lisbon strategy. Commissioner Potocnik and Dr. Visnja Samardžija (IMO, Zagreb)

stressed the importance of efforts of all member states in the implementation phase of the Lisbon strategy.

The discussion on the EU budget review echoed the concerns raised in relation to the implementation of the Lisbon strategy. Expenditures for the common agricultural policy still present the biggest challenge in any EU budget review. The final panel was devoted to the Lisbon Treaty as well as to the Slovenian role regarding its ratification. Prof. Wolfgang Wessels concluded the conference with optimism for Slovenia's conduct of its Presidency tasks.

### **Pre-Presidency Conference in Paris, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

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The next in our series of Pre-Presidency conferences will take place in Paris on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008 under the auspices of TEPSA's French member Sciences-Po. We hope to inform members soon of the programme for this event, which will be followed by TEPSA's General Assembly.

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### **New Member Institutes of TEPSA**

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On the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007, on the occasion of the TEPSA General Assembly in Ljubljana, two new members were admitted to TEPSA. The Lithuanian Institute of International Relations and Political Science (IIRPS) and the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) became respectively member and associate member of TEPSA.

Prof. Hartmut Marhold, Director General of CIFE and Prof. Nortautas Statkus of Vilnius University, who represented their Institutes at the meeting, expressed their satisfaction for having joined the TEPSA network.

We look forward to a fruitful cooperation with them!

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## New of TEPSA members

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### - ***TEPSA Members among the World's top Think Tanks***

The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and the Österreichisches Institut für Internationale Politik (OIIP) were listed among the "Top 30 Think Tanks in the World" according to a survey conducted by the Think Tanks and Civil Society Programme at the Philadelphia-based Foreign Policy Research Institute. As many as 5080 public policy organisations which aim to "bridge the gap between knowledge and policy" have been evaluated. From this list 228 Institutions have been nominated by their peers and evaluated by a panel of about 50 international experts.

See the Report on Global "Go-To Think Tanks":

<http://www.fpri.org/research/thinktanks/mcgann.globalgotothinktanks.pdf>

### - **Institute for International Relations, Zagreb**

Igor Vidacak PhD, Researcher at the Institute for International Relations, European Integration Department, was pronounced person of the year for his work with civil society in Croatia. According to an opinion poll conducted by the NGO for independent media H-Alter, the event that marked 2007 in civil society in Croatia was his appointment as Head of the Office for Cooperation with NGOs. This selection, although unofficial, is an important recognition for Mr Vidacak and IMO.

### - **Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome**

- o **Conference "The European Neighbourhood Policy and the Southern Mediterranean: Drawing from the Lessons of Enlargement", in cooperation with the Middle East Technical University, Ankara, 23 November 2007**

The Istituto Affari Internazionali, (IAI) Rome, and the Center for European Studies-Middle East Technical University, (CES-METU), Ankara, organized an international conference on "*The European Neighbourhood Policy and the Southern Mediterranean: Drawing from the Lessons of Enlargement*" that took place in Ankara on 23 November 2007. The conference, organized within the framework of the EU-Consent network of excellence, brought together some of the leading experts on the European Neighbourhood Policy, both from European and Southern Mediterranean countries. The first session analyzed the prospects, limits, and opportunities of the ENP Action Plans for the Southern Mediterranean Neighbours and the second presented the point of view of the Southern Mediterranean countries on the ENP Action Plans. The third and last session linked together the topic of ENP and the

enlargement, in particular the Turkish experience. While the EU institutions strive at all times to keep separate these two topics, it was deemed necessary for EU-Consent researchers to look at how these two policies interrelate to each other, especially concerning Turkey.

- **Workshop on "The contribution of Italy and the European Union to the collective security system of the United Nations", Rome, 30 November 2007**

The Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) - Rome, the Centro Studi sul Federalismo (CSF), Turin and the European Policy Centre (EPC) - Brussels convened a high-level workshop on 30 November 2007 in Rome titled "The contribution of Italy and the European Union to the collective security system of the United Nations." The event was organised in cooperation with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with the support of the Compagnia di San Paolo. The participants included government representatives from Italy and other EU member states, officials from the EU institutions and the UN, and academic and other non-government experts from Italy and Europe.

Discussions focused on the contribution of Italy and the European Union to the collective security system of the United Nations, particularly concerning the peacekeeping capabilities, the reform of the UN security architecture and the functioning of the UN Security Council.

This workshop is one of the activities implemented by the IAI in the framework of a multi-annual research programme focused on the cooperation between the EU and the UN in the field of international peace and security.

- **Fellowship "European Foreign and Security Policy Studies"**

IAI's research fellow Riccardo Alcaro has been selected to take part in the research and training programme "European Foreign and Security Policy Studies", an EU-wide initiative jointly developed by the foundations Compagnia di San Paolo of Turin/Italy, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond of Stockholm/Sweden, and Volkswagen Stiftung of Hanover/Germany. He has been awarded a grant to conduct a research on the topic "Exploring the potential and limits of the CFSP: the EU diplomatic action on Iran's nuclear issue". He presented his research project to a panel of European studies experts, academics, and representatives from the three funding foundations, the final step of a selection process that resulted in the assignment of around 20 grants out of the 115 originally presented applications.

- **Centre International de Formation Européenne, Brussels**

The CIFE Headquarters in cooperation with «the Group of CIFE Alumni in Brussels » organised on 29 January a lunch debate «The Treaty of Lisbon: what next? », which was attended by Yvonne Nasshoven and Alessio Ruta for the TEPSA Secretariat.

Discussant of this event was Jo Leinen, MEP and Chairman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs.

More information is available at [CIFE - Etudes européennes - Les MIDIS du CIFE](#)

- **Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid**

The Real Instituto Elcano has just appointed a new Senior Analyst for the European Union, Dr. Ignacio Molina, an Associate Professor in Political Science at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. Doctor Molina is replacing Dr. José Ignacio Torreblanca, who will be running the ECFR office in Madrid. If you wish to receive more information, please contact Dr. Molina at his e-mail address [imolina@rielcano.org](mailto:imolina@rielcano.org)

### Upcoming events and activities

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

- o 1 February

EU - CONSENT- Lecture in Budapest

**Experience of using the EU financial resources (structural and cohesion funds, CAP support) in Greece.**

Speaker: Nikos FRANGAKIS Director of the Greek Centre for European Studies and Research

- o 4 February

Conference: **The Economic and Monetary Union and the introduction of the Euro in Cyprus**

Speaker: Dr. Andreas Charalambous, Director of Economic Research and European Affairs at the Ministry of Finance

- **The Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki**

- o 25 February

Open seminar: **EU Foreign Policy and the European External Action Service**

Speaker: Graham Avery, Secretary General of TEPSA

[http://www.upi-fiia.fi/eng/events/forthcoming\\_events/](http://www.upi-fiia.fi/eng/events/forthcoming_events/)

- **Österreichisches Institut für Internationale Politik, Wien**
  - o Thursday, February 7, 2008, 6:00 p.m., OIIP Library, 1040Wien, Operngasse 20B:

**The EU through the Eyes of Asia: the Case of China and Hong Kong** by Dr. Kenneth CHAN KA LOK (Hong Kong Baptist University, *China*) Moderation Dr. Otmar Höll (OIIP) Dr. Chan lectures in Vienna in the frame of the European Studies in Asia Lecture Tour 4-15 February 2008, an initiative of the Asia-Europe Foundation.

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### TEPSA Secretariat

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We have said goodbye to Mathieu Briens, who left us in January to join the European Commission as an Administrator in the Directorate General for Fisheries.

We thank Mathieu for his work as Assistant and we wish him all the best for his future career.

We expect to appoint his successor soon.

In January Yvonne Nasshoven was appointed Assistant Secretary General of TEPSA.

### Training Programme for TEPSA

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It was announced at the General Assembly in Ljubljana in December 2007 that TEPSA envisages to set up a training programme for young researchers. The programme, to be launched at the Pre-Presidency Conference in Paris in June 2008 will consist of two pillars, on the one hand teaching practical skills like drafting of policy briefs or project management, and on the other hand draw the researchers deeper into the debate on a topic of current interest. An outline of the ideas for the programme has already been distributed to all TEPSA member institutes.

In case you have any questions or suggestions please contact Yvonne Nasshoven at [Yvonne.Nasshoven@tepsa.be](mailto:Yvonne.Nasshoven@tepsa.be).

## Interview with Nikos Frangakis, Director of the Greek Center of European Studies and Research (EKEME) and Member of TEPSA's Board

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### **1. Mr. Frangakis, when and how did you get involved into TEPSA's activities?**

Being one of the founding fellows of EKEME in 1980 and a member of its Board from the very beginning, I had the opportunity to get to know TEPSA and in particular Professor Jacques Vandamme since we first joined the network in the mid-eighties. While I was in Brussels as Director of the Legal Service at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EC, between 1986 and 1989, I was more and more involved into TEPSA's activities. This involvement became stronger once I became director of EKEME in the early nineties. At present, being President of EKEME and a member of the Board of TEPSA as well, I appreciate more the interaction between my national institute and our European network.

### **2. Being an advocate, how did your career develop in the direction of European affairs? Why this choice?**

Greece's accession to the EC was a decisive turning point in Greece's recent history. Since the beginning of my legal practice, back in 1971, I tried to develop a professional activity that would combine the domestic legal order with a wider, more international and eventually more European, approach. In addition to the handling of cases of a relevant nature, emphasis was given to ECJ jurisprudence through commentaries that I edited in my capacity as editor-in-chief of the monthly review of the Athens Bar, as well as of the *European Communities Review*, a quarterly published with the scientific collaboration of EKEME. So EC Law and the European Convention on Human Rights became for me not only grounds for scholarly interest but professional tools as well. This choice has proven to be rewarding, through the years. To handle cases before both the Strasbourg and the Luxembourg European Courts is really one of the most fascinating experiences for an advocate.

### **3. EKEME was founded in 1980, in the final stages of Greek accession to the European Community: how has Greek public opinion on European affairs developed since then?**

The first and most widespread reaction of the Greek public opinion at the time of the country's accession to the EC was one of moderate optimism. The Community was viewed as a guarantee for the newly restored democracy and for the territorial integrity of the country but, mainly, as a factor of economic stability and development in the long run. It is interesting that the then main opposition party (PASOK), once in government, changed its originally negative attitude, up to the point of fighting for Greece's

participation to the Euroland in the late 90s. Since then the vast majority of Greeks have a more or less positive attitude towards the EU, although there are some expressions of euroscepticism from time to time, due mainly to diverging perceptions of the national interest or, simply, to more pragmatic factors, as the rise of prices after the circulation of the euro. It is interesting that according to the latest opinion polls Greece's accession to the EC is viewed positively by the 79% of the population (11% of negative views) thus ranking 9<sup>th</sup> in a list of 20 important events since the restoration of democracy in 1974. On the other hand the adoption of euro meets the approval of only the 47% with a 42% holding a negative stance (17<sup>th</sup> in rank). At the top of the list is the accession of Cyprus to the EU in 2004 with an outstanding 90% for and only 4% against.

#### **4. What role is Greece currently playing in Europe? How is it contributing to the well-functioning of the European family?**

Despite a rather uneasy first period during which the PASOK government tried to emphasise its divergences from the "mainstream" positions of the other member states, after 1985 the europeanisation process that took place in Greece led to the transformation of its position in the European framework. Greece developed into a pro-integration state that aspires to be considered as part of the hard core of the EU. Greece participates in all forms of integration (Eurozone, Schengen etc). Its contribution to the well-functioning of the European family is reflected in its Presidencies of the Council and especially the last one in 2003. It is also reflected in the confidence showed by the European institutions to distinguished Greeks who are chosen to occupy prominent posts: the President of the ECJ, the European Mediator, the Vice-President of the European Court of Human Rights, the Vice-President of the ECB are all Greek – and the first three are fellows of EKEME.

#### **5. On 13<sup>th</sup> December the new Treaty was signed in Lisbon. Do you think the amendments of the Treaty will help to bring the European Union closer to citizens?**

EKEME already organised on the 18<sup>th</sup> December a meeting for the first appraisal of the new Treaty – a follow-up of a similar one held after the June 2007 European Council. The proximity of the EU to its own citizens is obviously one of the thorniest issues to be dealt with. The Constitutional Treaty, although drafted in a relatively transparent and open way, failed to convince the average European citizen. The Treaty of Lisbon was speedily drafted in observance of the traditional intergovernmental procedure and it is going to be ratified preferably by national parliaments without the risk of referendums and with as little public debate as possible, in order for negative reactions to be avoided. Quite frankly, I cannot see how citizens that were not convinced by a well-structured – albeit too lengthy - Constitutional Treaty would be satisfied with a highly complicated text that reintroduces basically

the same technical amendments as the failed one. There is an obvious drift between the European public opinion at large and the national politico-diplomatic elites and EU bureaucracy.

**6. The achievements of the goals mentioned in the new Treaty can be reached only if Member States join forces and cooperate together: how do you think they should approach these challenges?**

Answering in general terms your question could be the kind of wishful thinking that, as I have already mentioned, would not satisfy the European citizen. The original balance of interests and competences between the Union and its member states has not undergone such a drastic change with the Lisbon Treaty. The long-expected *deepening* remains unattainable for the time being. We should better wait until the new Treaty comes into force and then see if member states are sincerely prepared to really join forces and cooperate in pursuance of a more political Union.

**7. To be Director of a research institute like EKEME implies a big investment of your time: what are your favorite activities when you are not working as its Director?**

You probably think of me as an oddity, to manage to combine my activities as a litigator and senior partner of a Law Firm with running EKEME, and for the last ten years I was also member of the Hellenic Data Protection Authority, another part-time demanding commitment. Among "favorite activities", apart from my free time devoted to my family and friends, I could mention a couple of things from my involvement with civil society: the National Commission on Human Rights of which I have been vice-president for a few years and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI- Council of Europe) that I chaired between 1997 and 2000.

## Briefings for the European Parliament

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If you wish to know more about available or forthcoming reports in this series, please contact Alessio Ruta at TEPSA (alessio.ruta@tepsa.be)

### **I. European Neighbourhood Policy, the Black Sea Region and the Western Balkans**

Under the framework contract between TEPSA and the European Parliament, TEPSA has delivered a series of reports on these questions. Most of them are now available on the European Parliament website, at: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/activities/expert/eStudies.do?languageEN>  
In addition, papers on European Neighbourhood Policy were made by members of EKEME (the Greek Center of European Studies and Research) by

Stelios Diakoulakis on the subject "In the absence of a membership perspective, is conditionality, enshrined in the ENP approach, an adequate and appropriate instrument to secure progress in the southern neighbourhood?" and by Panagiotis Choros on the subject "Sticks without carrots: the forces of progress and regression in the Southern Neighbourhood and how the use of conditionality may help in their management"

The following authors were invited by the European Parliament to present the results of their studies in Brussels:

- On 27 November 2007, **Josef Marko** and **Tomislav Marsic** presented their study "The Constitutional Reform Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina" to the Foreign Affairs Committee. This hearing took place ahead of the meeting with EU Special Representative for Bosnia Herzegovina Miroslav Lajcak.
- On 18 December 2007, on the occasion of a meeting with the Foreign Affairs Committee Working Group on the Western Balkans, chaired by Joost Lagendijk and Hannes Swoboda, **Tamas Szemler**, co-author of "The EU presence in a post-status Kosovo - challenges and opportunities" presented the results of his work.

## II. Pre-Accession Strategy

The European Parliament has asked TEPSA to produce a series of country reports on the candidate and potential candidate countries, to be delivered in April 2008. The series is coordinated for TEPSA by Tamas Szemlér (Budapest) and Yvonne Nasshoven (Brussels). The team of authors met for a coordination meeting organised by TEPSA on 13 December in Brussels.

Briefing	Authors
Regional Cooperation	<p><b>Burcu Gültekin-Punsmann</b> (Center for European Studies, Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences Middle East Technical University Ankara)</p> <p><b>Tamás Szemlér</b> (Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest)</p> <p><b>Tomislav Marsic</b> (German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin)</p> <p><b>Florian Trauner</b> (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna)</p>

Albania	<b>Visnja Samardzija</b> (Institute for International Relations, (IMO), Zagreb) <b>Henriette Riegler</b> (Austrian Institute for International Affairs (OIIP), Vienna)
Bosnia Herzegovina	<b>Tamás Szemplér</b> <b>Mladen Stanicic</b> (Institute for International Relations, (IMO), Zagreb)
Croatia	<b>Tom Lynch</b> (Institute of European Affairs, Dublin) <b>Visnja Samardzija</b>
Kosovo	<b>Henriette Riegler</b> <b>Filip Tesar</b> (Institute of International Relations, Prague)
Macedonia	<b>Florian Trauner</b> <b>Tom Lynch</b>
Montenegro	<b>Filip Tesar</b> <b>Marcus Delacor</b> (Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin)
Serbia	<b>Marcus Delacor</b> <b>Tomislav Marsic</b>

### III Turkey

A series of briefings on Turkey has recently been requested from TEPSA by the European Parliament, to be delivered in February 2008. The team of authors is:

Briefing	Author
The influence of the Turkish military on political agenda-setting in the country	<b>Costas Melakopides</b> (Cyprus Institute of Mediterranean, European, and International Studies (KIMEDE)) <b>Sait Aksit</b> (Center for European Studies-METU (Ankara))

Religious freedom and the situation of religious minorities in Turkey	<p><b>Riva Kastoryano</b> (Sciences Po Paris)</p> <p><b>Kivanç Ulusoy</b> (Center for European Studies-METU (Ankara))</p> <p><b>Burcu Gültekin Punsmann</b> (Center for European Studies-METU (Ankara))</p> <p><b>Cengiz Günay</b> (OIIP - Austrian Institute for International Affairs)</p>
Social dialogue and its contribution to social cohesion in Turkey	<p><b>Georgios Glynos</b> (Greek Centre of European Studies and Research (EKEME))</p> <p><b>Michael Kaeding</b> (European Institute for Public Administration (EIPA))</p> <p><b>Idil Aybars</b> (Center for European Studies-METU (Ankara))</p>

#### IV Health Services in the European Economic Area

The European Parliament has asked TEPSA to produce a report on Health Services in the EEA, to be delivered in February 2008. The authors will be Dominik Hanf, Professor and Director of the College of Europe, in Natolin and Stephen Coutts, Academic Assistant of the College of Europe, Bruges

#### TEPSA Friends meetings in Brussels

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- **EU Enlargement & Institutional Practice, 5.12.2007, Fondation Universitaire, Brussels**

An analysis of the adaptation of the EU institutions to enlargement since May 2004 was presented by **Helen Wallace**, formerly Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, and now Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science. The discussant was **Edward Best** of the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht.

Professor Wallace's paper 'Adapting to Enlargement of the European Union: Institutional Practice' is published by TEPSA and is available at [www.tepsa.be](http://www.tepsa.be)

- **The Future of European Universities, 23.01.2008, Fondation Universitaire, Brussels**

In the framework of the TEPSA friends meeting, this lunch debate, in cooperation with la Fondation Universitaire hosted a series of distinguished people from the European academic sector.

Speaker was Mr. Pieter Vanderheyden, Directorate General for Education and Culture in the European Commission who introduced a discussion on the resolution of the Council of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2007 on the modernization of universities for Europe's competitiveness in a global knowledge economy.

Discussant was Philippe Van Parijs, Professor at UCL and Harvard, Hoover Chair for economic and social ethics, with contributions from Baron Pierre de Maret, honorary Rector of ULB, and Prof. Ludo Melis, Study Director at KU Leuven.

- **The European Parliament and the CFSP, 28.02.2008, Fondation Universitaire, Brussels**

This event will be presented by **Jacek Saryusz-Wolski**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President of the European People's Party (EPP), Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee and Professor at the University of Lodz.

The debate will focus on the relationship between the European Parliament and the Common Foreign and Security Policy.

The Programme of the event as well as the participation form can be downloaded from TEPSA's website ([www.tepsa.be](http://www.tepsa.be)).

## Ongoing projects

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- **EU – CONSENT**

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007 EU-CONSENT's Task Force Research Frame convened for the first time to discuss the potential for generating theoretical insights into the interconnectedness between EU 'deepening' and 'widening' derived from the work of EU-CONSENT partners. The Task Force intends to produce an integrated research frame for EU-CONSENT activities (and beyond) to better compile research conducted within in the network and enhance its external impact.

In general, comments pointed at the difficulties in identifying causal mechanisms between the two variables in question. These difficulties start with the cumbersome effort in satisfactorily defining EU 'deepening' and 'widening'. While the concept of EU 'widening' taken at face values appears to be less difficult to define (it is loosely referred to as "boundary change over time; no overnight-phenomenon"), problems occur in the periodisation of the phenomenon: where does enlargement start and – just as important – where does the process end?

EU 'Deepening' on the other hand appears to be a more complex phenomenon. Does 'deepening' refer to any shift of competences to the European level even where such a shift is based on intergovernmental decision-making procedures or open coordination, or should it more narrowly signify shifts towards a 'communitarisation' of policies with close involvement of supranational institutions and decisions by majority? The process seems to go beyond institutional reform to equate to the question: 'What do we want to do together and how do we want to go about it?'

The discussion revealed both preliminary results as to the interconnectedness of both processes and a multitude of open questions. The participants agreed that an important question to be asked is whether enlargement necessarily produces new policies. While a certain shift of emphasis in objectives can be identified (such a shift of foreign policy interest towards the East and energy policy), it remains unclear whether this is substantially new or a continuation of existing dynamics. Participants further agreed that the interrelation between EU 'deepening' and 'widening' needs to be embedded in a wider approach encompassing an external dimension ('the world pressing down') and a domestic dimension ('domestic pressure').

The meeting resulted in a multitude of open question which clusters around a definition of the central concepts and the nature of their interconnectedness. Next steps include the production of a revised conceptual paper by EU-CONSENT's Work Package II/III 'Theories' based on the outcomes of the meeting and the feedback of network members in the period after the meeting. This revised paper shall serve as a basis for discussion until the next workshop of Task Force Research Frame (so far) scheduled for September 2008. In the meantime, discussion will continue in the framework of EU-CONSENT's next Steering Group meeting on April 10-11<sup>th</sup> and the TEPSA Pre-presidency conference in June in Paris.

On 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 EU – CONSENT held a workshop in Brussels on Constitutional and Institutional Change in the EU.

The workshop consisted of several panels looking into the context of the Reform Treaty (history, theory, and method), the horizontal issues and institutional dimensions (decision-making, leadership, flexibility) and the main implications for EU policies.

It aimed at bringing together researchers looking at the implications of the Lisbon Treaty for the further evolution of the EU in terms of its constitutional basis and institutional system.

#### - **THESEUS**

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During the coming spring semester Anne-Marie Le Gloannec (CERI, Sciences Po Paris) will be the chairholder of the **THESEUS Chair for European Studies** at the University of Cologne. She will teach about the democratization policy of the European Union in its neighbouring countries.

Late in spring **THESEUS** will grant its first **Europe and Future Awards** in Cologne. The THESEUS Europe Award goes to a European having distinguished her or himself by a long-term transnational commitment to Europe. The two THESEUS Future Awards will be granted to outstanding projects or works that deal constructively with the future challenges of Europe.

In July the **THESEUS Summer School** in Brussels will bring together twenty young professionals and researchers to debate on Global Security Challenges - European Answers? The call for applications will be available on the THESEUS website in March.

In 2008 THESEUS plans furthermore a series of lectures on current topics of European politics in Brussels, Cologne and Paris.

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