

“Eastern partnership – new challenge for EU businesses”

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Who we are



- non-government, non-profit organization established to assist in using opportunities by business organizations, individual businesses and regions from Ukraine's economic integration into the EU
- active in Brussels, Kyiv and London since October 2005
- organizer and co-organizer of investment conferences, round table discussions, high level events with Ukrainian and the EU officials and businesses

What do we do

- **Lobbying** Ukrainian business interests in the EU
- Providing Ukrainian business with **insight** of what's going on in the EU and EU Ukraine relations
- Supporting Ukrainian business to be **stronger actor** in civil society dialogue with the Government

Ukraine at the EaP map



- Population: **46,16 mln**
- real DGP %: **-14,6%** (2009), **+2,1%** (2010), **+6,3%** (2011), **+7,5%** (2012)
- Trade turnover (share)
 - EU: **26%**
 - 5 EaP: **6%**
 - Russia: **24%**
- Quantity of SMEs: **3 000 000**
- Main sources of State Budget Revenues (2009)
 - Taxation = **66,1%**,
– VAT = **37,5%**

EaP: what business needs:

- **Information**
- **Involvement**
- **Inclusivity and visibility**

Business expectations from EaP

SMEs:

- to improve regulatory environment and investment climate for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

- “SME Facility” Flagship initiative as practical tool

Business expectations from EaP

Business Support programmes and capacity building, including through Comprehensive Institution Capacity Building programme

Business organizations of Eastern Partner countries to be a strong and equal partner in the dialogues with national Governments and with the EU business organizations

Business expectations from EaP

Stimulating regional cooperation,

supporting networking between regions/oblasts/cities to use their economic potential, to deal with consequences of economic crises at the local and oblasts levels

Issues raised by the Ukrainian employers organizations

- **Visa facilitation for business**
- Deepening cooperation on **social dialogue** development issues (with establishing joint bodies) where EESC should play a key role
- Better involvement into the EU **educational programmes** (ETF, 'EU Blue Card', labor movement)

EaP Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF)

- an **opportunity and tool** to use external influence and support to support necessary domestic reforms, to strengthen social dialogue as well as to develop contacts with other business organizations and businesses both from the EU and Eastern partnership countries

EaP CSF Working Group 2 activities:

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What's on your mind?

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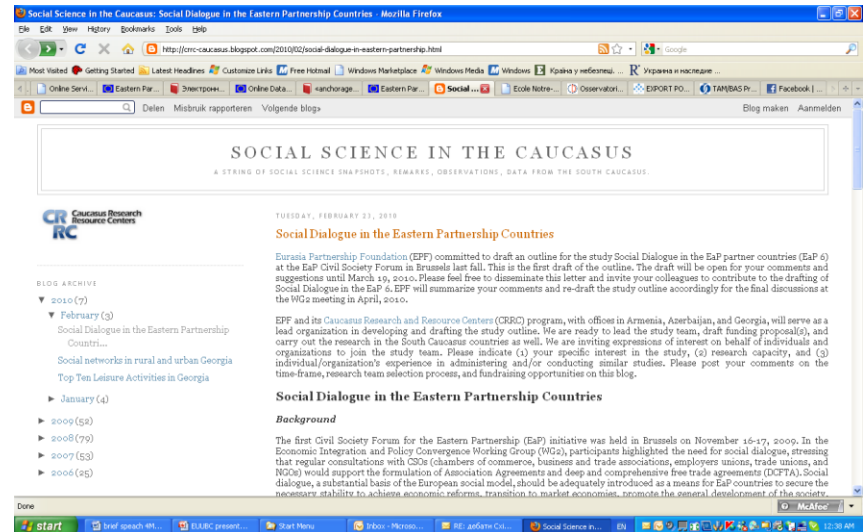
Eastern Partnership Business Forum According to an information note, published at the Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine Website, the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the EU will give Ukraine substantial economic gains, a stronger external anchorage for domestic reforms, opening markets, benefits for consumers, and will increase revenue received by state in a long term period.

Deep and comprehensive FTA as a decisive step to integrate Ukraine with the EU's internal market

Prosperity, stability, and the rule of law are cornerstones of the European Union's relations with Ukraine. The country has undergone major political changes in the past years and in many aspects, it has been the leader for change in the region. ...

Eastern Partnership Business Forum Under the European Neighbourhood Policy Instruments for coming 3 years (from 2011 till 2013) the total budget for 5 Eastern Partnership countries constitutes 1 203,3 mln. Euro, besides Eastern partner countries will also benefit from 262,3 mln Euro allocated for the regional programme East

Social Dialogue



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Social Dialogue in the Eastern Partnership Countries

Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) committed to draft an outline for the study Social Dialogue in the EaP partner countries (EaP 6) at the EaP Civil Society Forum in Brussels last fall. This is the first draft of the outline. The draft will be open for your comments and suggestions until March 19, 2010. Please feel free to disseminate this letter and invite your colleagues to contribute to the drafting of Social Dialogue in the EaP 6. EPF will summarize your comments and re-draft the study outline accordingly for the final discussions at the WG2 meeting in April, 2010.

EPF and its Caucasus Research and Resource Centers (CRRC) program, with offices in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, will serve as a lead organization in developing and drafting the study outline. We are ready to lead the study team, draft funding proposals, and carry out the research in the South Caucasus countries as well. We are inviting expressions of interest on behalf of individuals and organizations to join the study team. Please indicate (1) your specific interest in the study, (2) research capacity, and (3) individual/organization's experience in administering and/or conducting similar studies. Please post your comments on the time-frame, research team selection process, and fundraising opportunities on this blog.

Social Dialogue in the Eastern Partnership Countries

Background

The first Civil Society Forum for the Eastern Partnership (EaP) initiative was held in Brussels on November 16-17, 2009. In the Economic Integration and Policy Convergence Working Group (WG2), participants highlighted the need for social dialogue, stressing that regular consultations with CSOs (chambers of commerce, business and trade associations, employers unions, trade unions, and NGOs) would support the formulation of Association Agreements and deep and comprehensive free trade agreements (DCFTA). Social dialogue, a substantial basis of the European social model, should be adequately introduced as a means for EaP countries to secure the necessary stability to achieve economic reforms, transition to market economies, promote the general development of the society.

Links:

European Commission EaP Webpage

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/eastern/index_en.htm

EaP Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/EasternPartnership>

EaP Civil Society Forum Facebook page

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Eastern-Partnership-Civil-Society-Forum/290226492663>

EaP WG2 discussions on Business Forum Facebook page:

English: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Eastern-Partnership-Business-Forum/289000156709>

Russian: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Biznes-Forum-Vostocnogo-Partnerstva/294309264352?ref=mf>

EaP WG2 discussions on Social Dialogue, Eurasia Partnership Foundation Webpage:

<http://crrc-caucasus.blogspot.com/2010/02/social-dialogue-in-eastern-partnership.html>