

Monitoring Preparations of Transition Countries for EU-Accession

Conference Programme

Duration: 4-6 October, 2002

Venue: Hotel & Conference Centre Strand, A.H. Tammsaare str 27d, Pärnu

Friday, 4 October

until 15.00 Arrival of the participants to Tallinn,
 The Institute for European Studies, Estonia puiestee 7, Tallinn.

15.45 Departure of bus from Estonia puiestee 7 to Kadriorg

16.30 Opening addresses, President of Republic of Estonia, Dr. Arnold Rüütel
 and Chairman of Estonian People's Union Villu Reiljan, MP
 in President's Palace in Kadriorg (Weizenbergi Street 38).

17.30 Departure from Tallinn (Kadriorg) to Pärnu by bus.

Saturday, 5 October

9.00 ***First session. Moderators Juhan Sillaste and Ülo Ennuste***
Social and economic impact of EU accession and social convergence

9.10 Jana Sereghyová (Czech Republic). Benefits of the east-enlargement of the
 EU seen in the context of the globalisation of the world economy.

9.40 Milan Šíkula (Slovakia). Economic and Social Contexts of Slovakia's
 Accession to the EU.

10.10 Oldrich Mesároš (Czech Republic). Progress in economic catching-up with
 attention on trade and competitiveness.

10.40 Coffee break

11.00 Jiri Chlumsky (Czech Republic). Problems of Economic Convergence
 between Czech Republic and the EU.

11.30 Klára Fóti (Hungary). Some problems with economic and social convergence
 to the European Union in the case of Hungary

12.00 General discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.00 ***Second session. Moderators Jana Sereghyová and Borut Roncevic***
Preparation of the candidate countries to the referendum: focusing on national and group level

14.00 Borut Roncevic (Slovenia). The Path from (Semi)Periphery to the Core: the Role of Socio-Cultural Factors.

14.25 Vladas Gaidys (Lithuania). Attitudes towards EU in Lithuania: 1997-2002

14.50 Liene Jeruma (Latvia). Readiness of Latvian Society for EU-Accession: 1995-2002

15.15 Paweł Kalinowski (Poland). Two Mythologies. Local Imagination and Official Discourse on Europe & European Integration in Contemporary Poland

15.45 Coffee break

16.00 Aksel Kirch, Toivo Palm and Kait Oole (Estonia). Changes in the EU-Consciousness in Estonia in 1996-2002: discussion and public opinion.

16.25 Agata Grabowska and Paweł Ladykowski (Poland). The Change in Kashubian Identity before Entering the EU.

16.50 General discussion

17.30 Cultural programme in the Old Town of Pärnu and Tea at Ammende Villa

Sunday, 6 October

9.30 ***Final Session. Moderators Milan Šikula and Aksel Kirch***
Institutional Reforms of the EU Eastern Enlargement

9.30 Jakub Jedras (Poland). Polish visa regulations for citizens of the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Belarus in the context of joining European Union.

10.00 Eva Klvacová (Czech Republic). Institutional Changes, Social and Economic Costs and Benefits of the Integration of the Czech Republic in the EU.

10.30 Ülo Ennuste, Teet Rajasalu (Estonia). Critical Probability of the EU Eastern Enlargement Project's Institutional Failure: Aspects of Calibrated Economic Impacts of the Failure.

11.00 Final remarks and conclusions

12.00 Farewell dinner

12.30 Departure by bus to Tallinn

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