

## *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 Šikula (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            Pawel 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 Pawel Ladykowski (Poland). The Change in Cashubian 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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