



## ENP IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# MAPPING THE EU'S WIDER NEIGHBOURHOOD RELATIONS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 14 - 15 NOVEMBER 2013, BRUGES

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium, invites scholars to submit proposals for papers to be presented at an international conference on 14-15 November 2013 in Bruges. The conference benefits from the financial support of the European Commission.

**Deadline for submission of abstracts: 4 September 2013.**

## PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE

While the academic literature on the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) is burgeoning, one aspect has so far attracted surprisingly little scholarly attention: to what extent is the ENP really a *sui generis* policy in the EU's external relations? In order to sustain and further improve the ENP it is crucial to understand the proliferation of the EU's neighbourhood policies in a wider sense and the coherence of these policies and strategies ranging from pre-accession to very specific bilateral partnerships.

This two-day international conference will focus on a comparison of different co-operation schemes that the European Union has in place with third countries in order to put the ENP into context. It aims at a comparative assessment of the various frameworks with the ENP (incl. the Union for the Mediterranean and/or the Eastern Partnership): the pre-accession strategy (as well as the EU-Turkey customs union), the Stabilisation and Association Process, the European Economic Area, the EU-Swiss bilateralism, the newly emerging scheme for the European small-sized countries, the EU-Russia Strategic Partnership and others. The focus is thereby in particular on the neighbouring countries since they maintain the closest and most dynamic relations with the European Union.

The key question to be addressed by the papers is how other models of EU external relations compare to the ENP (the Eastern and/or Southern dimension) and what lessons can be drawn. For example, how could a Neighbourhood Economic Community look like? Under what conditions is differentiated integration an option? How are other models of neighbourhood relations coping with specific challenges? Could (parts of) various models usefully be combined?

The working language of the conference is English. Accepted paper proposals will be organised in thematic panels with discussants. Participation is free of charge. The organisers will cover the speakers' travel costs, accommodation and meals during the conference.



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As a follow-up to this conference a second international conference will take place in spring 2014 (based on a separate call for papers). It will deal with the major thematic dimensions, key challenges and the lessons learned. After the two conferences selected papers will be edited and published in a peer-reviewed book with an international publisher.

## POSSIBLE TOPICS

Possible panel topics, within which specific research questions aiming at a comparison with the ENP may be embedded, include:

- EU pre-accession strategies: negotiating countries and candidates (Iceland, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey)
- The Stabilisation and Association Process with potential candidates from South-Eastern Europe (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo)
- The European Economic Area (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein)
- The EU-Switzerland bilateral model
- The EU-Russia Strategic Partnership
- The EU and the small-sized European countries (Andorra, Monaco, San Marino)

## SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Please submit **paper abstracts** of approximately **500 words** along with a **brief CV** to Prof. Sieglinde Gstöhl and Prof. Erwan Lannon via the e-mail address [ENPComparativePerspective@coleurope.eu](mailto:ENPComparativePerspective@coleurope.eu) **no later than 4 September 2013**. All proposals will be reviewed and the organisers will soon thereafter take a decision. Confirmed participants are expected to provide complete **drafts of their papers**, which should not exceed **8,000 words**, in electronic form **by 31 October 2013**.

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