



The Eastern Partnership

Eastern dimension of the ENP



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The Eastern Partnership:

A new partnership to strengthen relations between EU and six partner countries:

- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Belarus
- Georgia
- the Republic of Moldova
- Ukraine

The Eastern Partnership seeks to

- Bring our partners **closer to the EU**
- Promote **stability, good governance**
and **economic development**

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- **Stronger EU engagement** with the Eastern partners
- In the ***mutual interest*** of the EU and of its Eastern partners

Basis of the Partnership

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Shared values:

- Democracy and the rule of law
- Respect for human rights and basic freedoms
- Market economy and sustainable development

What do we propose bilaterally?

1. New contractual relations

- Association Agreements with the EU,
based on shared values



2. Gradual integration into the EU economy

- Deep and comprehensive Free Trade Areas



3. Easier travel to the EU

- Long-term goal of full visa liberalisation



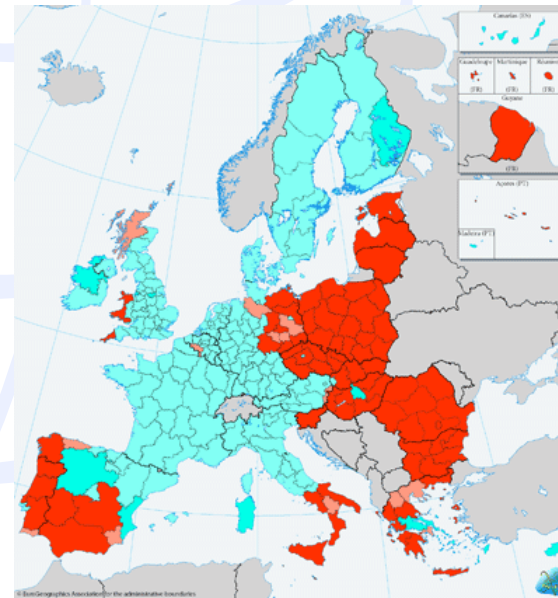
4. Energy security cooperation

- Interconnection and integration of energy markets



5. Regional development

- Pilot programmes based on EU cohesion policy



New 'Comprehensive Institution Building Programmes'

- Support the implementation of Association Agreements with the EU
- Based on a political commitment
- Focused on core institutions of partner countries

What do we propose multilaterally?

A new forum to:

- Present EU legislation and standards
- Share experience on reforms

Four thematic platforms

- Democracy, good governance & stability (including JLS)
- Economic integration and convergence with EU policies
- Energy security
- Contacts between people

Six flagship initiatives

- Integrated Border Management Programme
- SME Facility
- Regional electricity markets, improved energy efficiency and increased use of renewable energy sources
- Diversification of energy supplies
- Prevention of, preparedness for, and response to natural and man-made disasters
- Promotion of good environmental governance

Platforms and panels

- First platform meetings took place in June 2009
Next round in October-November
- Under each platform, experts meet in **panels** to discuss specific issues.
First meeting of panel on Integrated Border Management on 15 October 2009, Odessa, Ukraine

Eastern Partnership meetings:

- Summits every two years

First summit: 7 May 2009, Prague



Eastern Partnership meetings:

- Foreign ministers meetings once a year
First meeting: 8 December 2009
- EURO-NEAST parliamentary assembly
- Local and regional authorities' assembly

... and importantly

➤ **Civil Society Forum**

Launch on 16-17 November 2009
in Brussels

EC already provides substantial funding to Eastern partners

2007-2010 allocations:

- Armenia € 98.4 million
- Azerbaijan € 92 million
- Belarus € 21 million
- Georgia € 120.4 million
(additional funding up to € 500 million to cope with the consequences of the crisis in August 2008),
- Moldova € 209.7 million
- Ukraine € 494 million Euro
Additional funds are also available through regional and inter-regional programmes, Cross Border Cooperation, Neighbourhood Investment Facility

Funding will increase by **75%** by 2013

Total annual EC funding for the six Eastern partners:

€ 450 million in 2008
€ 785 million in 2013

- 50% of additional funds will be devoted to **Comprehensive Institution Building Programmes (CIBs)**
- 20% of additional funds will be spent on **regional development**

Challenges ahead

- Consolidate statehood, democracy and good governance
- Address the risk of conflicts and instability
- Further advance economic integration and regulatory approximation with the EU



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