



ReSPA

Regional School
of Public Administration

SEASONAL SCHOOL:
*RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND
ENLARGEMENT POLICY*

26 – 30 October 2015

Danilovgrad, Montenegro

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Background

By organizing the Seasonal School on *Recent Developments in European Integration and Enlargement Policy*, ReSPA aims to support the process of European integration in the Western Balkan region. As such, the Seasonal School aims to offer a comprehensive, yet in-depth analysis of the most pressing issues that have shaped the European Union, its Member States, as well as its policy towards candidates and potential candidates for the EU membership. The European integration is a dynamic process influenced by range of different factors which are both internal and external to the EU. Some current developments at the international level, EU level and EU Member States level have actual and potential impact on the process of European integration and the EU enlargement agenda. Those developments that happen, at the first place, in the area of Economic and Monetary Union, the institutional and legal set up of the organization and some sector policies of the EU, call for further elaboration in the light of their impact on the enlargement policy. Therefore, those phenomena will be presented within a thematic Seasonal school which would offer an update on the current processes and basis for deeper reflection on related topics by ReSPA Members civil servants participating to the Seasonal school.

Objectives

The objective of the Seasonal School is to offer participants a detailed overview of a range of key EU policy developments and to understand the influence of this developments on the EU Enlargement policy. It will bring together international and regional experts in an attempt to improve and foster knowledge and understanding of EU integration processes and their impact on national governments and their citizens.

Content

The course will span five days. The Seasonal School focuses on a number of key themes, namely the Eurozone crisis, immigration and asylum, energy, enlargement, as well as the future of the EU in light of the upcoming UK referendum and growing Euroscepticism amongst the EU electorate. Most themes will be organised around three formats:

1. A traditional lecture,
2. A reflection session, where participants can share the impact a particular EU development might have on their country,
3. An in-depth session, where lecturers will offer in-depth knowledge on more technical matters that might not be relevant to all participants.

In addition, the Seasonal School will also offer three podium discussions, where speakers will participate in an open Question and Answer session.

Target Group

The target audience of the ReSPA Seasonal school are senior and middle ranked civil servants of ReSPA Members and Kosovo* who are involved in the process of European

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of independence

integration. The envisaged number of participants is up to 5 per national administration, in total 30 participants. Participants to the Seasonal school are expected to be fluent in English as the programme requires interaction with lecturers and other participants.

Seasonal School Lecturers

Dr Andreas Staab, EPIC – the European Policy Information Centre

Prof Robert Hancke, London School of Economics and Political Science

Mr. Willem Noe, European Commission, DG Near

Prof Gordana Djurovic, University of Montenegro

Ms. Tatjana Corlija, Hrvatska Elektroprivreda, Croatia

Ms. Dubravka Smolic, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of the Republic of Croatia

Methodology

While on occasion touching on technical matters of EU developments the key rationale is to place EU policies in the context of their effect on member, candidate and association states, as well as the larger impact on the more long term future of the European integration process. The Seasonal School encourages discussions between speakers and participants, as well as the mutual sharing of experiences and policy approaches. This seminar outcome will be fostered by pro-active exercises such as regional workshops and podium discussions.

Draft Agenda

Monday, 26 October: Economic and Monetary Union

- 09.00 – 09.30 Registration
- 09.30 – 10.00 Introduction (ReSPA Staff)
- 10.00 – 11.15 Economic and Monetary Union: How is it organised (AS)
- 11.15 – 11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30 – 12.30 EMU: What went wrong? (RH)
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.45 EMU: What's the future? (RH)
- 14.45 – 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.00 – 16.30 Reflection Session: How does the Eurozone crisis affect my country (AS)
- 15.00 – 16.30 In depth session on EMU (RH)

Tuesday, 27 October: Energy and Migration

- 09.00 – 10.30 EU Energy Union in the Context of Globalisation (TC)
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.00 EU energy Union: Working Mechanisms (TC)
- 12.00 – 13.00 Reflection: What is the effect of the EU's energy policy on my country (AS)
- 12.00 – 13.00 In depth session on EU energy (TC)
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 Migration and Asylum: an update (AS)
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break
- 15.15 – 16.00 Reflection Session: How does a future approach to immigration affect my country (AS)

Wednesday, 28 October: Enlargement

- 09.00 – 10.30 EU enlargement: Perspectives from a candidate, Part 1 (GD)
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00 – 12.00 EU enlargement: Perspectives from a candidate, Part 2 (GD)
- 12.00 – 13.00 In depth session on EU enlargement (GD)
- 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 EU enlargement: The Croatian Experience: methodology and negotiation structure (DS)
- 15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break
- 15.15 – 16.00 EU enlargement: The Croatian Experience: benchmarks and negotiation results (DS)
- 16.00 – 18.00 Podium discussion (AS, TC, DS, WN, GD)

Thursday 29 October: Enlargement

09.00 – 10.30 EU Enlargement to the Western Balkans: The Commission's perspective (WN)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 EU Enlargement to the Western Balkans: The Commission's perspective (WN)

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Enlargement and EU Decision making (AS)

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.00 Podium Discussion on Enlargement (WN, DS, AS)

Friday 30 October: Quo Vadis Europe?

09.00 – 10.30 The effects of European Integration on National Sovereignty (AS)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30 Grexit, Brexit, EUxit: the future of European Integration (AS)

AS: Dr Andreas Staab, Director EPIC – the European Policy Information Centre

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