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# EaPpeal

Jean Monnet project

The Eastern Partnership under strain -  
time for a rethink?



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## About the EaPpeal project

*EaPpeal* seeks to confer a sound framework for policy debate with regards to the Eastern Partnership region. The *EaPpeal* project also tries to provide novel answer of the intrinsic and extrinsic challenges both the EU and EaP countries face in a changed geopolitical context marked by instability, territorial tension and armed conflict.

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To transmit knowledge about the EU and its international role especially in the Eastern neighbourhood;

To forge an academic and professional cooperation platform which will gather some of the most appreciated experts in the EaP domain, researchers, young professionals, students, civic activists, policy-makers from the EU and EaP countries and Russia who will provide invaluable expertise, exchange ideas and policy-recommendations for increasing the effectiveness of the EU policies towards its eastern neighbourhood;

To draw together scholars who could fill the theoretical gap with respect to the conceptualization of the EaP and who could provide answers to the increasingly demanding questions about the position of the EaP countries in future European configurations;

To improve understanding of the current topical issues from the eastern neighbourhood and stimulate the theoretical and professional skills of participants;

To encourage participants to actively engage with the current debate vis-à-vis the future of the EaP region;

To familiarise participants with the interplay of the multiplicity of actors and decision-making processes from the EaP region (i.e. the antagonistic views of Russia and the Euro-Atlantic community).

## ENVISAGED RESULTS

- 📖 A framework for discussion, dialogue and analysis on current issues concerning the future the EaP region;
- 📖 Innovative theoretical and methodological ideas employed in research and/or policy-making (i.e. advising the European Commission, the European External Action Service, etc.);
- 📖 Dissemination of findings beyond the premises of our conference and participants to the wider European public (edited book, collection of articles published in [Eastern Journal of European Studies](#), [Working Papers Series](#) and [Eurint Proceedings](#));
- 📖 A broader cooperation platform with other universities / research institutes, NGOs which could potentially work together on producing valuable research and/or policy-recommendations.

## MAIN EVENTS

### 1. Workshop "Launching the EaPpeal project"

The 1-day workshop aims at officially launching the EaPpeal project within our local community. Receiving feedback and gathering opinions/useful suggestions from participants are our main targets for this workshop.

*Location:* Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania, 23 October 2015

### 2. Roundtables "The necessity to engage: the Eastern Partnership and grassroots involvement"

These roundtables will offer us a strong flavour of the perceptions, expectations and recommendations in Ukraine and Moldova. Thus, they will be entirely devoted to stimulating debate on the effectiveness of the EU's policies toward Eastern neighbourhood.

*Locations:* Roundtable 1 | State University Moldova, Chişinău, Moldova, 12 November 2015

Roundtable 2 | Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University, Chernivtsi, Ukraine, 25 November 2015

### 3. International Conference EURINT 2016 "The Eastern Partnership under strain – time for a rethink?"

The international conference EURINT 2016 "The Eastern Partnership under strain – time for a rethink?" aims to draw together scholars, researchers, experts, civil society activists and to encourage a constructive exchange of views on the effectiveness of the EaP and on the future of the EU policies in the light of the events in Ukraine. Hence, the purpose of this event is to provide a proper context for mutual dialogue, joint knowledge and a better understanding of the serious challenges the EU faces in its eastern neighbourhood.

*Location:* Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania, 20-21 May 2016

### 4. Workshop "EaPpeal - ways of engaging further"

The workshop aims at marking the official closure of the EaPpeal project. Receiving feedback and gathering opinions/useful suggestions for the full exploitation of our project's results and research undertaken throughout the project's lifespan represent the main reasons for organizing this event. Moreover, a guide of good practices for the future efficient exploitation of our project results.

*Location:* Centre for European Studies, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania, 20 July 2016

*Target groups for the aforementioned events:* academic staff, MA and PhD students, researchers, professional group members, civil society representatives, general public

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