

Dear colleagues,

I am circulated this Call for Papers for the UACES 49th Annual Conference. Please share this call for contributions with your respective networks and interested parties.

Call for papers: Eastern Partnership: a 10-year performance assessment exercise

The main purpose of an investigation in relation to what the EU achieves and how it performs on the world stage is to better inform both policy and strategy. This panel looking for contributors who are interested in evaluating the EaP, the policy that has been considered a step forward towards further differentiation as much as an instrument that lacks the potential to stimulate change in the Eastern neighbourhood. Looking retrospectively this panel will question whether the EU instruments are fit for purpose in the neighbourhood? What and where can the EU do better? Can the EU compete in a world of growing multipolarity and interdependence?

Scholarly research has been already proposing performance indicators that gauge both input (relevance, cohesion) and output (effectiveness, impact) aspects of the policy as well as its interaction with an external environment (resilience). Assessing relevance reflects on the position of both the EU Member States and EaP countries. Cohesion refers to the ability to articulate consistently policy preferences and to the consistent alignment of common policies among stakeholders, horizontally and vertically. Whereas goal attainment is probably the most common interpretation of effectiveness, it is the presence of unintended effects and unexpected consequences that is crucial in distinguishing impact from effectiveness. Resilience derives from the assessment of the policy's potential flexibility and forward-looking quality. It refers to the policy's capacity to change and adapt, and the possibility to re-engineer itself based on a learning process.

The aim of this panel is to bring together contributions that reflect on these performance indicators from different empirical and methodological perspectives.

Please submit proposals by **Friday, January 18 by noon (11.59)** to Dr. Dorina Baltag: d.baltag@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Please include a title, a 250-word abstract, indicate your email & institutional affiliation as well as a short bio-note (ca. 100 words). Authors will be informed on the same day (final submission deadline for UACES: January 20)

With my best wishes,
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