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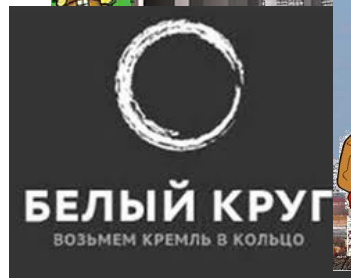
# Russia's Relations with EU Member States: Divide and Rule or Making the Most out of the Relations?

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## Modernisation



# What is modernisation?

## RU: Medvedev – ‘Rossiya Vpered’

- economic modernisation (= a departure from resource-based system towards competitive production, development of new technologies, constructing economy, based on the needs of individuals)
- political modernisation, embodied in the quality of democratic institutions and in the strength of the civil society – necessary for prosperity BUT is secondary and auxiliary

Coherent with Russian normativity where an immediate economic action is important

## EU

- Political reforms, which are a precondition and the basis for economic reforms
- Rule of law, reform of the judicial system should come first
- Democracy and human rights

Coherent with the EU's normative leadership and with its past!

## EU vs. Russia



Varying attitude to the process of learning

## P4M: EU-RU Joint Statement - priorities 2010

- investments, trade and other economic relations,
- support for small and medium enterprises,
- approximation of technical regulations and standards,
- development of transport and of sustainable low-carbon economy,
- energy efficiency,
- co-operation in innovation, research, development, and in the space;
- addressing social consequences of the market economy;
  
- effective functioning of the judiciary and fight against corruption;
- promoting people-to-people links and the dialogue with the civil society

Hierarchy?  
Does the EU  
agree with  
Russian  
definition?



P4M with EU MSs25  
at the moment

Estonia –  
problematic  
Malta – to be  
prepared?

## MSs – Russia P4M: Economics

- Learning is an essential part → Three patterns emerge
    - RU learn from a MS
    - RU and a MS learn together
    - A MS learns from RU
  - Russia relied on the network of existing cooperation → MSs followed the vision
    - Bilateral commissions
    - Business communities
    - Existing Projects
  - Russia treated all EU MSs equally
- Russia presented the draft text
- Priorities repeat those of Russian modernisation
    - energy efficiency,
    - nuclear energy,
    - information technologies,
    - space technologies,
    - certain medical technologies
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    - Traditional energy
    - Environment protection
    - Moscow as a financial centre
    - Transport infrastructure

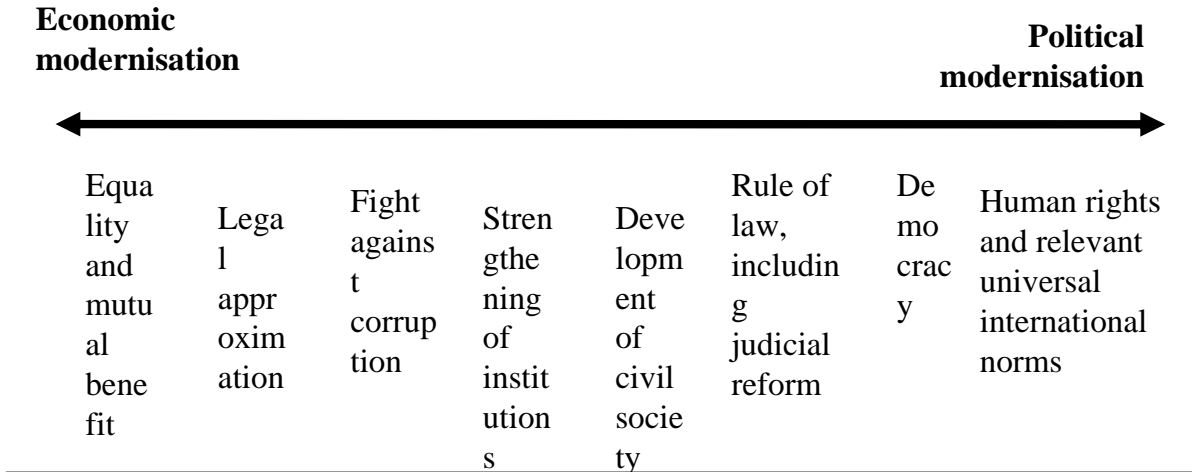
A Single EU's vision on economic modernisation,  
patterned after Russian agenda

	<b>Fields of cooperation, matching original Russian modernisation priorities</b>					
	<b>Energy efficiency, new energy sources</b>	<b>Nuclear energy</b>	<b>Telecommunication and information technologies</b>	<b>Space technologies</b>	<b>Research, development and innovation</b>	<b>Medicine, pharmaceuticals, sanitary standards</b>
<b>MSs, Russia learns from</b>	DK, D, BE, F, FI, AU, UK, ES, NL, LU, SK, SW	ES	AU, LU, SL, SW	-	AU, D, SW, UK	LU, F
<b>MSs, Russia learns together with</b>	AU, BE, HU, IE, CY, PL, RO, SL, CZ, F, BU, NL, LV, UK, LT	F, UK, BE	BE, FI, BU, RO, ES, F	UK, SW, BE, F, ES	AU, BE, FI, DK, SL, ES, F, HU, SK, UK, LU, RO, LT, CZ	BE, BU, UK, RO, SW
<b>MSs, Russia exports its knowledge to</b>	F	CZ	-	F	AU, BU, F, UK, LU, SW, SL,	BE

	<b>Fields of cooperation, not covered by the original Russian modernisation priorities</b>			
	<b>Conventional sources of energy</b>	<b>Environmental protection</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Moscow as a financial centre</b>
<b>MSs, Russia exports its knowledge to</b>	AU, LU, F	FI, SW, AU	AU, LU, FI, D, F	LU, UK, F
<b>MSs, Russia learns from</b>	CZ, BE, D, DK, UK, HU	BE, HU, NL, LV, CZ, UK, LT, IE, PL, FI	AU, LI, RO, BU, HU, CZ, SK, F, ES, SL, DK, NL, FI	-
<b>MSs, Russia learns together with</b>	-	-	-	-

# MSs – Russia P4M: Politics

- Russia is not against political modernisation
  - BUT: it's secondary
  - Immediate pragmatic economic action is a priority
- Moscow suggested no common text to EU MSs



# Political Modernisation and EU MSs



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## Conclusions

- Russia can encourage a single EU position
    - It needs a midterm strategy for it, which is also consistent with its internal development
    - → economic modernisation
    - Learning as a pivotal idea
  - MSs could not establish a single position on political modernisation, although Russia was quite open
    - A third country can be blamed for the EU not having a single position
    - but not due to it driving a wedge among MSs
    - rather for not promoting a consensus among them
  - Two new classifications (an economic one and a political one)
  - Russia makes an effort to treat MS s equally
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