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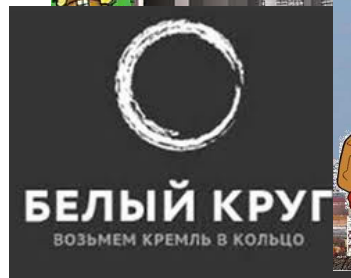
Russia's Relations with EU Member States: Divide and Rule or Making the Most out of the Relations?

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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
 - +
 - Traditional energy
 - Environment protection
 - Moscow as a financial centre
 - Transport infrastructure

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

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

	Fields of cooperation, not covered by the original Russian modernisation priorities			
	Conventional sources of energy	Environmental protection	Transport	Moscow as a financial centre
MSs, Russia exports its knowledge to	AU, LU, F	FI, SW, AU	AU, LU, FI, D, F	LU, UK, F
MSs, Russia learns from	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	-
MSs, Russia learns together with	-	-	-	-

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

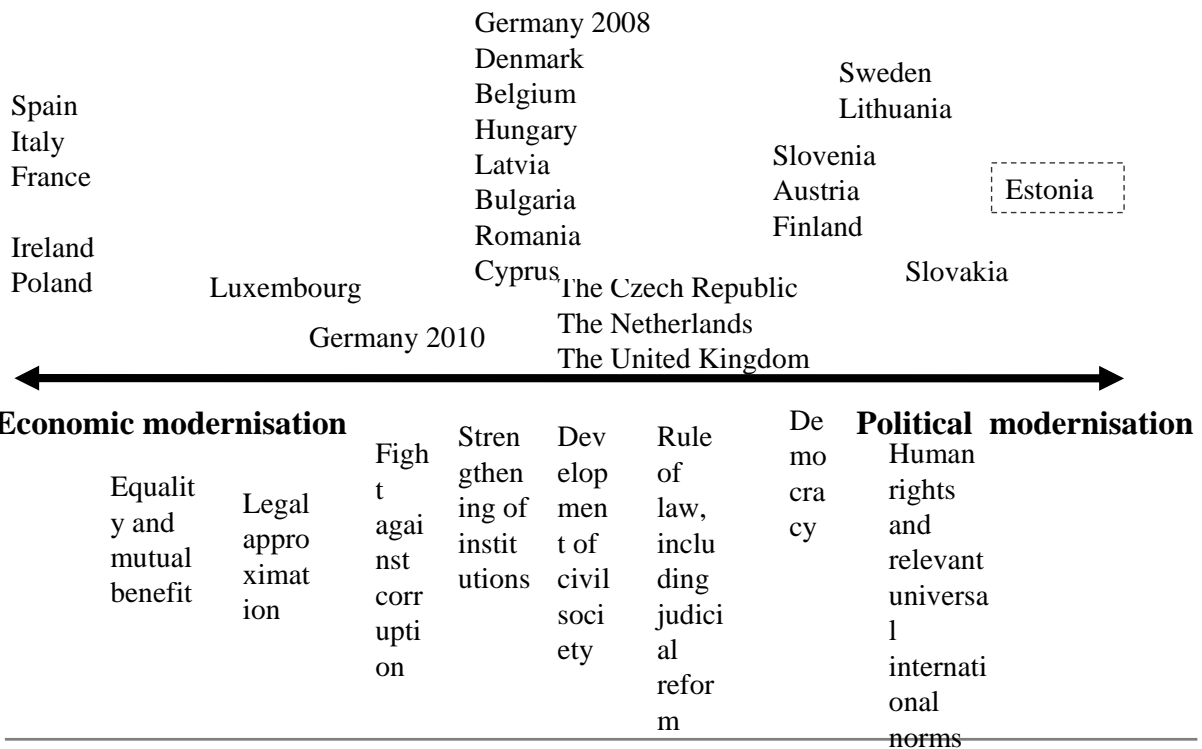
**Economic
modernisation**

**Political
modernisation**



Equa lity and mutu al bene fit	Lega l appr oxim ation	Fight again st corrup tion	Stren gthe ning of instit ution s	Deve lopme nt of civil socie ty	Rule of law, includin g judicial reform	De mo cracy	Human rights and relevant universal international norms
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Political Modernisation and EU MSs



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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