



Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde e.V.

International Conference

The Future of Cooperation between the EU and Ukraine

Kiel (Germany) on Friday, 4 July 2014

On 27 June 2014 the EU and Ukraine have signed the new Association Agreement (AA), which provides for intensive political and economic cooperation. Ukraine has expressed its hope to become a member of the EU in a foreseeable future. Russia has declared its concern about the Association Agreement, which it sees as seriously affecting Russia's relations with Ukraine. The announced Conference will give information and the possibility to discuss in depth the perspectives of cooperation between the EU and Ukraine once the present exacerbated crisis has been resolved. The Conference brings together diplomats, scientists (law and economics) and representatives of business. Relations with Russia will be taken into account, but the focus will be on the relationship EU-Ukraine.

The Conference is organized by the Institute of East European Law of Kiel University in cooperation with other institutions.

Time: Friday, 4 July 2014

Location: "Holsteinsaal" at Schleswig-Holsteinischer Landtag, Kiel, Germany

Conference language: English

Conference fee: € 150,-- (preferential fees available)

9.00 – 9.15

Welcome addresses*The President of the Landtag of Schleswig-Holstein, Mr. Klaus Schlie**The (prospective) Dean of the Law Faculty of Kiel University, Prof. Dr. Florian Becker**The Director of the Institute of East European Law of Kiel University, Prof. Dr. Alexander Trunk**Others to be announced***Session I: The state of play: Relations between the EU and Ukraine after the signature of the Association Agreement – which way forward?**

9.15 - 11.45

Chair: *Dr. Ernst-Jörg von Studnitz, Ambassador (ret.)**The view of the EU: Mr. Gunnar Wiegand, EEAS, Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia Regional Cooperation and OSCE countries*

The Ukrainian view:

*- H.E. Vasyl Khymynets, The Ukrainian Chargé d'Affaires in Germany**- H.E. Kostiantyn Yelisieiev, The Head of the Mission of Ukraine to the EU (tbc)*

Coffee-break

*The view of Russia: Representative of a Russian academic institution**View from Germany: Dr. Detlev Wolter, Consul General of Germany in Donetsk*

11.45 – 12.00

Coffee-break

Session II: Economic consequences of the AA for Ukraine

12.00 – 13.00

Chair: N.N.

*Prof. Dr. Matthias Lücke/Dr. Esther Ademmer, Kiel Institute for the World Economy: An economic analysis of the probable effects of the AA/DCFTA upon Ukraine**Mr. Philippe Cuisson, European Commission, DG Trade, Deputy Head of Unit, Trade relations with Europe (non-EU) and Central Asia: Remarks on the structure and contents of planned EU support to Ukraine***13.00-14.00****Lunch**

Session III: The EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (AA) in the context of other documents governing the EU-Ukrainian relations (PCA, ENP, Eastern Partnership etc.)

Part 1: Focus EU

14.00 – 15.00

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Alexander Trunk, University of Kiel*

Dr. Narine Ghazaryan, Brunel University, London: Overview of the AA in the context of ENP documents with a view to future possible forms of cooperation

Mr. Philippe Cuisson, European Commission, DG Trade, Deputy Head of Unit, Trade relations with Europe (non-EU) and Central Asia: The EU-Ukrainian DCFTA as a constituent part of the AA

Ms. Elena Kostadinova, European Commission, DG Trade, Legal Aspects of Trade Policy: The regulation of trade disputes under the AA

15.00-15.15

Coffee-break

Part 2: Focus Ukraine

15.15-16.00

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Fryderyk Zoll, University of Cracow*

Prof. Dr. Viktor Muraviiov, Taras Shevchenko University, Kiev, Head of the Department of European Law: The AA from a Ukrainian academic perspective

Prof. Dr. Karsten Nowrot, University of Hamburg: Possible relations between different regional trade agreements

16.00-16.15

Coffee-break

Session IV: Issues of trade and investment in EU-Ukrainian relations in the light of the Association Agreement

16.15 - 17.15

Chair: *Prof. Dr. Florian Becker, University of Kiel (tbc)*

Dr. Olga Batura, University of Bremen: Trade in services: the case of telecommunication services in the light of the WTO and the AA

Co-Statement: *Ms. Olga Kretova, Aalborg University*

Mr. Azar Aliyev, LL.M., University of Kiel: Protection of investments under the AA

17.15 - 17.45

Coffee-break

Round table: Practical experience and expectations with regard to business relations between the EU and Ukraine in the light of the AA

- 17.45 – 18.45 Chair N.N.
- Representatives of Ukrainian enterprises, German/EU enterprises, law firms: *Mr. Klaus Kessler, Rödl & Partner TOV, Kiev; Mr. Wolfram Rehbock, German Business Club, Kiev, Dr. Gerd Lenga, KNAUF-Gruppe GUS (tbc).*
- Further participants to be announced.*
- 18.45 – 19.00 Concluding remarks

Conference Website: <http://www.eastlaw.uni-kiel.de/de/events>.

Please register for the Conference by filling-out this [form](#) (also accessible at this website).

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We have started a crowd funding campaign for the Conference at <http://www.sciencestarter.de/zukunft-der-zusammenarbeit>.

Any financial support would be most welcome!