

Conference preliminary programme

Regional development challenges of EU border regions in the context of the interaction between the EU and countries of its immediate “neighbourhood”

Venue and Date: 16 - 17 June 2008, Tartu, Estonia

Organisers

University of Tartu Institute of Government Studies and Eurocollege
Peipsi Center for Transboundary Cooperation
Estonian Foreign Policy Institute
Institute of Advanced Studies, Vienna

16 June **(Monday)**

10.00 – 11.30 **Morning plenary session**

*Takes place at the Conference Center “Atlantis”, Narva str. 2
Chairs –Dr. Gulnara Roll and Dr. Andres Kasekamp, University of Tartu*

10.00 - 10.15 Official opening

10.15 - 10.30 Welcome by the Tartu County Governor Ms. Esta Tamm

10.30 – 10.55 Local Dimensions of a Wider European Neighbourhood: Developing Political Community through Practices and Discourses of Cross-Border Co-operation –
Prof. James Scott, University of Joensuu; and Free University of Berlin

10.55 – 11.20 Global, regional and local effects of new trans-boundary social dynamics –
Prof. Claire Wallace, University of Aberdeen, UK

11.20 – 11.30 Questions and comments

11.30 – 12.00 **Coffee break**

12.00 – 13.30 **Mid-day plenary session**

Chair – Dr. Andrey Kortunov, New Eurasia Foundation President, Russia (tbc)

12.00 – 12.25 Divided Cities on the EU Internal/External Borders: Open Up or Drive to the Closure –
Prof. Eiki Berg, University of Tartu, Estonia

12.25 – 12.50 Dynamics of post-socialist democratization in Eastern Europe –
Prof. Christian Haerpfer, University of Aberdeen, UK

12.50 – 13.15 Nations between Europe and Russia: A special case of Byelorussia –
Prof. Hans-Georg Heinrich, University of Vienna, Austria

13.15 – 13.30 Questions and comments

13.30 – 15.00 **Buffet lunch at the Atlantis Conference Centre**

15.00 – 16.30 **Afternoon parallel thematic sessions**

Take place at the University of Tartu Eurocollege, Lossi Street 3

⇒ Economic and social development patterns of border regions. Cross-border cooperation practices

- ⇒ Research and innovation in border areas; strategies for cross-border cooperation in research and higher education
- ⇒ Interplay of European, national and regional identities along and across the new eastern borders of the European Union

16.30 – 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30 Evening parallel thematic sessions

- ⇒ Panel presentations of current and prospective projects of conference participants on the topics (15 to 20 minutes for each project, discussion)
- ⇒ Poster session and exhibition in the lobby

19.00 Reception at the UT History Museum White Hall

17 June (Tuesday)

10.00 – 11.30 Parallel thematic sessions

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11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 Parallel thematic sessions continue

- ⇒ Economic and social development patterns of border regions. Cross-border cooperation practices
- ⇒ Research and innovation in border areas; strategies for cross-border cooperation in research and higher education. – Within this session takes place a concluding workshop of INTAS project “*Mapping the social sciences and humanities research capacities in Europe and the NIS*”
- ⇒ Interplay of European, national and regional identities along and across the new eastern borders of the European Union

13.45 – 15.00 Lunch at the Atlantis Conference Centre

15.00 – 17.00 Concluding plenary session

- ⇒ Summary reports and outcomes from each thematic section
- ⇒ Concluding discussion
- ⇒ Official closing of the conference and further logistics (15 minutes)