

**STRENGTHENING CROSS-BORDER POLICY MAKING,
A POLICY CENTRES' MEETING
(INCORPORATING THE PASOS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2006)**

ARMADA HOTEL, AHIRKAPI ST. 24, 34122 SULTANAHMET)
ISTANBUL, TURKEY, 18-21 OCTOBER 2006

A major networking event for the international policy community, an opportunity to conceive and develop project ideas, exchange best practice, and build towards strengthening governance and public administration in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Participants: Policy centres from Central and Eastern Europe, Caucasus, South-Eastern Europe, Turkey, Central Asia, international policy experts, EU think-tanks, partners of the PASOS network, development agencies, foundations, diplomatic missions in Ankara/Istanbul

Wednesday 18 October

**TURKEY AS A FOREIGN POLICY PARTNER FOR THE EU AND CENTRAL ASIA:
A POLICY DEBATE ORGANISED BY PASOS**

18.15-20.30, PREVEZE HALL, ARMADA HOTEL, ISTANBUL

A roundtable debate tackling key geo-political questions, including:

- *Will Turkey become a catalyst for increased trade between Central Asia and the EU?*
- *Can the EU and Turkey forge a partnership to support democratic assistance and economic development in Central Asia?*
- *How can common geo-political interests shared by Turkey, the EU and Central Asia be embraced to enhance regional and global security?*
- *The "politics of pipelines" - what are the implications of Turkey emerging as an energy bridge between the EU and Central Asia/Caucasus?*

PANELLISTS:

Jacek Kucharczyk, PASOS Board member, Director of Programming, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw, Poland (*Moderator*)

Suat Kiniklioglu, Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Ankara, Turkey

Ozdem Sanberk, Member, Foreign Affairs Commission, Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation (TESEV), adviser to Prime Minister Turgut Özal, 1985-1987, Ambassador to EU, 1987-1991

Murat Bilhan, Chairman, Foreign Policy Platform, University of Culture, Istanbul

Sergey Masulov, Director/Co-ordinator, Analytical Consortium "Perspective", Kyrgyzstan

Anton Artemyev, Director, Kazakhstan Revenue Watch

21.00: OPENING DINNER, ARMADA HOTEL

Thursday 19 October

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Think-Tank Development workshops

09.00-11.30: **Marketing of ideas & advocacy strategies** – from matching policies to the marketplace to publicising the results

Fraser Cameron, Acting Director, EU-Russia Centre

Eoin Young, LGI Advocacy trainer (moderator)

Verena Knaus, European Stability Initiative

10.00-11.00: Advocacy case studies:

(i) Advocacy work in Ukraine - Olga Shumylo, International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine, facilitated by Fraser Cameron (*Preveze Hall*)

(ii) The erased people of Slovenia: the Challenge of a Young Nation State – Franja Arlic, Peace Institute, Slovenia, facilitated by Eoin Young (*Reis room*)

(iii) Public report on rural schools – Peter Rado, Center for Educational Policy Analysis, Hungary, facilitated by Verena Knaus (*Kadirga room*)

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

11.45-13.00 **Building partnerships with donors**

Professor Peg Hall, co-founder of Mode 2 Associates, and professor in fundraising and communications

Jan Pakulski, Civil Society Specialist, Sustainable Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region, World Bank

Jeff Lovitt, Executive Director, PASOS Secretariat (moderator)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.15-15.45: **Standards-setting in policy work and policy centres' governance**

Adrian Ionescu, Programme Director, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI), Open Society Institute,

Petr Pajas, Programme Manager, PASOS Secretariat

Professor Peg Hall (moderator)

15.45-16.00 Coffee break

Thursday 19 October (continued)

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Formal PASOS General Assembly 2006

- 16.00-16.15: 1. Welcome by Chair (Vita Terauda)
- 16.15-16.20 2. Apologies/Confirmation of agenda/any other business (Vita Terauda)
- 16.20-16.35 3. Introduction to new PASOS members (Vita Terauda)
- 16.35-16.50 4. Review of minutes of General Assembly 2005 (Vita Terauda/Jacek Kucharczyk)
- 16.50-17.10 5. PASOS Secretariat narrative report (Jeff Lovitt)
- 17.10-17.25 6. PASOS Secretariat 2007 budget and work-plan (Jeff Lovitt)
- 17.25-17.35 7. Treasurer's Report (David Kral)
- 17.35-17.50 8. Membership applications and membership fees (Vita Terauda)
- 17.50-18.30 9. Board elections
Candidates:
Violeta BAU, Institute for Public Policy, Romania, nominated by Local Government Initiative Development Ltd, Hungary
Michael B. GORNY, Strategia-St. Petersburg Center for Humanities and Political Studies, Russia, nominated by Strategia-St. Petersburg Center for Humanities and Political Studies
Adrian IONESCU, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Open Society Institute, nominated by Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, Latvia
Darina Ch. KADUNKOVA, European Institute, Bulgaria, nominated by Center for Economic Development, Bulgaria
David KRÁL, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic, nominated by Center for Economic Development, Bulgaria
Jacek KUCHARCZYK, Institute of Public Affairs, Poland, nominated by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic
Peter RADO, Center for Educational Policy Analysis, Hungary, nominated by Local Government Initiative Development Ltd, Hungary
Olga SHUMYLO, International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine, nominated by EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic
George TARKHAN-MOURAVI, Institute for Policy Studies, Georgia, nominated by Local Government Initiative Development Ltd, Hungary
Vita TERAUDA, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, Latvia, nominated by Center for Economic Development, Bulgaria

19.30: Meet in lobby of Armada Hotel to depart to restaurant for dinner

20.00-21.30 New Board meets over Dinner, elects Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer

Friday 20 October

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Formal PASOS General Assembly 2006

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| 09.00-09.15 | 10. Chair's report on meeting of new Board |
| 09.15-09.45 | 11. Members' reports on PASOS joint projects
(a) <i>Analysing and Debating the Future of EU Enlargement – Enlargement Roadshows in the Czech Republic, Poland and Latvia</i> , David Král, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic
(b) <i>Evaluation of Progress on Commitments to Local Government Reform in South East Europe</i> , Ken Davey, Chair, LGI Steering Committee
(c) Additional reports |
| 09.45-10.00 | 12. PASOS Exchange, the intranet for PASOS members (Jeff Lovitt) |
| 10.00-10.15 | 13. Introduction to other networks/partners working with PASOS
(a) Central and Eastern European Universities' Network, Giorgio Dominese
(b) UNDP Economic Policy Institutes Network, Sanjar Tursaliev |
| 10.15-11.30 | 14. Strategy: PASOS Advocacy Calendar and Priorities
a) A European Endowment for Democracy
b) Recommendations for reform of the European Neighbourhood Policy
c) PASOS Policy Journal
d) Other priorities |
| 11.30-11.45 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.45-12.45 | 15. Policy Centres Development Fund – Strategy, Focus and Funding |
| 12.45-13.00 | 16. Date, venue and focus of PASOS General Assembly 2007 |
| 13.00-13.15 | 17. Any Other Business/Close of meeting |
| 13.15-14.15 | <i>Lunch</i> |

Friday 20 October (continued)

Project development working group meetings

14.30-16.30 (a) *Governance and Democracy,*

moderator: Liliana Proskuryakova, Strategia-St. Petersburg Center for Humanites and Political Studies, Russia

14.30-14.50: Open Society Index (Simona Goldstein, iDEMO, Croatia)

14.50-15.10: International monitoring of legislation regulating NGO activity in the CEE/CIS countries, primarily in Russia, Latvia, Czech Republic, Georgia, Belarus (Liliana Proskuryakova, Strategia)

15.10-15.30: Cross-cultural study on democratic participation and the three-way communication between government – civil society – population. Analysing best practices and failures in harmonising these relations – policy recommendations (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, Institute for Policy Studies, Georgia)

15.30-15.50: Transfer of democratic transformation experience from CEE/new EU members through policy institutes (Grigorij Meseznikov, Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava)

15.50-16.10: Building civil society's capacity to curb corruption in public life: learning from best practices in Central and Eastern Europe (Agnes Batory, Center for Policy Studies – Central European University, Budapest)

16.10-16.30: Additional projects

16.30-16.50: *Coffee break*

16.50-18.10: (b) *EU Accession and European Neighbourhood Policy,*

moderator: Olga Shumylo, International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine

16.50-17.10: Sharing NGO experiences of monitoring of EU accession talks (Dace Akule, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, Latvia)

17.10-17.30: Best practice sharing in national policy formation on EU affairs (Dace Akule, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, Latvia)

17.30-17.50: Sharing experiences of NGOs and journalists as important stakeholders in the EU accession process (Vladimir Bartovic, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Czech Republic)

17.50-18.10: Evaluation of level of 'Europeanisation' of new EU member-states since accession - treatment of minorities, student mobility, labour mobility, attitudes to immigration (Dace Akule, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, Latvia)

19.30: *Meet in Armada Hotel lobby for departure for dinner cruise on Bosphorus*

Saturday 21 October

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Project Development working group meetings

09.00-11.00: b) EU Accession and European Neighbourhood Policy (continued),

moderator: Olga Shumylo, International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine

09.00-09.30: Presentation of the International Visegrad Fund by Executive Director Ambassador Kristof Forrai

09.30-09.50: Eastern neighbourhood in ENP – action plans, trends, problems and achievements. Brussels and its counterparts in ENP – publication on ENP (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, Institute for Policy Studies, Georgia)

09.50-10.10: Public policy and governance in ENP: Are there any general standards, how are they formulated and monitored, and how is this positioned in ENP? (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, IPS)

10.10-10.30: Conference on East-West migration and demographic trends (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, IPS)

10.30-11.00: Additional projects

11.00-11.15: *Coffee break*

11.15-13.00: **Strengthening Policymaking in Central Asia** (Preveze Hall)

11.15-13.00: *Additional project meeting (Kadirga room)*

11.15-13.00: *Additional project meeting (Reis room)*

13.00-14.00 *Lunch*

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14.10-16.25 (d) Social Policy & Education,

moderator: Peter Rado, Center for Educational Policy Analysis, Hungary

14.10-14.30: A cross-country study: functionality of national education systems – states goals and systems' effectiveness in achieving them (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, Institute for Policy Studies, Georgia)

14.30-14.45: Educational programmes and exchanges for young leaders (Liliana Proskuryakova, Strategia, Russia)

14.45-15.05: Trends in professional education vs. needs and flexibility of labor markets (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, IPS)

15.05-15.25: Rural schools (Andrew Cartwright, Center for Policy Studies – Central European University, Hungary, Judit Kovacs, Center for Educational Policy Analysis/LGID, Hungary)

15.25-15.40: Trade unions and labour protection in post-socialist societies (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, IPS)

15.40-16.25: Additional projects

16.25-16.40: *Coffee break*

16.40-18.30: Economic Policy and Development,

moderated by Aaron Presnall, Jefferson Institute, Serbia

16.40-17.00: Ideas and values of sustainable development in Eastern Europe (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, Institute for Policy Studies, Georgia, Tbilisi)

17.00-17.20: EU Accession and its impact on the labor markets in old and new EU member states (Maria Prohaska, Center for Economic Development, Bulgaria)

17.20-17.40: Migration as a key factor of development: internal and external migration in the region and their influence on economy and development (George Tarkhan-Mouravi, IPS)

17.40-18.30: Additional projects

18.40-19.20: *Board meeting to agree on follow-up in line with outcomes of Assembly and working groups*

19.30: Meet in Armada Hotel lobby for departure to restaurant for dinner