Challenges and Opportunities of Economic Integration in Eurasia

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THE EARLY 1970s

Sources: nuclearweaponarchive.org, The Guardian
Bridging new divides........

Sources: BBC, Salon
IIASA is a child of Diplomacy for Science

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What is IIASA?

- Established in 1972 by USA and USSR: bridge between East and West, science diplomacy
- 2017: International, independent, interdisciplinary research on major global problems
- Solution oriented, integrated systems analysis into the issues of sustainability and global transformation
- Dimensions: energy, land use, climate, air quality, technology, biodiversity, demography, natural hazards
- Currently 24 member countries
1. Overview

• Research of the potential and conditions for the creation of an EU-EAEU common economic space
• Science diplomacy
• Science-to-policy efforts
2. High-level dialogue

- IIASA has been a place where high-level officials and experts from the EU and EAEU have met despite the political crisis
- More than 200 recognized scientists, experts, stakeholders and policy-makers
3. Approach and outcomes

1. Methodological Approaches to the Assessment of Economic Impact – March 2014
5. Development of Transport and Infrastructure in Eurasia – September 2015
7. EU-EAEU in Greater Eurasia: Long-Term Agenda for Economic Cooperation – November 2016
8. HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATION on IIASA Futures Initiative “Challenges and Opportunities of Economic Integration within a Wider European and Eurasian Space” – June 2017

• Over 250 individual smaller reports and presentations
4. Dissemination

- Individual meetings with the highest level policy makers
- Participation at international high-level forums
- Project web-site
IIASA’s work on the economic integration in the region: Overview

**Phase I:**
- Convening, building a community, discussing
- 2013-2016

**Transition Phase:**
- Fast-track studies
  - Prospects of FDI
  - Non-tariff barriers
  - Transport
- 2017

**Phase II:**
- Comprehensive road map for EU-EAEU cooperation in key dimensions
- 2018-2022
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Connectivity, Trade and Economic Cooperation within a Wider European and Eurasian Space

- IIASA cooperates with OSCE under its Economic and Environmental Dimension
- This side event will bring policymakers, diplomats, scientists and business representatives together to discuss how to promote connectivity, strengthen economic ties and create new business opportunities despite current political tensions
- Among questions to be addressed:
  - What are the possibilities for promoting economic cooperation between the EU and the EAEU
  - How can IIASA and the OSCE contribute to connectivity and economic cooperation
  - What is the role of business community in developing “hard infrastructure”
  - What is the scope of additional infrastructure opportunities through the OBOR Initiative
  - How can governments promote “soft infrastructure” (harmonization of procedures and standards etc.)
International Youth Forum
Future of Eurasian and European Integration: Foresight–2040

• 4 – 8 December 2017
• 40 talented young minds from Europe, CIS and Asia
• Seminars and dynamic foresight sessions
• Panel sessions with high-level experts
• Presentation of results at the OSCE Ministerial Council
• Burying of time capsule with an "Appeal to the Youth of 2040"
Summary

• The project is currently supported by the Eurasian Development Bank and IIASA

• High-level officials are from European Commission, Eurasian Economic Commission, related ministries, national banks, and business are involved

• IIASA has been the only platform where de-politicized dialogue of experts and policy makers has been maintained and developed during the entire period of Russia-EU political crisis

• Phase II aims at comprehensive research of the futures of EU-EAEU economic relations – needs support.