



The EU Eastern Partnership – a Platform for Integration & Growth

Scope for Synergies with the SCU

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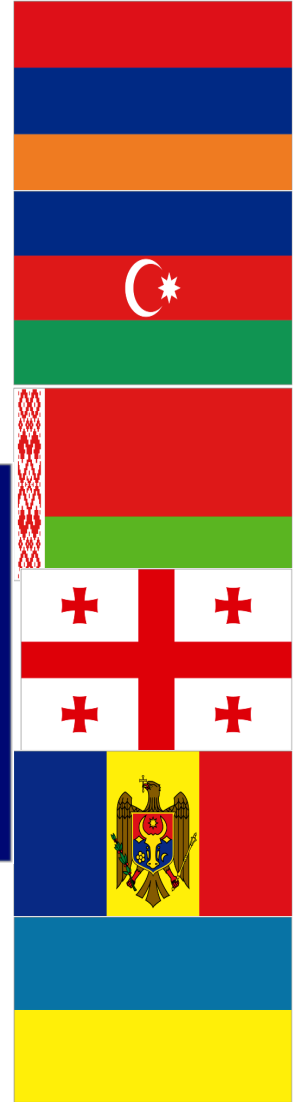
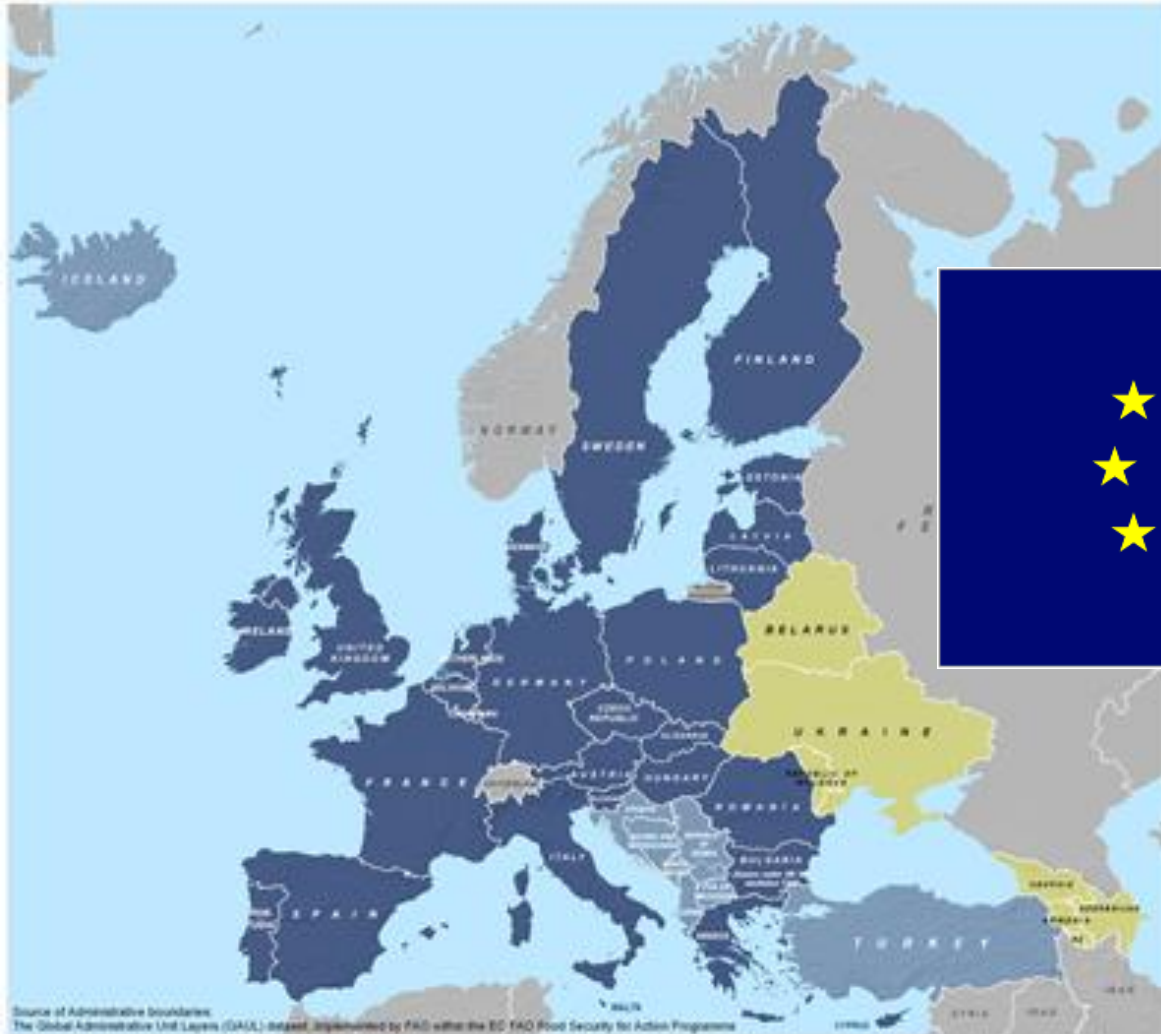
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Geographical Scope



Useful link:

http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/eastern/index_en.htm

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Two Approaches for Integration

- Bilateral: Specific for each partner. Association agreements (incl. DCFTA) for those willing and able; visa facilitation, etc.
- Multilateral: rational for approximation; enhance regional cooperation. 4 thematic platforms (good govt; EU convergence; energy security; contacts between people).



Partners

- Partner countries AM, AZ, BY, GE, MD, UA
- EU 27 MS & Commission
- In addition i. a. :
 - European Parliament (Assembly proposal)
 - International organisations (OSCE, CoE, OECD)
 - IFI:s (e. g. EIB, EBRD)
 - Civil society (Civil Society Forum)
 - Third countries

Swedish Presidency Targets



- Steps toward Institution-Building Programmes
- Launch the four multilateral platforms
- Start a number of flagship projects
- Establish Civil Society Forum
- Take steps in bilateral relations
- Roadmap for next 1-2 years



Achievements Under Way



- Work programmes for the four platforms 2009–11
- Civil Society Forum 16–17 Nov.
- Flagship projects on energy efficiency, border management & other areas
- Mandates for DCFTA & Ass. agreements AM, AZ, GE
- Progress UA, GE bilateral tracks. Expectation of MD catch-up. Review of policy for BY
- Ministerial 27+6 on 8 December





Platform 2 Work Programme 2009–2011

- Ambitious & practical!
- Trade and trade regulatory approximation (DCFTA)
- Other regulatory approximation & cooperation
- Macroeconomic and financial cooperation
- Targeted training, e.g. customs, public procurement, technical standards, enterprise policy (SME-positive climate), VAT systems, etc.



Relations to the SCU

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- Obvious complementarity, potential synergies between EaP/Platform 2 and SCU
- Partner countries (MD soon SCU member; BY next?) - converging geographical area
- Focus - clear scope for valuable synergy e. g. on enterprise policy and SME' s
- EU and OECD joint forces promote rapid change
- Goals important to SE (supp. SCU Ukraine 2.5 M€)



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Thank you!



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