

MINUTES OF UNDERSTANDING

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Discussion in the framework of the Symposium “EU-Russia Trade Law – and Policy Relations”

Place: Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

Participants: ESI MGIMO MFA Russia - Tamara Shashikhina, Natalia Slavkina; The Hague University - Jaap de Zwaan; Universität Hamburg - Marian Paschke; DA of Vienna - Susanne Keppler-Schlesinger, Petra Kakuska, Gerhard Hafner; Erasmus University of Rotterdam - Alessandra Arcuri.

Absent: Universitatea din Craiova

Agenda:

1. Interim estimations of the Symposium “EU-Russia Trade Law – and Policy Relations”
2. Intermediate debriefing of the JMN Project implementation.
3. Discussion of future events within the JMN Project. Discussion of legal, financial and administrative issues concerning the cooperation among the partners to JMN Project.

Summary:

1. The participants of the Symposium positively estimated the discussions, paid attention to the importance of its topic, pointed out that it was a good experience to be continued to involve in the discussion young researches.

2. The administration of the European Studies Institute informed the partners to the JMN Project about already implemented and current activities:

- **Organization of a summer school at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.** Summer School at Vienna Diplomatic Academy takes place in July 3-8, 2017. It is a full-day programme which lasts 7 days. 17 ESI students are attending classes and visiting international institutions as UN Organizations in Vienna, OSCE and the Russian Embassy.

- **JMN Cluster meeting in Brussels** on June 8, 2017 in which T. Shashikhina and P. Kakushka took place. The Cluster meeting was an occasion to obtain an overview of what the Jean Monnet Networks are doing, their functioning and results, but also to identify areas of improvement. The event also offered the opportunity to stimulate and intensify networking activities between the different Jean Monnet coordinators and their partners.

- **Meetings with JMN curators** from the EU Commission in a view to promote and diversify the cooperation within the current Project and prospective of further cooperation.

3. The participants proposed their view on future events within the JMN Project:

- **a) Organization of an Open call for research papers** -“The WTO Free Trade Concept and its Impact for the EU-Russian Relationship in Selected Fields”.

The ESI administration will announce the Open Call in September 2017, publish it on its web-site and inform partners in order to disseminate this information among interested young researchers in EU partners Universities. The participants agreed that the best option in the

research sphere of the grant would be a scientific evaluation by the representatives of the universities-partners to JMN Project (in case of an application in English) under research activities of the winners of the future open calls. The ESI presumes grants for 2-3 applicants (500 euro). Research paper will be published on the JMN web-site.

b) Conferences/round tables/symposium. The list of such events within the whole period of Project implementation is as follow:

- WTO dispute-settlement: cases of EU vs Russia (conference)
- The FDI impact on the development and modernization of the target country (round table/debate).

Titles of conferences could be subject of reconsideration because of the changes in political and economic situation.

Prof. Jaap De Zwaan proposed to organize on the platform of the Hague University in cooperation with University of Rotterdam a workshop/conference in March 19, 2018.

Because of the absence of representatives of the Universitatea din Craiova and impossibility to coordinate partners agendas the participants of the meeting decided to propose to Prof. M. Paschke (Hamburg University representative) to be the host of the next international conference (previously pre-planned to be held in Romania).

Prof. M. Paschke approved this initiative and proposed to organize a conference in Hamburg in December 4, 2017.

Partners agreed to confirm the dates and the format (titles) of the above-mentioned events as soon as possible to prepare the full version of its agendas and programmes.

c) Organization of Summer school for the ESI students in July, 2018.

d) Lecturing of invited professors from partners university in the ESI, Moscow.

- Prof. J. De Zwaan expressed his will to give lectures (10-12 hours) starting November 13, 2017 (before the expiration of his visa).
- Prof. M. Paschke proposed the second week of February 2018 as his lecturing time preference.
- Prof. A.Arcurri confirmed her lecturing contribution within the second semester 2018 academic year.

It was agreed that partners will confirm the dates and topics of their lectures as soon as possible to make the ESI administration to shape the ESI academic time-schedule in time.