



CIVIL SOCIETY TRADE SEMINAR

“EU trade Policy: Looking to Eastern”

10-11 December 2015

Chisinau, Moldova

PROGRAMME



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The objectives of the seminar are:

- Foster a better understanding of the EU trade policy by Moldovan (MD) civil society organisations through a capacity building type event;
- Communicate theoretical issues in a policy-oriented way, bringing them into the practical lives of the operating organisations;
- Gather input from civil society organisations on how we could better reflect their concerns in the EU trade policy
- Engage MD civil society organisations in current trade policy issues between Moldova and EU;
- Strengthen civil society organisations locally by raising awareness of existing mechanisms at their disposal through which they can voice their concerns.

Participants:

The Seminar will bring together (at least 70 participants, incl. 10 non-local contributors) representatives of the EU Delegation to Moldova, European Union and Eastern Partnership member states diplomatic missions, the representatives of national Government, Parliament and civil society organizations, consumer associations, trade unions, employers' organisations, business and professional associations, faith-based groups, research institutes, academia and students, general public (including mass-media).

Working languages: Romanian and Russian languages - simultaneous translation in English.

Organisation committee:

Olesea SIRBU, assoc. prof. dr., President of ASER, Executive Director of the Centre for European Integration Studies (ASEM)/ E-mail: oleseasarbu@gmail.com

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Thursday, 10 December 2015

Venue: Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (59, Banulescu-Bodoni str., Building F, 3rd floor, room 303)

09.30 – 10.00 Registration of participants

10.00 – 10.30 **OPENING ADDRESSES**

Olesea SIRBU, EMA project`s coordinator, President of ASER

Pirkka TAPIOLA, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to Moldova

Octavian CALMÎC, Deputy Minister of Economy of Republic of Moldova

Iulia IABANJI, Director Organisation for Development of SMEs (ODIMM), Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova

Constanta LUNGU, Erasmus+ National Office

10.30 – 10.50 **INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT**

EU trade policy: looking Eastern

Rodica CRUDU, assoc. prof. dr., Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova/
Expert ASER

10.50 – 11.10 **COFFEE BREAK**

FIRST SESSION

DCFTA and Moldova: achievements, challenges and perspectives

Moderator: **Rodica CRUDU**, assoc. prof. dr., Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova/
Expert ASER

11.10 – 11.30 *Support to the implementation of DCFTA process in Moldova*

Inese BIRZNIECE, Key Senior Legal Expert in the EU financed project (EuropeAid) "Support for DCFTA implementation in Moldova"

11.30 – 11.50 *DCFTA implementation in the Republic of Moldova: achievements and challenges*

Mihaela GORBAN, Head of department Coordination of European Economic Policies and DCFTA, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova

11.50 – 12.10 *EU Markets DCFTA – New trade opportunities*

Vasile PLĂMĂDEALĂ, Trade Officer, Political and Economic Section, EU delegation to Moldova

12.10 – 12.30 *DCFTA and new opportunities of Moldovan exports*

Andrei ŞESTOVSCI, Moldavian Investment and Export Promotion Organisation

12.30 – 12.50 *One year from the implementation of Association Agreement with EU*

Camelia GRAUR, EU Political Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Republic of Moldova

12.50 -13.30 *Discussions*

13.30 – 14.00 **LUNCH**



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SECOND SESSION
EU trade policy: looking Eastern

Moderator: **Rodica CRUDU**, assoc. prof. dr., Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova/
Expert ASER

14.00– 14.20 *Economic Relations with Russia after EU Accession: Experiences of the Visegrad States*

Martin DANGERFIELD, prof., dr., Jean Monnet Chair in the European integration of Central and Eastern Europe, University of Wolverhampton (United Kingdom)

14.20– 14.50 *Removal of technical barriers to trade in the field of legal metrology – Polish experience*

Joanna SEKALA, Legal Metrology Department, Central Office of Measures, Poland (Warsaw)

14.50– 15.10 *DCFTA implementation in Ukraine: main opportunities and challenges*

Oleksandr KUBATKO, PhD in Economics, Associate Professor at Economics and Business Administration department, Sumy State University (Ukraine)

15.10 – 15.30 *Foreign trade of Georgia with EU (European Union) before the ratification of „Georgia - EU association agreement" and perspectives after ratification*

Roman MAMULADZE, prof., dr., Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Batumi State Maritime Academy (Georgia)

15.30 – 16.00 **COFFEE BREAK**

16.00 – 16.20 *The role of the EU agricultural programs in the development of agriculture of Adjarian Autonomous Republic today and in the future and prospects for trade relations*

Avtandil MESKHIDZE, Deputy of minister of agriculture of Ajara A.R., (Georgia)

16.20 – 16.50 *Recent Trends and Challenges for Latvia's Trade to East*

Inara KANTANE, assoc. prof., dr., **Biruta SLOKA**, assoc. prof., dr., and **Tatiana Muravska**, assoc. prof., dr., University of Latvia (Latvia)

16.50 – 17.10 *E-commerce development situation and perspectives*

Narimantas Kazimieras PALIULIS, prof. dr., Vilnius Gedeminas Technical University (Lithuania)

17.10 – 17.30 *Discussions, The End of 1st day*



Friday, 11 December 2015

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THIRD SESSION

Make DCFTA work for people

Moderator: **Ludmila STIHI**, assoc. prof., dr., Organisation for Development of SMEs of Moldova (ODIMM)
Rodica CRUDU, assoc. prof. dr., Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova/
Expert ASER

09.30 – 10.00 *Association Agreement – tool of pre-accession strategy in the context of the EU enlargement towards Central and Eastern Europe. Case of Romania*

Liviu-George MAHA, prof. dr., „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași (Romania)

10.00-10.20 *Structural changes in the foreign trade of Central and Eastern European countries in the process of European integration*

Gabriela Carmen PASCARIU, prof. dr., Director of the Center of European Studies, „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Iași (Romania)

10.20 – 10.40 *The socio - economic situation in Transnistria in terms of European integration processes.*

Vladlena LISENCO, assoc. prof., dr., Vice-rector of the State University “ T. Shevchenko”, Tiraspol, Transnistria (Moldova)

Alla POLTARETSKAIA, NGO Center for Innovation and Social development, Tiraspol, Transnistria (Moldova)

10.40 – 11.00 *Transnistria and Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement - a little stone that overturns a great wain*

Adrian LUPUȘOR, Independent Think-Tank Expert – Group (Moldova)

11.00 – 11.20 *Discussions*

11.20– 11.40 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.40 – 12.00 *E-invoicing in EU public procurement as tool cross border trade barriers elimination in Ukraine*

Oleksandr TSARUK, assis., prof. dr., Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Committee on Informatization and Communications, Chief adviser (Ukraine)

12.00 – 12.20 *Support to Small Business in the context of DCFTA implementation*

Iulia IABANJI, **Ludmila STIHI**, Organisation for Development of SMEs (ODIMM), Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Moldova

12.20 – 12.40 *Opportunities for young entrepreneurs in the conditions of DCFTA implementation in Moldova*

Aurelia BRAGUTA, National Association of Young Managers (ANTiM), Republic of Moldova



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- 12.40 – 13.00** *Support of Moldova's Trade and Industry Chamber to SMEs in the context of DCFTA*
Nicolae CHIMERCIUC, Chamber of trade and Industry of the Republic of Moldova
- 13.00 -13.20** *DCFTA provisions and new reforms entailed in waste management and trade issues.*
Svetlana BOLOCAN, Chief of Department "Pollution Prevention and Waste Management" Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova
- 13.20 – 13.40** *Discussions*

13.40 – 15.00 LUNCH

15.00 – 17.00

FOURTH SESSION

ADOPTION OF PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Moderator: **Olesea SIRBU**, assoc. prof. dr., President of ASER

The participants will elaborate Proposals and recommendations that will be addressed to the relevant local, regional and national authorities, decision-makers, governmental bodies, agencies in Moldova, in order to extract more benefits from the implementation of Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area with European Union.



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