

25 YEARS AFTER THE FALL OF THE IRON CURTAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

**Friday, 5 December 2014
Brussels, rue Belliard 99, conference room JDE 62**

2014 is the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall and the Iron Curtain. This is a unique opportunity to make a critical analysis of the European integration of the post-socialist transition countries that joined the European Union. The objectives of the conference organised by the European Commission, Directorate General for Research and Innovation are:

- **To provide the floor for a critical analysis of the integration of Central and Eastern Europe in the EU since 1989 with the participation of representatives of the EU institutions and political actors of the transition period.**
- **To reach out and connect with the European civil society, the research community and other EU institutions concerning the knowledge gaps and challenges that European research and innovation should tackle.**
- **To launch the DG RTD Policy Review '25 Years After the Fall of the Iron Curtain - The State of Integration of East and West in the European Union'.**

The conference will be interpreted into French, German, English, Hungarian, Polish and Bulgarian
Attendance on the conference is free of charge, but will require pre-registration. To register, please send your name and institutional affiliation to the following e-mail address: rtd-ssh-meetings@ec.europa.eu by 30 November 2014.



PROGRAMME

9.30 – 10.00 *Welcome coffee, registration*

Morning session

10.00 – 10.15 **Welcome** – ... ,representative of the European Economic and Social Committee (*to be confirmed*)

10.15 – 10.30 **Introduction** – **András SIEGLER**, Director, European Commission, DG RTD

10.30 – 11.00 **The State of Integration of East and West in the European Union** – presentation of the DG RTD publication by the author, **Péter BALÁZS**, CEU, Hungary, former member of the European Commission responsible for regional policy (2004)

11.00 – 11.30 **Transition and enlargement in geopolitical perspective** – **Jacques RUPNIK**, CERI, France

11.30 – 12.00 **Lessons for the EU's future enlargements** – ... representative of Directorate General for Enlargement, European Commission (*to be confirmed*)

12.00 – 12.30 **Questions and answers**
Moderator: Kinga JOÓ, member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Hungary

12.30 – 14.00 *Buffet Lunch*

Afternoon session

14.00 – 15.30 **'Confronting the expectations of 25 years ago with the reality'** – *Round table* with

Gábor IVÁNYI – Methodist minister, Rector of the John Wesley Theological College, member of the democratic opposition before 1989, Hungary

Simon PANEK – Director of People in Need NGO, student activist during the Czech Velvet Revolution of 1989, Czech Republic

Tunne KELAM – MEP, historian, member of the democratic opposition and independence movement against Soviet Rule in Estonia

Przemyslaw URBANCZYK – Vice-Chair of the Expert Advisory Group for Horizon 2020 SC6, archaeologist, member of the Solidarność trade union in communist Poland

Moderator: Philippe KERAUDREN, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG RTD, Unit B.6 'Reflective Societies'

15.30 – 15.45 *Coffee break*

15.45 – 17.15 **'The way to go: Current challenges of the integration and lessons for future enlargements'** – *Round table* with

Michał BONI – MEP, member of the Solidarność trade union in communist Poland, minister of several Polish governments after the regime change, Poland

Vladimir KISSIOV – 1st Vice-Chairman of the CIVEX commission, Committee of the Regions, former chief negotiator with the European Union (2000-2001), Bulgaria

Antoaneta DIMITROVA – MAXCAP (FP7 SSH) project co-coordinator, Leiden University

Moderator: Zoltán KRASZNAI, European Commission, DG RTD, Unit B.6 'Reflective Societies'

17.15 – 17.30 **Concluding remarks by Philippe KERAUDREN**, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission, DG RTD, Unit B.6 'Reflective Societies'