



The European Values Network (EVN)

is a platform open to all who believe that, in order to successfully address global challenges, the European Union should become a real political community consciously rooted in its values and cultural heritage. Inspired by the values of freedom, personal responsibility, and an active civil society, the European Values Network promotes more democratic contestation within the EU, a competitive European economy, a closer and stronger transatlantic partnership, mutually beneficial strategic relations with our neighbouring countries, and a responsible policy towards migration.



EVN gathers young European scholars and professionals who are formulating alternative solutions to make Europe freer, safer, stronger and more prosperous. It operates through working-groups on the most urgent policy issues, workshop-meetings, Internet-based communication and conferences. EVN publishes recommendations addressed to EU opinion- and policy-makers. It was founded by European Values - a non-profit think tank based in Prague – and is administrated by an International Organizing Committee.



“I’m sure that everyone gained many precious insights in this thought-provoking EVN experience.”

*Raul Allikivi
Head of Economic Policy Division,
ministry of Economic Affairs and
Communications of Republic
of Estonia*



“The EVN was a unique program, where leaders of the future could work together to find solutions for today’s problems and concerns.”

*Igor Breitner
Hudson Institute,
Washington, D.C.*



Policy Issues for 2009

- Single European Market: Liberalization and deregulation as the path to follow?
- EU-Russia Relations: How to enhance cooperation beyond the energy agenda?
- European Elections: How can European political parties mobilize voters?
- European Defence Policy: Opportunities and challenges under the new US administrative?
- The Successful Integration of Immigrants: What should be the common European standards?



Program schedule for 2009

Application (17 November 2008 – 15 January 2009)

Admissions announcement (26 January 2009)

Meeting in Brussels (28 February 2009 – 3 March 2009): First meeting of participants, workshops, EU institutions tour and discussions with their representatives.

E-communication (3 March 2009 – 30 April 2009): Research period, each participant works on his contribution to the final paper using an Internet based collaboration tool.

Concluding conference in Prague (1 May 2009– 5 May 2009): Meeting in working groups and finishing final papers, presentations and discussions with experts, academics politicians.

Policy-papers distribution (June 2009): Publishing policy papers based on work in the working groups. Policy papers distribution to universities, Think-tanks, NGOs, civil society, EU institutions and other public institutions.

Meeting in September (mid September): Evaluation of last EVN year, setting up a new Organizing Committee out of the chosen participants for the next EVN year, planning of up-coming EVN year.



European Values Network 2008 overview



The European Values Network 2008 was held under the auspices of President of the European Parliament Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering and with support of Mr. Josef Zieleniec.

The EVN 2008 participants consisted of 45 outstanding young scholars and experts from 16 EU countries. The outcome of their work has been summarized in a publication of five policy-papers on the following issues:

- Legitimate government in the EU: What system for the formation of the European Commission?*
- New architecture for Europe: How to integrate the Eastern EU neighbours without full membership?*
- Illegal immigration: What effective measures to prevent it?*
- New security environment: What strategies for transatlantic partners?*
- Economy: How to ensure social consensus while making Europe competitive in the globalized world?*

The participants met early in March on the 3-days meeting in Brussels where their work on policy-papers was launched through workshops and discussion sessions with EU representatives. The 2-months period between the Brussels meeting and the Final Conference in Prague was dedicated to the „e-communication“. This research period allowed the participants to prepare their contributions to the final papers and brought them to the Final Conference in Prague where the policy papers were presented and commented by invited experts. The outcome of the EVN 2008 has been summarized in a publication of five policy-papers.



Among Guest Speakers of the EVN 2008 in Brussels figured:

- Josef Zieleniec** (Czech MEP, former Foreign Affairs Minister)
- Alain Lamassoure** (French MEP, former Minister with special responsibility for European Affairs)
- Charles Tannock** (British MEP, UK Conservative Foreign Affairs Spokesman)
- Alojz Peterle** (Slovenian MEP, former Foreign Affairs and Prime Minister)
- Jean-Louis De Brouwer** (Director, Immigration, Borders and Asylum, JLS DG)

The policy-papers at the Final Conference in Prague were commented by:

- Jan Karlas** (Head of research department, Institute of International Relations)
- Jiří Pehe** (Director of the New York University in Prague)
- Lucie Sládková** (Director of the International Organization for Migration, Mission in Prague)
- Mitchell A. Belfer** (Chief of the Central European Journal of International & Security Studies)
- Andreas Ortmann** (Senior Researcher and Associate Professor at CERGE-EI)
- Tomáš Sedláček** (Chief Macro-economic strategist of ČSOB Bank)

European Values Network 2007 overview



The European Values Network 2007 was held under the auspices of Mr. Elmar Brok.

The total of 43 participants from 17 states of the European Union took part in the first year of the EVN. They produced 5 policy papers on the following issues:

How should the EU institutions be reformed in order to improve efficiency and motivate citizens to a stronger engagement?

Where should the borders of the EU be and how shall we deal with our diverse neighbourhood?

How shall the challenge of immigration to Europe be addressed?

How can we comply with responsibility to future generations as far as the economy and the environment are concerned?

What should the EU do in order to reinforce the promotion of its interests in the world?

Among Guest Speakers of the EVN 2007 figured:

Klaus Hänsch (MEP, former President of the European Parliament)

Elmar Brok (MEP, former Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the EP)

Gunnar Hökmark (MEP, Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs)

Eneko Landaburu (Director-General of the DG External Relations of the European Commission)

Konrad Scharinger (Minister-Counsellor of the German Embassy in Prague)

Michel Pouchepadass (First Counsellor of the French Embassy in Prague)

Jiří Pehe (Director of the New York University in Prague)



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