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Centre of Excellence in EU Studies

Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share with you the second issue of the Newsletter of the Centre of Excellence in EU Studies at ADA University. From this issue you will receive information about our activities in January-July 2015 - the 1st EU ADA Summer School, public lectures held in ADA University, trainings for Azerbaijani officials, a study trip for ADA faculties to the College of Europe, EU Spring Summer School and more.

Enjoy our newsletter!

Your EU Centre of Excellence team

The 1st ADA EU Summer School

Neighbourhood Policy

- **Public Lecture on EU Enlargement**

The 1st ADA EU Summer School was organized in Baku on 13-24 July 2015. This was an intensive eight-day programme, designed to equip participants from Azerbaijan, Belgium, Romania, Georgia, Denmark, Italy and Kazakhstan with a solid primary understanding of the main policy areas of the European Union. Distinguished scholars and experts from the College of Europe, European Parliament, Institute of Europe and other research and policy sectors discussed topics within their respective fields, setting the stage for insightful and rewarding in-class debates. Focus areas of the summer school included: EU History, EU Institutions and Member states, EU Law, EU Energy Policies, Human Rights in the EU, EU Economic Policy, etc. This programme encourages an interactive learning environment using workshops and group exercises.



Study visit of ADA faculty to the College of Europe, Bruges



ADA faculty staff visited the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium on 13-15 July 2015. The 3-day seminar mainly included issues such as different aspects of global developments relating to innovative approaches to higher education, departmental-level

approaches to innovation in teaching and learning, quality of education, responding to the challenges of innovation in higher education and how to relate these to the specific needs and strategic goals of ADA University. Faculty and staff benefited from the experience of the College of Europe's innovative education system. The seminar was followed by constructive discussions on important elements of further development of the Bologna system and professor-student assessments. The new opportunities for possible exchange programs between the two institutions were also reviewed.

This visit is a preliminary step towards the opening of EU courses within the MADIA program

Training in EU Affairs for Azerbaijani officials

Centre of Excellence in EU studies at ADA University completed its comprehensive training courses for Azerbaijani civil servants operating in central executive power bodies. The trainings were oriented toward enhancing key subject areas



for civil servants and other relevant actors regarding EU matters, as well as how to facilitate formal agreements. In general, more than 800 civil servants from 40 line ministries and committees attended these trainings during the period of December 2014 – April 2015. During the trainings, participants were trained on EU Negotiation Skills, Introduction to EU Basics, Trade and Customs Policies, EU Conventions on Migration and Human Rights, Energy and Environment Policy and many more key areas. At the completion of individual training, the participants who successfully attended the entire course were awarded with certificates.

Public lecture "EU HUMAN RIGHTS"



The Centre of Excellence in EU Studies is hosting special guest speaker, Stavros Lambrinidis, EU Special Representative for Human Rights. Mr Lambrinidis gives a public lecture dedicated to "EU Human Rights," touching on the essence of human

rights protection, freedom of expression, and other related matters. Stavros Lambrinidis has been the EU Special Representative for Human Rights since August 2012.

EU Spring School

ADA University, the Center of Excellence in EU Studies and AYAPE organized the first ADA EU Spring School from 22-27 March in Brussels. Sixteen ADA University students, both local and international, had a chance to hear about EU treaties and



integration, EU values and relations, EU foreign policy and a variety of other related topics. The event was supported by the Youth Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Index - Center for Human Capital Development.

The students attended lectures by a number of experts from the Ghent University's Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, the Council of the European Union, and the European External Action Service. On completion of the program students were awarded with certificates.

Lecture about European Neighbourhood Policy

The Centre of Excellence in EU Studies hosted a public lecture by Mr Toralf Pilz, Head of the Political, Economic, Press and Information Section of the EU Delegation in Baku. He spoke about the EU, European Neighbourhood Policy and its perspectives, Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga and EU-AZ relations in general.



Public Lecture on EU Enlargement

The Centre of Excellence in EU Studies held a 2-day training on EU pre- and post-accession status by Davor Boban, University of Zagreb, Croatia at ADA University on 26-27 May 2015. He spoke about the European Union and its structure and values; political conditionality and criteria; pre-accession negotiations and enlargement and the case of Croatia; Enlargement issues more broadly; and post-accession crisis — state, society and economy.

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