

GROUP FOR EUROPEAN FORECASTS AND RESEARCH (GEFR)

Project Objectives

GEFR is an open analytical discussion forum, created under the European Integration and Regional Stability Program of Open Society Institute - Sofia, which unites the efforts of representatives of the analytical centres in the country (the so-called think-tanks) with the purpose of identifying long-term problems within the context of the negotiations for the EU accession and the NATO membership, and proposing any possible solutions.

Project Implementation Tools

- Holding regular meetings for discussion of the home and international policy of the country, and defining problematic fields, which require changes of the existing policies;
- Developing periodic analyses of the situation in the country and the region, which provide the grounds of the necessity of change in the state policies and social practices, and formulating proposals for any possible solutions;
- Forming thematic working groups, including representatives of the relative state institutions, non-governmental organizations and the media, and organizing discussions on the possible solutions of the identified problems.

Project Status

In progress

Results

Research in the period 2002-2006:

- The Integration Project of the Next Decade: European Security and Defence Policy by Elitsa Markova, Marin Lesenski
- Preliminary Assessment of the Regulations in Bulgaria: Current Practices and Possible Solutions in the Process of European Integration by Asenka Hristova, Georgi Ganev, Lachezar Bogdanov
- The Free Movement of People, according to the European Requirements and the Bulgarian Ideas by Bozhana Stoeva, Violeta Kostadinova, Svetlana Lomeva
- Development of the European Immigration Policy by Bozhana Stoeva, Violeta Kostadinova
- The War on Terrorism and the European Integration by Elitsa Markova, Marin Lesenski
- Preliminary Assessment of the Impact of the Legislation by Asenka Hristova, Georgi Ganev, Lachezar Bogdanov
- People with Disabilities and their Rights in the EU. Bulgaria and its invisible citizens by Bozhana Stoeva, Violeta Kostadinova
- European Debates of 2003: Foreign Policy and Institutional Aspects by Elitsa Markova, Marin Lesenski
- Enlargement and Future of the EU by Madlena Vladimirova
- The European Funds and Bulgaria: Structure of Relationships, Research for the Future, Economic Significance and Potential by Asenka Hristova, Georgi Ganev, Kiril Velichkov, Lachezar Bogdanov
- The Agenda of the Political Parties and the Agenda of the Society in the European Integration Process by Svetlana Lomeva, Ivaneta Dobichina
- Effects of the Accession of Turkey to the EU on the Common Market in the Countries of South-Eastern Europe by Asenka Hristova, Georgi Ganev, Lachezar Bogdanov
- Turkey's Long Way to EU Accession – Facts and Challenges by Elitsa Markova, Marin Lesenski
- The European Union – Dreams Come True or Disillusionment? by Bozhana Stoeva, Madlena Vladimirova
- Analysis of the impact of the possible scenarios for Bulgarian EU Membership, stipulated in the Accession Treaty

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