

THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP FROM VILNIUS TO RIGA

**EUROPEAN UNION AND ITS
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

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COUNTRY DATA

EU-EP AFTER VILNIUS

| COUNTRY (mio) | Sq km (US \$) | Population Rank | PIB pc | CPI | EaP-EU |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------|-----|-------------------------|
| ARMENIA | 29,800 | 3,215 | 2,840 | 94 | PCA, AA (+2013), VFA |
| AZERBAIJAN | 86,600 | 9,298 | 7,914 | 127 | PCA, AA (no DCFTA), VFA |
| BELARUS | 207,600 | 9,648 | 3,808 | 123 | PCA (+1997) |
| GEORGIA | 69,500 | 4,592 | 2,355 | 55 | PCA, AA (I), VFA, CMA |
| MOLDOVA | 33,843 | 3,563 | 1,187 | 102 | PCA, AA (I), VFA |
| UKRAINE | 603,628 | 46,200 | 7,200 | 144 | PCA, AA (I), VFA, CAA |

CPI = Corruption Perception Index (2013). Source: Transparency International
 PCA = Partnership and Co-operation Agreement
 AA = Association Agreement
 VFA = Visa Facilitation Agreement
 CMA = Crisis Management Agreement
 CAA = Civil Aviation Agreement
 Source: European Commission, Brussels

THE THIRD EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

Vilnius, 28-29th November 2013

- Signature of a VFA EU-Azerbaijan
- Signature of Framework Agreement EU-Georgia on participation in crisis management
- Initiating of an Association Agreement (+ DCFTA) EU-Georgia
- Initiating of an Association Agreement (+ DCFTA) EU-Moldova
- Initiating of a Civil Aviation Agreement EU-Ukraine

AA = Association Agreement

DCFTA = Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement

VFA = Visa Facilitation Agreement

Source: European Commission, Brussels

EU-UKRAINE RELATIONS

- **PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION AGREEMENT: 1998**
- Paris Summit (2008): Association Agreement (AA)
- February 2008: Ukraine's WTO membership
- March-July 2012: Initialling AA including DCFTA
- Political Association & Economic Integration: Trade & Cooperation, Mobility
- **ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT CONTENT:**
 - Preamble: Common values, Democracy and Market Economy
 - Title I: General Principles: Rule of Law, good governance, fight corruption
 - Title II: Political dialogue, Reforms, Security and Stability
 - Title III: Justice, Freedom and Visa free travel regime
 - Title IV: Trade (DCFTA), EU acquis, Market access, Tariff cuts, Business
 - Title V: Economic cooperation: Energy, Transport, Health, Education,...
 - Title VI: Financial assistance: Neighbourhood Instrument, IFI, Fight fraud
 - Title VII: Institutional: EU-Ukraine Summit, Association Council, Parliamentary Committee, Civil, Society Platform, Dispute Settlement Mechanism

THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP AFTER VILNIUS

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE PANORAMA

- Fragility of Eastern partners' governance and basic reforms
- Geopolitical competition: Some countries flirt with Russia
- Delay the signing EU-Ukraine AA: social turmoil
- Yanukovich seeks for financial support: €160,000 mio?
- Little progress reforms in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus
- Signature of AA+DCFTA with Georgia and Moldova in 2014
- Stressed relations with civil societies' EP: visa liberalization
- EU approach to Russia to offer cooperation and flexibility
- Improve support to EP for reforms, HR & fight corruption
- Use of positive conditionality: 'carrot policy' as incentive
- Risks: 'U' turn in European values, local conflicts & corruption
- EU to support long term stability in EP: polls in 2014-2015
- EU should increase educational programs: mobility, visa lib
- EU must inform AA benefits for citizens and business operators
- EP is a highly sensitive region for Russia

Gracias por su atención
Thank you for your kind attention
Vă mulțumesc pentru atenția acordată

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