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Webinar

End of the road for EU cooperation with the Eurasian Economic Union?

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Current developments in Russia and the shared/contested neighbourhood have sown doubts on plans of those in the EU working towards a normalisation of relations. In the short term, confrontational attitudes are likely to determine EU-Russia relations. In the long term, however, finding ways to avoid confrontation is essential. Do forms of economic cooperation, also involving the other members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) provide the path of least resistance? This webinar will explore the potential for cooperation between the EU and the EEU.

Agenda

- 9:00-9:05 Welcome (Steven Blockmans, CEPS and Peer Teschendorf, FES Moscow)
- 9:05-9:10 Introduction to the topic (Alexandra Dienes, FES Vienna)
- 9:10-9:20 Internal interdependence: EEU and its future (Tatiana Isachenko, MGIMO Moscow)
- 9:20-9:30 Spotlight on Belarus (Andrei Yahorau, Centre for European Transformation, Minsk)
- 9:30-9:40 External interdependence: prospects of engagement with the EU (Michael Emerson, CEPS)
- 9:40-10:00 Discussion among panelists
- 10:00-10:30 Q&A
- Moderator:* Steven Blockmans, CEPS

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The discussion is based on two recent FES publications, [Time to Let Down the Drawbridge: Why Engagement with the Eurasian Economic Union is in EU's best interest](#) (FES Vienna, 2020) and [State of the Union: Possibilities and Perspectives for the Eurasian Economic Union](#) (FES Moscow, 2019).