

## **Working Group 2: Economic Integration and convergence with the EU Policies**

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### **Introduction**

EaP CSF Working Group "Economic Integration & Convergence with EU Policies" deals with the main issues on the agenda of EaP Thematic Platform 2 of the same name.

It tackles one of the biggest ambitions fixed at the Prague Summit which aimed at regional economic integration between Eastern Partner countries and opening negotiations on the deep and comprehensive free trade areas between the EU and the Eastern partner countries.

### **Goals of the Working Group**

The WG2 would like to add the following economic and social issues to the agenda of the EaP:

- a. Increase the performance of social security and social protection systems and intensify the fight against poverty.
- b. Introduce the principles of sustainable development and adequate responses to climate change.
- c. Facilitate labour mobility and flexicurity.
- d. Support the efforts of those partner countries that are not yet members of WTO to become members
- e. Support for consumer protection organisations to become part of the new national action plans.
- f. Put in place a programme aimed at upgrading the support of business contacts, internationalisation and market access
- g. Promote the role of the EaP and opportunities for economic growth, better regulations, social and health safety standards.

### **Working Group Panels**

There are a number of panels within this Working Group. These include the SME Panel and the Trade Panel.

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