

### Focus

**Good governance in Eastern Partnership:**  
the need to have a solid and well-functioning institutional framework to effectively implement the Association Agreements



Dear Reader,

In recent years the EU concluded Association Agreements (AAs) with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. These are designed to deepen political association and economic integration with the EU and facilitate the modernisation of the partner' countries.

Last April an AFET delegation travelled to Moldova and Ukraine to evaluate the level of implementation of these AAs. It concluded that, on top of ensuring political will for reform and fighting corruption, it is crucial for these countries to have a solid and well-functioning institutional framework.

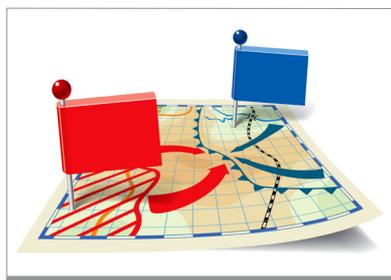
Policy Department EXPO's recent study on *The Development of an Institutional Framework for the Implementation of the Association Agreements in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine: a comparative perspective*, provides an analysis of the state of play of the institutional framework in the three countries, the main progress and key challenges. It also highlights how the EU can assist the countries by providing the necessary systemic support in an integrated, sequenced and long-term way.

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### Association Agreements in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine

Policy Department for External Relations

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The study provides for a comparative perspective of an institutional framework for the implementation of the Association Agreements in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

EU concluded Association Agreements with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, which are amongst the most complex and comprehensive legal treaties concluded by the EU with third countries. The treaties place a profound obligation on the partner countries of legal approximation, by undertaking extensive swathes of the *acquis*.

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Potential revenue from the extension of charging fees by EU Agencies

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

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This study for BUDG committee explores the potential revenue from the extension of charging fees by EU Agencies. It presents a high-level review of the current and prospective situation of fees and charges in the 33 decentralised EU Agencies, and a detailed review of fees and charges for 6 Agencies in particular: ACER, EASA, ECHA, EFSA, ERA and ESMA.



### Competition issues in the area of financial technology

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

July 2018



The increasing number of financial technology (FinTech) services raises new competition challenges. Newcomer start-ups, traditional financial institutions and big tech companies are providing an increasing number of financial technology services. Some factors can result in anticompetitive behaviours, which the study analyses and suggests ways of preventing them.



### Conditionalities in Cohesion Policy

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

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The EC legislative proposals on the 2021-27 financial period consolidate prior conditionalities and introduce new ones, most notably: the rule of law conditionality. Conditionality is an established EU governance tool that may usefully assist the EU to ensure compliance and effective application of its laws and policies throughout EU spending operations at the national level. In the 2014-20 financial period, the use of conditionalities in Cohesion policy has been significantly extended.



### Criminal procedural laws across the European Union

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

August 2018



Despite the EU intense legislative activity in criminal matters, differences between national criminal procedures affect the negotiation and operation of EU instruments. The study requested by LIBE committee examines to what extent differences between national procedural criminal laws hinder the negotiations and the operation of cross-border cooperation instruments. It identifies several forms of "hindrances" and puts forward recommendations for non-legislative and legislative action.



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