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ROUND TABLE

European Studies in the Republic of Moldova: Realities and Perspectives BEst4ME Final Event at Moldova State University

PROGRAM

May 16, 2024

Venue: *Moldova State University, Building IV, room 222*

9:30 - 10:00 Registration and coffee break

10:00 - 10:30 Official opening of event: Welcome words of MSU & UT representatives

- *Vladimir Dolghi*, Vice - rector for Economic Activity and International Relations of Moldova State University (MSU)
- *Alexandru Solcan*, Dean of Faculty of International Relations, Political and Administrative Sciences (FIRPAS), Moldova State University
- *Olga Goncearov*, Estonian Development Cooperation in the Republic of Moldova
- *Grigore Butucea*, Deputy Chief of Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova
- *Project coordinators: Dr. Stefano Braghioli* (University of Tartu) and *Prof. Valentina Teosa* (Moldova State University)

10:30 -11:15 Presentation of the results achieved by BEst4ME (*Ms. Anna Beitane, Manager of Online Learning and Continuing Education Projects, University of Tartu and Dr. Stefano Braghioli, Associate Professor of European Studies, University of Tartu*)

11:15 - 13:00 First defence session (*incl. presentations, discussion with opponents, questions from audience, opinion of supervisors*)

- *Arina Colun* - Public Diplomacy as a Means of Promoting Dialogue between European Union and the Republic of Moldova in the Context of EU Candidate Status. (*Supervisors: Veronica Rotaru/Thomas Linsenmaier*)
- *Cătălin Cujbă* - European Policy for a Secure and Peaceful Nuclear Future – Perspectives for the Republic of Moldova. (*Supervisors: Tatiana Busuncean/ Natalia Kovyliava*)
- *Marina Ileasevici* - Role of OSCE in Maintaining and Strengthening European Security Implications: Lessons for the Republic of Moldova (*Supervisors: Natalia Stercul/Anselm Schmidt*)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

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14:00 - 15:00 Second defence session (incl. presentations, discussion with opponents, questions from audience, opinion of supervisors)

- *Alexandr Solomonenco* - Assessing the Impact of European Union Projects Implementation on Sustainable Development of Moldova: a Multidimensional Analysis. (Supervisors: Cristina Ejov/Stefano Braghiroli)
- *Valeria Bobeica* - Peacekeeping as a Trend in EU Foreign Policy towards Eastern European Countries. (Supervisors: Valentina Teosa/Sandra Hagelin)

15:00 - 15:30 Certificate awarding ceremony

17.30 -19.00 Meeting with the First Year MA students in European Studies

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Venue: *Moldova State University, Main Building, Center for European Studies, room 511*

9:30 - 10:00 Registration and coffee break

10:00 - 11:45 Academic symposium: The Future of the Eastern Partnership in Times of Geopolitical Challenges

Moderator: Anna Beitane (University of Tartu)

Speakers: *Dr. Stefano Braghiroli (University of Tartu), Prof. Eiki Berg (University of Tartu), Prof. Valentina Teosa (Moldova State University), and Dr. Cristina Ejov (Moldova State University)*

11.45 - 12.15 Coffee Break

12:15 - 13:00 Future of cooperation between the University of Tartu and Moldova State University - Introduction of new project "Estonia's best practices for enhancement of Moldova's higher education capacities" (EST4MORE)

- *Dr. Stefano Braghiroli* (University of Tartu)
- *Anna Beitane* (University of Tartu)
- *Dr. Cristina Ejov* (Moldova State University)

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:00 EST4MORE session with PhD students

16.00-19.00 Final Remarks & Closing Reception

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