In 2002, CEEUN was established as a network of cooperation among international university institutions and research centers, with a wide range of issues and innovative projects. It was promoted by a group of Italian university Institutes, Departments and Research Centers: OSSFI- Finance, Banking and Enterprise Observatory, Udine University; ICETS-International Institute for Transition Studies, Luiss University Rome and Trieste University; CNEAS-Center for North East and Adriatic Studies, Venice; ITDO-International Transition Studies Observatory, University Ca' Foscari, Venice. The constitutive meeting took place in Vienna, at the WIFO-Austrian Institute of Economic Research, with the participation of nearly forty Institutions.

Since the start up, more than four hundred faculty members, researchers and experts at international level, belonging to eighty research institutions in twenty-two countries have been cooperating in the CEEUN initiative. In the three years from the beginning, the development of the wide programs has been accompanied by the completion of the Network architecture and Transition Studies Review-TSR (www.springer.at/tsr), the Network scientific “voice” hosting papers and articles submitted by the partners. The Journal TSR is a quarterly published in English by Springer Wien New York, indexed in Journal of Economic Literature, with an international readership, and is focused on transition researches in Central and Southeast Europe, the Black Sea and Mediterranean region, Russia, Central Asia, Ukraine, Caucasus and, more recently, Latin America and Asia.

The annual CEEUN meeting in Alpbach on September 2005 has signed a new step forward in order to better accompany and support the Network present stage without losing the wide representative capability of the many partners involved and the full operative stage of the Regional Centers. The Bodies and Organs are now the following. 1) The Presidency, grouping together the Board of Co-Chairs, the Coordination and the Scientific Referents Steering Committee, which is chaired by the Network Coordinator. 2) The Board of Trustees, with the representatives of the private sector and financial institutions. 3) The Scientific Referents Board, with a newly established composition and its own autonomous decision making capabilities, and the open Scientific Council where all Faculty members, experts, senior and junior researchers of the Network are members. The Referents of the Scientific Board will guarantee the high level of applied research programs and the quality of the Journal Transition Studies Review of which they are at the same time Referees in the different disciplines and sectors.

In the partners and members list we are still missing other Colleagues from China and India with whom we are planning a top meeting, in the second semester 2006, in cooperation with the regional Institutes of Asia Research of the National University of Singapore, the Asian-Europe Foundation and the Asian Development Bank. The same applies, with other Referents Institutions, to the US and Canada Departments and Centers, as well as Russia, Near and Middle East. For Ukraine, Central Asia, Caucasus we had a complete overview of programs and partners during the meeting of the CEEUN Regional Center in Kiev, as well for Turkey, South Eastern Europe, Poland, Central Europe, Romania and Moldova, Black Sea Region and South Come Latin America.
Presidency

(will be convoked for the first meeting by the Spring 2006)

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The main Network Program 2006-2007

The main programs of the applied research activity for the biennial 2006-2007 will focus on aims and projects offering synergies with international funding programs of the EU and other multilateral cooperation bodies. To this end, the 13 Research Areas Referents will indicate by March 2006 which are the focused projects involving more than five Network partners, in view of the Presidency meeting that will follow soon afterwards, at the end of April-beginning of May.

At the same time CEEUN will pursue some crucial programs related to main issues in the field of knowledge upgrade, on the one hand, and will investigate the economic relevance of higher education and research in metropolitan areas on the other. Besides single research projects dedicated to specific aspects and phenomena, we have launched some medium-term programs.

1) The Faculty Upgrade program will be organized in four intensive cycles of education courses, each with a length of two weeks, devoted to young university lecturers and professional researchers (indicatively for persons between 30 and 40 years of age) coming mainly, but not only, from transition countries. Faculty courses will be made available by means of lectures in seminars conducted by a team of highly specialized lecturers. The need of permanent updating is particularly perceived by the whole of the European and international university and research system. The most prestigious CEEUN universities will co-host the courses; the universities and research institutions of origin of the attendants (there will be not more than approximately 20 for each cycle) will bear some of the costs of the program. CEEUN on the one hand will determine the issues taught in the courses through the
Scientific Referents of the various areas and provide through the hosting universities a quality certification of the education received. On the other hand it will ensure the establishment of a team of 4-5 lecturers highly qualified for the courses. The support of the Trustees through forms of fellowship or through advertisements in the scientific “voice” of the Network, the journal Transition Studies Review published by Springer Wien New York, would be highly appreciated.

2) The program “Faculty Upgrade” will include also, upon request, advanced specialization and qualification courses for post-graduate practitioners and consultants: financial and stock exchange agents, tax consultants, lawyers and risk management experts, international civil lawyers, brokers, public administration officers, special licenses and authorizations for handling high technology devices, civil servants working in the fields of institutional policy building, institutional economic building, fight against organized crime and anti corruption training, border crossing and trade facilitation, experts for internationalization policies and foreign investments attractiveness as well as any other intensive cycle for professionals, managers and focused researcher activities.

3) Reporting on the economic and productive impact of universities, research centers and higher education institutions (conservatories, academies, centres of excellence, specialized schools) in the most important cities of Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, Eurasia, Russia, Ukraine, Eastern Mediterranean and South Cone of Latin America. The researches will take into account the whole aggregate of circulation of income, services and investments connected to lectures, attendance, residence, consuming, rents, exploitation of transport, health and cultural services, indirect effects on tourism and the informal employments of students in the big cities and the capitals of above mentioned regions on the basis of a strict quantitative methodology of applied research.

4) Competitive participation of CEEUN through appropriate partner institutions in programs financed by the EU and other bodies of multilateral cooperation (World Bank, EBRD, BEI, OECD, OSCE, ENPI, Stability Pact, CEI, BSEC, IAI, ADB, IADB) or single countries in a wide range of applied research according to the 13 research areas currently activated.

5) Support and policy advice for the development of cooperation both within the framework of research and feasibility in the university area and in the economic and financial area, through the network of consolidated relations with more than 400 universities partners and more than 40 trustees participating on various grounds in our initiative.

6) Finally, activation of an e-researching website of CEEUN and the local websites of the Regional Centers above mentioned, together with interactive dialogue windows on all the websites of the partner universities and institutions.

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This most recent step forward, made possible on the one hand by direct support provided to the CEEUN by the Universities of Udine, Venice and LUISS Rome, on the other, by advertising from primary industrial groups and Banca Intesa. The Sections already activated, where the Network partners could submit periodically their papers and scientific works, are the following:

1) European Institutions, Enlargement, Wider Integration, World challenge (NER-Next Europe Research)
2) Transition Finance and Banking Research (TFBR)
3) World Transition Economy Research (WTER)
4) Entrepreneurship Development Issues (EDI)
5) Transatlantic Relations, Security Studies and International Order (TSSIO)
6) Mittelforum Transition Issues (MITTEL)
7) Innovation, Knowledge, Research Papers (IKRP)
8) Society, History and Culture in Transition (SHCT)
9) Transport Logistics Utilities in Transition Economies (TULTE)
10) Transition Governance Working Papers (TGWP)
11) Abstracts, books, journals, publications, events and workshops (INFO)
12) South East European Issues (SEEI)
13) Regional Research and Reports (RRR)
14) Baltic Research Papers (BRP)
15) Law and Juridical Papers (LJP)
16) Mediterranean and Middle East Papers (MMEP)
17) Black Sea and Caucasus Affairs (BSCA)
18) Eurasia and Central Asia Reports (ECAR)
19) Russia Transition Papers (RTP)
20) Latin America Research (LAR)
21) Junior Researchers Dissertations (JRD)
22) Review of Journals and Books (RJB)
23) Environment and Land Management Research (ELMR)
24) Quantitative Analyses Research (QAR)
25) Architecture Design Urban Planning (ADUP)
26) Reprint Articles and Papers (RAP)
27) Environment Network Papers (ENP)
28) Far East and Asian Studies (FEAS)
29) Gender Studies Working Papers (GSWP)
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