The EU Eastern Partnership
- a Platform for Integration & Growth

Scope for Synergies with the SCU

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Geographical Scope

Useful link:
http://ec.europa.eu/external_relations/eastern/index_en.htm
Two Approaches for Integration

- **Bilateral**: Specific for each partner. Association agreements (incl. DCFTA) for those willing and able; visa facilitation, etc.

- **Multilateral**: Rational for approximation; enhance regional cooperation. 4 thematic platforms (good govt; EU convergence; energy security; contacts between people).
Partners

• Partner countries AM, AZ, BY, GE, MD, UA
• EU 27 MS & Commission
• In addition i.a.:
  - European Parliament (Assembly proposal)
  - International organisations (OSCE, CoE, OECD)
  - IFI:s (e.g. EIB, EBRD)
  - Civil society (Civil Society Forum)
  - Third countries
Swedish Presidency Targets

- Steps twd Institution-Building Programmes
- Launch the four multilateral platforms
- Start a number of flagship projects
- Establish Civil Society Forum
- Take steps in bilateral relations
- Roadmap for next 1–2 years
Achievements Under Way

• Work programmes for the four platforms 2009–11
• Civil Society Forum 16–17 Nov.
• Flagship projects on energy efficiency, border management & other areas
• Mandates for DCFTA & Ass. agreements AM, AZ, GE
• Progress UA, GE bilateral tracks. Expectation of MD catch-up. Review of policy for BY
• Ministerial 27+6 on 8 December
Platform 2 Work Programme 2009–2011

• Ambitious & practical!
• Trade and trade regulatory approximation (DCFTA)
• Other regulatory approximation & cooperation
• Macroeconomic and financial cooperation
• Targeted training, e.g. customs, public procurement, technical standards, enterprise policy (SME—positive climate), VAT systems, etc.
Relations to the SCU

• Obvious complementarity, potential synergies between EaP/Platform 2 and SCU
• Partner countries (MD soon SCU member; BY next?) – converging geographical area
• Focus – clear scope for valuable synergy e.g. on enterprise policy and SME’s
• EU and OECD joint forces promote rapid change
• Goals important to SE (supp. SCU Ukraine 2.5 M€)
Thank you!

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