

Project title:

Hungary's CIS-strategy, with special regard to Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan

The project is co-ordinated by the Institute for World Economics of HAS as part of the 'strategic research projects' launched according to the agreement between the Government of the Hungarian Republic and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (HAS) signed in March, 2007 in order to support governmental work. Its main goal is to develop and actualise knowledge on the post-soviet space by launching new researches and publishing and discussing the new research results. It aims at encouraging the presentation and clashing of different professional opinions and approaches on domestic and international conferences and other forums. Beside studying basic macro-economic issues research carried out in the framework of the project in the Institute of World Economics focuses on the complex issue of energy and the system of foreign relations of the post-soviet space with an emphasis on the economic aspects but touching the political ones as well. Final goal of the project is to create a so-called 'virtual CIS centre', that is to organise all professional Hungarian 'knowledge' on the CIS region (Russia, Ukraine and other countries) from state, business and academic sectors into one centre that is capable for holding meetings and discussions on interesting relevant problems and for presenting the potentially clashing approaches of professionalists, business representatives, researchers or officials. We would also like to initiate to create a kind of set of Central-East European research institutions that are involved into the problematics of the CIS-space. The Institute for Sociology of HAS participates as co-partner in the strategic research project.

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