

New Modes of Governance and Environmental Enlargement –

Practitioner's Workshop

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*New Modes of Governance: Coping with Accession (COPA)
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1. Scope of the Workshop

The aim of the meeting is to present the first results of the scientific project “New Modes of Governance - Coping with Accession” (COPA) to scientists, policy experts, and practitioners. COPA is part of the Integrated Project "New Modes of Governance" (www.eu-newgov.org), financially supported by the European Union under the 6th Framework programme (Contract No CIT1-CT-2004-506392) that is co-ordinated by the European University Institute in Florence.

The COPA project explores how transition countries in Southern Europe and Central and Eastern Europe have coped with the challenge of accession. In particular, the study analyzes the role of New Modes of Governance in the adoption of and adaptation to selected EU policies in the field of environment as an example of positive integration, and energy, as an example of negative integration. Under which conditions do private actors (business, interest groups, NGOs) facilitate or impair compliance with these policies? How important are non-hierarchical compliance mechanisms such as learning and persuasion or economic incentives? Do voluntary agreements, financial assistance, benchmarking, naming and shaming, technology-transfers, information exchange, and processes of (public) persuasion result in more effective implementation than command and control regulations and (the threat of) sanctions? Which role do public-private partnerships play between public authorities, on the one hand, and policy consultancies, companies and NGOs, on the other hand? Do transnational NGOs strengthen or weaken civil society in transition countries? How effective are attempts of economic and (transnational) societal actors to compensate weak state capacities by establishing private regimes? The COPA project systematically compares the Southern enlargement (Spain, Portugal and Greece) of the EC with the Eastern enlargement (Hungary, Poland and Romania) of the EU. To what extent does the accession of Greece, Spain, and Portugal in the 1980s differ from the accession of Central and Eastern candidate countries 20 years later? Has the Commission changed its strategy for facilitating the adoption of and adaptation to the *acquis* in the accession countries? In particular, what role did New Modes of Governance play? Did their use increase in Eastern enlargement as a result of the experience with Southern enlargement? Does their effectiveness differ across the Southern and Central Eastern European accession countries?

At the Bruxelles workshop we will present and discuss our first research findings related to these questions in the field of environmental politics.

2. Workshop Schedule

Wednesday, 7th of June

9:30 -10:30 Introduction

Brief presentation of the project “Coping with Accession: New Forms of Governance and European Enlargement”

Tanja A. Börzel (Free University of Berlin)

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00 Southern Enlargement

Mapping the application of New Modes of Governance in the adoption of and adaptation to EU environmental policies in Spain, Portugal and Greece

(Nuria Font, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and Charalampos Koutalakis, University of Athens)

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Eastern Enlargement

Mapping the application of New Modes of Governance to facilitate the implementation of environmental policy in Poland, Hungary and Romania (Aron Buzogány, Sonja Guttenbrunner, Free University of Berlin)

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Concluding Session