

CASE-Belarus announces a call for analytical papers on the topic “Belarus and the European Union: Unrealized Potential”

Belarus borders three European Union countries, the EU as a whole is one of the Belarus' main trade partners.

Thus mutual cooperation in the areas of economy, education, culture and security is unavoidable. The scale of Belarusian elites' understanding of the principles, on which the EU is based and functions, is one of the most crucial factors that contribute to such cooperation. Without a proper knowledge of how Single Market, Monetary Union and other European institutions function, effective cooperation is hardly imaginable.

Unfortunately, there is an evident lack of competence in Belarus in this area. Decision-makers, public officers, scholars and researchers often have a rather modest awareness of how the EU economy works and how it's regulated.

In order to fill in a gap in this field CASE Belarus announces a call for analytical papers on the topic “Belarus and the EU: Unrealized Potential”.

The aim of the competition is to create a network of Belarusian economists that study various aspects of EU-Belarus economic cooperation.

The competition will be run in several stages.

1st stage

Potential applicants are asked to submit extended outlines of their studies (up to 4 pages) in one of the following fields:

1. EU-Belarus cooperation in the field of exchange of goods, services and capital;
2. Economic reforms that refer to European standards;
3. EU-Belarus inter-enterprise and cluster cooperation;
4. EU-Belarus cooperation in particular branches of economy;
5. Local (regional) aspect of European integration.

Requirements for extended outlines:

1. Language: Russian or Belarusian;
2. Volume: Up to 4 pages (1 line spacing);
3. Abstract in English (half page);
4. Literature review (up to 1 page) on the research topic (literature review means a description of a methodological background of the research with references to the major sources. Please note that bibliography is NOT a literature review)

Who is eligible?

Applicants are expected to:

1. Have at least an intermediate level of English;
2. Possess a valid document (passport) for travelling abroad;

3. Belong to one of the target group:

- Post-graduate students;
- Undergraduate students (either Master or Bachelor, last-year);
- University teachers;
- Professional researchers;
- representatives of the real sectors of economy related to the above mentioned fields.

Applicant should submit his/her CV (up to 2 pages) with a list of related publications.

Deadline: December 15, 2011.

2nd stage

Ten best papers submitted will be shortlisted by a special selection committee. Their authors will be invited to take part in a week-long-seminar in Warsaw organized in late January – early February 2012. The program of the seminar which is organized by CASE Belarus in cooperation with the Warsaw School of Economics will be adapted to the research topics of participants.

Afterwards, in the course of 1.5 – 2 month, the participants will have a chance to carry on their research in order to submit a full scientific paper, 10-15 pages long. A number of senior experts from Poland will lecture the papers.

3rd stage

All selected papers for the 2nd stage will be published in CASE special edition in Spring 2012. The authors of the best 3 papers will be awarded **700 Euro**.

Applications should be submitted to the email competition@case-belarus.eu before 24:00 December 15, 2011. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be considered. Only shortlisted applicants will be informed.