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Aims and Scope

CEEUN-Transition Studies World Applied Research was founded in 2002 with the aim to connect a group of experts and university faculty in a program of cooperation devoted to research programs and specialized international postgraduate and doctoral courses. The Network has grown fast and soon after the scientific "voice" had been established with the Journal Transition Studies Review, published by Springer Wien-New York. At the beginning, it was focusing on transition in Central and Southeast Europe, interpreting the CEEUN purely as European University Network. In the last two years, the enlarged aims and scope to Russia, Ukraine, Caucasus, the Black Sea and Mediterranean regions was achieved. From 2005, a worldwide regional approach looking to Asia, Latin America and Eurasia has been implemented. To the previous CEEUN logo TSWAR-Transition Studies World Applied Research has been added. At the next Belgrade Annual Meeting, on September 28-29 2007, the aims and scope will be finally better incorporated into TRASIN - Transitions Research and Advanced Studies International Network

Recently the Annual meeting of CEEUN has established new bodies, organs and regional centres, with a Presidency and an Executive Board. The Rector of Udine University, Professor Furio Honsell, hosted the meeting as one of the founder Institutions of the Network, and has been nominated President from 2006 with a biennial rotation criteria, while Professor Giorgio Dominese was confirmed as Coordinator and Chairman of the Executive Board. The Presidency composition will be fully defined by the Belgrade forthcoming meeting with the Deputy Presidents, while the Executive Board is already engaged in the activation of fifteen Regional Centers, operating both in a geographical and thematic transnational approach. They will play a growingly major role in the future programs. The last Annual meeting on June 2006, has offer the opportunity to discuss the ways and the issues that should transform CEEUN-Transition Studies World Applied Research into an even more competitive partner. Beyond the former frame, the Network launched a worldwide partnership

proposal. Now the time has come to concentrate on specific areas of research and for a systematic participation in the international programs promoted by EU, World Bank, EBRD, ADB, OECD, CEPAL, EIB, IADB and the other multilateral and national cooperation action plans and programs devoted to the emerging regions in transition.

Eurasia, Far East, South East Asia, Latin America, Russia and North America will have soon wider coordination capabilities both of the research projects and the editorial circulation. The Regional Centers and the Referents Institutions operating worldwide will be engaged in a special effort of implementation of coordination, programs and development, CEEUN-Transition Studies World Applied Research is in a process of transformation toward a real decentralisation of the responsibilities regarding programs and researches to the already existing Regional Centers in Krakow, Belgrade, Krems, Vienna, Istanbul, Ankara, Kiev, Clui-Napoca, Santiago de Chile, Mexico City, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Beijing, Tokyo, Thessaloniki and the incoming points of reference in the North America, Russia, China, India and North Africa and other main world regions. The Italian founder universities - Udine University, Venice Ca' Foscari University, Trieste University and Luiss University Rome – as well as private sector international entrepreneurs, Banca Intesa and Udine Chamber of Commerce – will grant, as in the past, their crucial support.







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