Basic information	
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Eastern Partnership **Subject** 6.20.03 Bilateral economic and trade agreements and relations 6.40.02 Relations with central and eastern Europe 6.40.04 Relations with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)	

Key players			
Council of the European Union	**Council configuration**	**Meetings**	**Date**
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12/03/2009	End of procedure in Parliament		

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Eastern Partnership

2009/2531(RSP) - 23/02/2009

Ministers discussed preparations for the launch of the EU's Eastern PartnershipEastern Partnership, on the basis of input from the Presidency and the Commission (a presidency paper, a presidency progress report, and a communication from the Commission).

They reaffirmed the political commitment to establish the Eastern Partnership.

They also noted that there were a number of issues, such as:

- visa liberalisation,
- the articulation between the Eastern Partnership and the Black Sea Synergy,
- the participation of third countries and financing,

which will require further discussion as part of the process of developing and implementing the Eastern Partnership.

To recall, the Eastern Partnership is a multinational forum formed by the EU Member States and six eastern European and southern Caucasus states:

- Armenia,
- Azerbaijan,
- Belarus,
- Georgia,
- Moldova,
- Ukraine.

It is intended to facilitate the negotiation of free trade zones for services and agricultural products, as well as partnership agreements and visa agreements.