

## **Workshop on 'backsliding' in terms of corruption control, and human rights, equality and social justice in the EU**

Date:

Tuesday 14 June 2016

Venue:

Center for Policy Studies, **Central European University**

Nador utca 9, 1051 Budapest

This workshop is held in to prepare the first report for Work Package 6, on **Political leadership, national politics and transboundary crisis management**. It is designed to investigate, map and quantify "backsliding" in EU member states. Mapping backsliding in the context of the crises involves gathering data both on backsliding in terms of the *acquis*, and on backsliding in terms of Copenhagen Criteria-type constitutional safeguards. The first step involves providing an overview of backsliding across sectors and states, with a particular focus on the weakening of independent institutions, corruption and corruption control, human rights, equality and social justice, and violations of the *acquis*. A public workshop in 2017 will present the result of case studies on each of these three topics, both in terms of whether backsliding is the result of transboundary crises and whether it might in itself lead to or constitute a crisis for the EU.

### **Schedule:**

10.00 – 10.30 Introduction (Nick Sitter)

10:30 – 11:00 Defining backsliding (Nick Sitter and Joanna Kostka)

11:00 – 11:45 The rule of law and independent institutions (Nick Sitter and Joanna Kostka)

Break for a light lunch

12:15 – 13:00 Corruption and corruption control (Agnes Batory and Joanna Kostka)

13:00 – 13:45 Human rights, equality and social justice (Viola Zentai, Andrea Krizsan and Joanna Kostka)

14:45 – 14:30 Summing up