

# Public Policy Projects in the Countries of the Eurasian Economic Union: Comparative Analysis

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ОБЩЕСТВО ЭКОНОМИКА видео ФОТО ПОДКАСТЫ РАССЫЛКА ВЫБОР РЕДАКЦИИ

#### «Братство кольца». Путин одарил перстнями лидеров СНГ

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### Eurasian Economic Union (2014)

#### Member states:

Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia

Observers:

Cuba, Moldova, Uzbekistan

Candidate states:

Mongolia, Syria, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

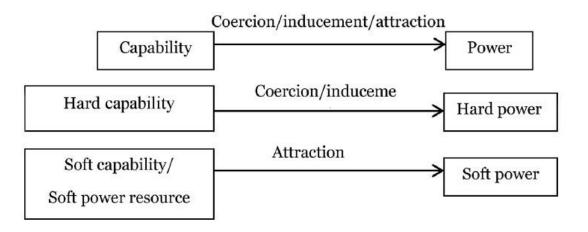


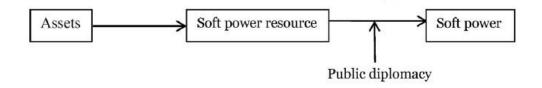
### Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

Country	Population (million)	GDP per capita (PPP, \$)
Armenia	3,001	19,489
Belarus	9,255	21,710
Kazakhstan	19,398	30,827
Kyrgyz Republic	7	6,250
Russia	147,180	33,263

### Conceptual framework

- •Traditional public diplomacy Vs Public diplomacy 2.0 (Melissen, 2005; Snow, 2007; Seib, 2009; Kravec, 2011; Pamment, 2012; Wei, 2020)
- 'Power-as-resources' Vs 'Power-as-relations' approach (Baldwin, 2002; Dahl, 1957)
- •Soft power Vs Sharp power (Nye, 2008; Nye, 2011; Walker, 2016)





### Research questions

RQ1. What is the place of public diplomacy projects in the foreign policy doctrines of the member states of the Eurasian Economic Union?

RQ2. How successful are public diplomacy projects in the countries under consideration? And what are the problems and obstacles to their successful application?

### Method

- •Foreign policy comparative analysis (Curini & Franzese, 2020)
- •Public policy analysis (Bardach and Patashnik, 2015; Patton and Sawicki, 2012; Stone, 2011)

## Foreign Policy Documents

Country	Title	Year
Armenia	National security strategy of the Republic of Armenia	
Belarus	The main directions of domestic and foreign policy of the	
	Republic of Belarus	
Kazakhstan	The concept of foreign policy of the Republic of	2020
	Kazakhstan for 2020 - 2030	
Kyrgyz Republic	Foreign policy concept of the Kyrgyz Republic	
Russia	The concept of foreign policy of the Russian Federation	2023

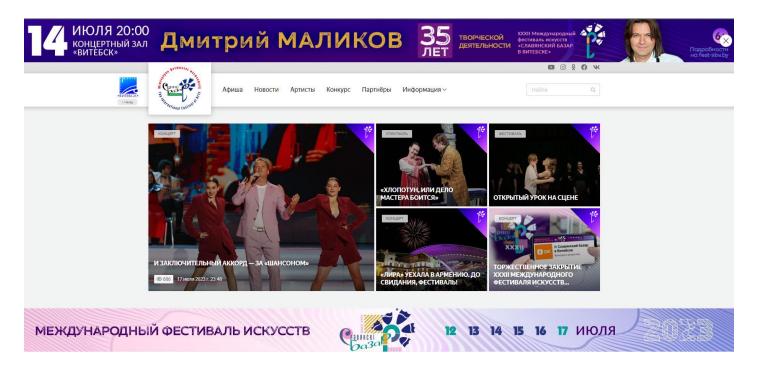
#### Armenia



...Armenia will continue to strengthen its position in the international arena. To this end, Armenia will develop all power tools, including the capabilities of "soft power", emphasizing its most important resource – human capital. At the same time, human capital is also considered in the context of combining the forces of pan-Armenians...

National Security Strategy of the Republic of Armenia, 2020

#### Belarus



..the formation of the image of the Republic of Belarus as a region attractive for the development of tourism and the promotion of the national tourist product to the foreign market...

The main directions of domestic and foreign policy of the Republic of Belarus, 2015

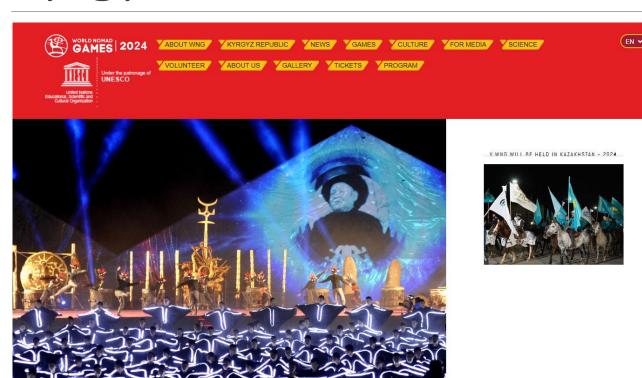
#### Kazakhstan



... task is activation of "humanitarian diplomacy", popularization of a positive image of the country in the world community...

Concept of Foreign Policy of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2020 – 2030

### Kyrgyzstan



...promoting a positive image of the country in the international community...

The Concept of the foreign policy of the Kyrgyz Republic, 2019

#### Russia

- Concept of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation: 2016 Vs 2023
- Place in "The Soft Power 30"
- •Number of NGO's: Rossotrudnichestvo, Gorchakov Foundation, RIAC, etc.
- Special events: Valday Club, World Cup 2018
- Mass Media: RT (Russia Today), Mir TV, RIA Novosti, Sputnik



#### In conclusion...

- •A comparative analysis of foreign policy documents shows that elements of "public diplomacy" and "soft power" approaches are used in almost all countries studied.
- •However, practices of public diplomacy are very limited (excepting to some degree Russia). There are several serious problems in the development of public diplomacy in the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union. First of all, civil society and especially ordinary citizens are practically not used in foreign policy communications. Secondly, in our opinion, within the framework of the EAEU there is a problem of developing a common value platform for cooperation.