



Program

European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

30 in 2030? - Launching EU Accession Negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova

Date & Time: 04.07.2024, 11.45am – 2.15pm (CSET)

Location: European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

11 Avenue de l'Yser, 1040 Brussels

Twenty years after the biggest enlargement in the history of the European Union took place, the EU finds itself at another crucial turning point. A few days ago, EU member states have agreed to formally kick off the accession negotiations with Ukraine and Moldova in a first intergovernmental conference on the 25.06. This decision together with the major steps taken by the EU and the rapid developments in the last couple of years raise the question - Is the prospect of 30 EU member states by 2030 a realistic scenario?

Days after European leaders meet for the first formal European Council after the EU elections to discuss the next steps of the enlargement process, we would like to look ahead to the challenges for the next EU-Commission and discuss: What role will the Hungarian Council Presidency play in the coming six months? How might the ongoing war in Ukraine and the upcoming referendum in Moldova affect the pace and nature of EU enlargement? What lessons could be learned from the accession negotiation leading to the 2004 enlargement? And what kind of internal EU reforms could be achieved during the coming legislative period to accommodate the future enlargement wave?

We will discuss these and other questions on **Thursday**, **July 04**, **2024**, from **11.45 am to 2.15 pm** in our event with our speakers: **Valentina Superti**, Director Western Balkans of DG NEAR, **Vsevolod Chentsov**, Head of the Mission of Ukraine to the EU, **Daniela Morari**, Head of the Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the EU, **Iulian Groza**, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova, **Ivan Nagornyak** from the Center for Economic Recovery in Kyiv, **Marta Mucznik** from the International Crisis Group and **Amanda Paul** from the EPC. **André Härtel**, from SWP Brussels, will moderate the discussion.

We look forward to welcoming you at the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung!





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11.45 am **Registration and a light lunch buffet**

12.30 pm Welcoming remarks

Beatrice Gorawantschy

Head of the European Office Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Keynote

12.35pm Valentina Superti

Director Western Balkans

Directorate-General, Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

European Commission

12.45 pm **Opening remarks**

Vsevolod Chentsov

Head of the Mission of Ukraine to the European Union and the European

Atomic Energy Community

Daniela Morari

Head of the Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the European Union

12.50 pm Moderated discussion with

Iulian Groza

Executive Director

Institute for European Policies and Reforms (Chișinău, Republic of Moldova) Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of

Moldova

Ivan Nagornyak

Advisor to the Center for Economic Recovery and Head of European

Integration team at EasyBusiness (Kyiv, Ukraine)





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Marta Mucznik

Senior EU Analyst, Advocacy & Research International Crisis Group

Amanda Paul

Deputy Head of Europe in the World Programme and Senior Policy Analyst European Policy Center

moderated by

André Härtel

Head of Office, SWP Brussels

2 pm **Q&A with the participants**

2.15 pm Closing remarks and acknowledgement

Hennadiy Maksak

Executive Director, Ukrainian Prism Europe