



# Program

European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

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

**Date & Time:** 04.07.2024, 12pm - 2pm (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 **12 pm to 2 pm** in our event with our speakers: **Gert Jan Koopman**, Director-General of DG NEAR, **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!

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## European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

- 12 pm **Registration and a light lunch buffet**
- 12.30 pm **Welcoming remarks**
- Beatrice Gorawantschy**  
Head of the European Office  
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- Olga Chyzhova**  
Chair Ukrainian Prism Europe
- Keynote**
- 12.35pm **Gert Jan Koopman**  
Director-General  
Directorate-General, Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations  
European Commission
- 12.45 pm **Moderated discussion with**
- Iulian Groza**  
Executive Director  
Institute for European Policies and Reforms (Chişinău, 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 EasyBusinesss (Kyiv, Ukraine)
- 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 **Acknowledgement and reception**