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## Programme



**The EU-Accession perspectives of the Western Balkans  
in light of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine**

**Wednesday 13 September 2023**

**Athens Conservatory  
"Aris Garoufalis" Hall**

# AGENDA

## Wednesday 13 September

**08:30 – 09:00**    **Registration**

**09:00**    **Welcoming Remarks**

**Maria Gavouneli**, Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP); Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Wolf Krug**, Director, Institute for European and Transatlantic Dialogue, Hanns-Seidel Stiftung (HSS), Munich

**09:15 – 09:30**    **Opening Remarks**

**H.E. Mr. Giorgos Gerapetritis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

**09:30 – 09:45**    **Break**

**09:45 – 11:15**    **Panel I**

**War in Europe: Geopolitical earthquake and the European policy responses**

**Chair:**

**Ritsa Panagiotou**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre of Planning and Economic Research (KEPE), Greece

**Speakers:**

**Thanos Dokos**, National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister of Greece

**Christian Mölling**, Deputy Director, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) and Head of the Center for Security and Defence, Germany

**Hennadiy Maksak**, Future of Ukraine Fellow, Visegrad Insight - Res Publica Foundation; Executive Director, Ukrainian Prism

**Vessela Tcherneva**, Deputy Director, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and Head of ECFR Office in Sofia, Bulgaria

**Discussant: Stefan Lehne**, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe, Brussels

**11:15 – 11:45**    **Coffee Break**

11:45 – 13:00

## Panel II

### Ready for EU37? Integration capacity and the debate over the necessary EU reforms

#### Chair:

**Ioannis Armakolas**, Research Fellow and Head of the South-East Europe Programme, ELIAMEP; Associate Professor in Comparative Politics of South East Europe, Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia, Greece

#### Speakers:

**Alexandre Adam**, *former* Europe advisor to the French President Emmanuel Macron; Member of the French Council of State (Conseil d'Etat), France

**Loukas Tsoukalis**, President of the Board, ELIAMEP; Professor, Sciences Po, Paris; Professor Emeritus, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens

**Klaus Welle**, Chairman, Martens Centre Academic Council; *former* Secretary-General, European Parliament, Brussels

13:00 – 14:00

## Light Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

## Panel III

### A new momentum for enlargement: How can the Western Balkans not miss the opportunity?

#### Chair:

**Simonida Kacarska**, Director, European Policy Institute (EPI), Republic of North Macedonia

#### Speakers:

**Bojan Marichikj**, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, Republic of North Macedonia

**Miroslav Gačević**, Assistant Minister, Department for Political and Economic Criteria in the Process of Accession to the European Union, Republic of Serbia

**Odeta Barbullushi**, Advisor to the Prime Minister and National Coordinator for Regional Economic Area, Republic of Albania

**Jovana Marović**, *former* Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of European Affairs, Republic of Montenegro

#### Discussant:

**Srdjan Majstorović**, Chairman, Governing Board, European Policy Centre (CEP), Republic of Serbia

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 Panel IV

**Assessing the influence of Russia and other geopolitical rivals: threats and opportunities for EU candidates and member states**

**Chair:**

**Ana Krstinovska**, Research Fellow, SEE Programme, ELIAMEP

**Speakers:**

**Justyna Szczudlik**, Deputy Head of Research, Head of Asia-Pacific Programme and China analyst, The Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Warsaw

**Dimitar Bechev**, Visiting scholar, Carnegie Europe; Lecturer, School of Global and Area Studies, University of Oxford; Senior Research Fellow, SEE Programme, ELIAMEP

**Srecko Latal**, Editor, Independent Analyst, Bosnia and Herzegovina

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