

FORGING A ROAD TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE: THE PATH OF UKRAINE, MOLDOVA, AND GEORGIA TO EUROPEAN UNION MEMBERSHIP



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08:30-09:10

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09:10-09:15

OPENING REMARKS AND WELCOME

▶ **Anders Olofsgård**, Deputy Director of the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE)

09:15-09:30

CRISTINA GHERASIMOV, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION OF MOLDOVA

(Online)

09:30-09:45

YEVHEN PEREBYINIS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UKRAINE

(Online)

09:45-10:45

PANEL 1: THE STATE OF THE REFORM PROCESS AND HOW SWEDEN AND EU CAN BE SUPPORTIVE

- ▶ **Tamar Sulukhia**, Director of ISET and ISET Policy Institute, Georgia
- ▶ **Liliana Gutan**, Moldova's Ambassador to the Nordic Countries
- ▶ **Katarina Areskoug**, the High Level Advisory Group of the Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) on Ukraine's accession to the EU
- ▶ **Fredrik Sjögren**, Director EU affairs, The Confederation of Swedish Enterprise
- ▶ **Michal Myck**, Director of CenEA, Poland



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10:45-11:15

COFFEE BREAK

11:15-12:30

ANALYTICAL PRESENTATIONS

Moldovan Path to EU-Current State, Economic Benefits and Challenges
▶ **Stas Madan**, Program Director, Expert Group, Moldova

Ukraine's Accession to the EU: Trade Scenarios and Institutional Challenges
▶ **Oleg Nivievskiy**, Professor, Kyiv School of Economics and Freie Universität Berlin

Challenges and Opportunities for the Next EU Enlargement
▶ **Tinatın Akhvlediani**, Research Fellow in the EU Foreign Policy Unit at CEPS

Moldova Politics Between East and West, Anchored by Propaganda
▶ **Dumitru Țira**, CEO & Founder of Realitatea Media Group

12:30-13:30

LUNCH

13:30-13:45

SWEDISH GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE

Christian Danielsson, State Secretary to the Minister for EU Affairs

13:45-14:45

PANEL 2: WHAT ARE THE NECESSARY EU REFORMS AND BENEFITS TO EU FROM ENLARGEMENT

▶ **Christian Danielsson**, State Secretary to the Minister for EU Affairs

▶ **Oleg Nivievskiy**, Professor Kyiv School of Economics and Freie Universität Berlin

▶ **Tinatın Akhvlediani**, Research Fellow in the EU Foreign Policy Unit at CEPS

▶ **Fredrik Löjdquist**, Director of the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies

▶ **Dumitru Țira**, CEO & Founder of Realitatea Media Group

14:45

CLOSING REMARKS

▶ **Tymofiy Mylovanov**, President of Kyiv School of Economics (Online)

▶ **Torbjörn Becker**, Director SITE

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