

PROGRAMME

GEOPOLITICAL ZEITENWENDE? Ukraine and the Future of the EU

Wednesday, 12 November 2025, 09:30-17:30
Academy of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
Tiergartenstraße 35, 10785 Berlin

Conference languages: English and German

09:00 – 09:30 | REGISTRATION, coffee & croissants

09:30 – 10:00 | OPENING

- **Peter Fischer-Bollin**, Head of Division Analysis and Consulting, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
- **Marieluise Beck/Ralf Fücks**, Founder and Managing Director, Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)

10:00 – 10:30 | KEYNOTES

- **Florian Hahn** MP (CSU), Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office
- **Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze** MP (European Solidarity), Chair of the Committee on Ukraine's Integration into the EU, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

10:30 – 12:00 | PANEL 1:**Ukraine's EU accession: Where do we stand and what is the way forward? What are the stumbling blocks that need to be removed? Which intermediate steps on the path to full EU integration are beneficial?**

- **Anja Wallau**, Special Representative for fundamental issues of European policy, EU coordination and EU external relations at the Federal Foreign Office
- **Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze** MP (European Solidarity), Chair of the Committee on Ukraine's Integration into the EU, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
- **Anton Hofreiter** MP (Alliance 90/The Greens), Chairman of the Committee on European Union Affairs, German Bundestag
- **Rebecca Harms**, former Member of the European Parliament (Alliance 90/The Greens), Senior Adviser, Eastern Partnership, Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)

Moderation: **Khatia Kikalishvili**, Programme Director Eastern Partnership, Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)

12:00 – 13:15 | LUNCH BREAK**13:15 – 14:30 | PANEL 2:****The state of implementation of EU reforms in the candidate countries Ukraine and Moldova – an interim balance**

- **Adrian Pollmann**, Head of Division for Ukraine, Moldova and Black Sea Cooperation at the Federal Foreign Office
- **Liubov Akulenko**, Executive Director, Ukrainian Centre for European Policy (UCEP)

- **Natalia Gavrilă**, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova
- **Gert Antsu**, Director for Ukraine, Moldova and the South Caucasus, and Special Representative for the Eastern Partnership at the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Moderation: **Thomas Birringer**, Resident Representative Ukraine, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

14:30 – 14:45 | COFFEE BREAK

14:45 – 16:00 | PANEL 3:

Civil society: driving force under pressure

- **Sergi Kapanadze**, Co-founder, Georgia's Reforms Associates (GRASS), Georgia
- **Jerzy Pomianowski**, Executive Director, European Endowment of Democracy (EED)
- **Iryna Krasnoshtan**, Programme Director, International Center for Ukrainian Victory
- **Johannes Volkmann** MP (CDU), Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, German Bundestag
- **Denis Cenușă**, Associated Expert, Expert-Grup, Moldova

Moderation: **Simon Schlegel**, Ukraine Programme Director, Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)

16:00 – 16:15 | COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:30 | FINAL PANEL

What priority does Ukraine's accession hold for Germany and the EU in light of the current geopolitical developments? What is at stake with Ukraine's EU accession? How must the EU change in order to secure its ability to act?

- **Jürgen Hardt** MP (CDU), Spokesperson for Foreign Policy, CDU/CSU Parliamentary Fraction, German Bundestag
- **Oleksii Makeiev**, Ambassador of Ukraine to Germany, tbc
- **Giedrius Puodžiūnas**, Lithuanian Ambassador to Germany
- **Céline Marangé**, Senior Fellow on Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, Institute for Strategic Research (IRSEM)
- **Barbara Gessler**, Representative of the European Commission in Germany, tbc

Moderation and closing remarks: **Ralf Fücks/Marieluise Beck**, Founder and Managing Director, Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)

17:30 – 19:30 | Reception

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