

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 (German)

- **Lars Hänsel**, Head of the Department Europe and North America, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
- **Marieluise Beck**, Founder and Senior Fellow, Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod)

10:00 – 10:30 | KEYNOTES

- **Anja Wallau**, Special Representative for EU Strategic Policy Issues, EU Coordination and EU External Affairs and Enlargement, German 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: Progress, Challenges, and the Road Ahead

- **Anja Wallau**, Special Representative for EU Strategic Policy Issues, EU Coordination and EU External Affairs and Enlargement, German 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 Advisor, Eastern Partnership Programme, LibMod

Moderation: **Khatia Kikalishvili**, Programme Director Eastern Partnership, LibMod

12:00 – 13:15 | LUNCH BREAK

13:15 – 14:30 | PANEL 2:

Implementation of the EU Reforms in Ukraine and Moldova: Where Do We Stand?

- **Adrian Pollmann**, Head of Division for Ukraine, Moldova and Black Sea Cooperation, German Federal Foreign Office
- **Liubov Akulenko**, Executive Director, Ukrainian Centre for European Policy (UCEP), Ukraine
- **Natalia Gavriluța**, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Co-founder and Director, Partnerships for New Economy, Moldova

- **Gert Antsu**, Director for Ukraine, Moldova and the South Caucasus, and Special Representative for the Eastern Partnership, 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 in Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine: Driving Force under Pressure

- **Sergi Kapanadze**, Co-founder, Georgia's Reforms Associates (GRASS), Georgia
- **Iryna Krasnoshtan**, Programme Director, International Centre for Ukrainian Victory, Ukraine
- **Johannes Volkmann** MP (CDU), Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, German Bundestag
- **Denis Cenusa**, Associated Expert, Expert-Grup, Moldova

Moderation: **Simon Schlegel**, Ukraine Programme Director, LibMod

16:00 – 16:15 | COFFEE BREAK

16:15 – 17:30 | FINAL PANEL

What Strategic Priority Does Ukraine's Accession Hold for Germany and the EU in Light of Current Geopolitical Developments?

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

Moderation and closing remarks: **Ralf Fücks**, Founder and Managing Director, LibMod

17:30 – 19:30 | Reception

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