

# BALTIC EVENT ON EU ENLARGEMENT '24

15 May 2024 | 9:30 - 18:00 CET.

Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

## PROGRAMME

9:30 - 10:00 Registration and Coffee

10:00 - 11:00 Welcome to the Debate

### Unconventional Panel Discussion with EU Experts on Why We Need EU Enlargement and What Might Go Wrong

- Professor Funda Tekin, Institute for European Politics, Berlin (TBC)
- Ian Bond, Centre for European Reform, UK

Moderated by Marija Golubeva, Baltic Initiative

11:00 - 12:00

### Baltic Perspective on EU Enlargement: What kind of EU enlargement do we want?

- Kārlis Bukovskis, Latvian Institute of Foreign Policy, Latvia
- Justinas Mickus, STRATA, Lithuania
- Iveta Kažoka, PROVIDUS, Latvia
- Stefano Braghioli, University of Tartu, Estonia (TBC)

Moderated by Marija Golubeva, Baltic Initiative

12:00 - 13:30

### Formulating EU Enlargement Messages of Baltic Civil Societies: Parallel Sessions. Co-creation of Baltic civil society positions on key aspects of EU enlargement moderated by CEDOS (Ukraine).

- Economy

What measures need to be taken to ensure positive effect of EU enlargement on Baltic economies? How to enhance the role of Baltic business community in helping the EU integration of Ukraine and Moldova?



- **Rule of law and human rights**

How to make sure that EU enlargement contributes to secure Europe as a space where rule of law is always respected? What can be the contribution of Baltic States to strengthening rule of law and human rights in old and new Member States?

- **Geopolitics**

What homework do our countries need to complete to make sure that EU enlargement serves as a way to strengthen Europe geopolitically and contributes to our security?

**Parallel sessions will be facilitated by experts and will seek to engage civil society in formulating concrete requests to policy makers regarding EU enlargement.**

13:30 - 14:30          Lunch

14:30 - 16:00

**European Parliament Candidates' Discussion. Five Candidates from Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia discuss our countries' contribution to EU debate on Enlargement and on Ukraine's integration**

(participants from at least 3 political groups competing for places in the European Parliament)

16:00 - 16:30

**Closing session, moderated by Baltic initiative on European Reform**

16.30                  Reception