

# Enlarging and Deepening the Union: What's at stake for the EU and EU citizens in the next parliamentary term?

## EP-EUI high-level conference

Tuesday 16 April 2024, 9.30-12.00, Room Spinelli 5G2  
(European Parliament, Brussels)

In the framework of their partnership, the European Parliament and the European University Institute (EUI) are inviting to a conference on the perspectives for the enlargement and deepening of the European Union with a view to discussing the key European Parliament's proposals with academic experts and contributing to related discussions in the context of the upcoming European elections. The latest Parliament's positions on enlargement are enshrined in its annual [resolution on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy](#) (28 February 2024) as well as in its [resolution on Deepening EU integration in view of future enlargement](#) (29 February 2024). The conference is also taking place in the context of the publication of the Commission [communication on pre-enlargement reforms and policy reviews](#), and a few weeks before the 20th anniversary of the 2004 enlargement - a timely moment to reflect on the benefits of enlargement for EU citizens.

The programme will include two main panels:

- Conversation on **expectations for the enlargement process in the years 2024-2029 and benefits for EU citizens** between
  - MEP David McALLISTER, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs and rapporteur on the annual report on the implementation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy;
  - MEP Petras AUŠTREVICHIUS - rapporteur for the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the report *Deepening EU integration in view of future enlargement*),
  - Prof. Jelena DŽANKIĆ (EUI),  
followed by an exchange with the audience
- Conversation on the **implications of the future enlargement for institutional reforms of the EU and for the continent's security** between
  - Vice-President of the European Parliament MEP Pedro SILVA PEREIRA (rapporteur for the Committee on Constitutional Affairs of the report *Deepening EU integration in view of future enlargement*),
  - MEP Urmaz PAET (chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs' working group on Eastern partnership),
  - Prof. Erik JONES (Director of the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Study, EUI),  
followed by an exchange with the audience.

## **Biography of EUI speakers**

**Erik Jones** is Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute and author of *The Politics of Economic and Monetary Union* (2002), *Economic Adjustment and Political Transformation in Small States* (2008), *Weary Policeman: American Power in an Age of Austerity* (2012, with Dana H. Allin), and *The Year the European Crisis Ended* (2014). He is editor or co-editor of more than thirty books and special issues of journals on topics related to European politics and political economy including *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union* (2012) and *The Oxford Handbook of Italian Politics* (2015). Professor Jones is co-editor of *Government & Opposition*. His commentary has appeared in the *Financial Times*, the *New York Times*, and other major newspapers and magazines across Europe and North America. Recent publications in 2024 include: 'The Lessons from the 2004 "Big Bang" Enlargement.' *Politics and Governance* (with Veronica Anghel); 'The Enlargement of International Organizations.' *West European Politics* (with Veronica Anghel); 'What Went Wrong in Hungary.' *Journal of Democracy* 35:2.(with Veronica Anghel); 'Enlargement and Institutional Reform: How to Make a Credible Security Commitment.' *Fit for 35 Forum* (Stockholm: SIEPS).

**Jelena Dzankic** is Part-Time Professor in the Global Governance Programme at the Robert Schuman Centre of the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. She is Director of GGP Southeastern Europe and Co-Director of the Global Citizenship Observatory (GLOBALCIT). She holds a PhD degree in International Studies from the University of Cambridge, and has taught and researched at the University of Edinburgh, University College London, University of Graz, and Passau University. She is the author of the *Global Market for Investor Citizenship* (Palgrave 2019), a leading study in the field of wealth-based citizenship acquisition. Her earlier works include *Citizenship in Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia and Montenegro. Effects of Statehood and Identity Challenges* (Routledge, 2015), and the edited volumes *Europeanisation of the Western Balkans: A failure of EU Conditionality* (2018, with S. Keil and M. Kmezic), and *The Europeanisation of Citizenship Governance in South-East Europe* (2016, with S. Kacarska and N. Pantic). In 2023, she co-edited (with S. Kacarska and S. Keil) *A year later: war in Ukraine and Western Balkan (geo)politics*. Her articles appeared, inter alia, in *Journal of European Integration*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, and *International Migration Review*.

**The conference will be held in English (no interpretation) and will be webstreamed ([EP live](#))**