



Invitation

The European Commission and the Embassy of the Hellenic Republic to Sweden together with the embassies of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia cordially invites you to the seminar

United in diversity – the EU ten years after the big enlargement

On 1 May 2004 ten countries joined the European Union. It was the biggest enlargement of the EU in history. The European Union has gone from 15 to 28 member states in ten years and this has fundamentally changed the EU and revealed new challenges and opportunities.

To mark the anniversary of the 2004 enlargement this seminar intends to discuss the achievements and lessons learnt of an enlarged Union and look forward at the challenges the EU and its member states are facing today.

Date: Wednesday 23 April
Time: 14.00-17.00, followed by a reception
Address: House of Europe, Regeringsgatan 65, 2nd floor, Stockholm
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Agenda

- 13:30 – 14:00** Registration (coffee/tea and snacks will be served)
- 14:00 – 14:05** Welcome by Pierre Schellekens, Head of the European Commission Representation in Sweden.
- 14:05 – 14:20** Introductory remarks by Oscar Wåglund-Söderström, State Secretary to the Swedish Minister for European Affairs
- 14:20 – 15:35** First panel: Ten years of an enlarged European Union; main achievements, lessons learnt and challenges ahead. Panelists:
- **Henrik Hololei**, Deputy Secretary-General of the European Commission (TBC)
 - **Kārlis Bukovskis** Deputy Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

- **Tomas Gulbinas** Director of the EU-department at the Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Artur Orzechowski** Director of the European Union Department at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Radovan Geist** Chief Editor of EurActiv; Slovak Analyst of EU Affairs

15:35 – 15:50 Coffee Break

15:50 – 16:50 Second panel: The future of Europe – how can the EU promote peace, stability and democratic values in its neighborhood? Panelists:

- **Andreas Kakouris** Ambassador of Cyprus to Sweden
- **David Konecký** Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the Political and Security Committee in Brussels
- **Károly Grúber** Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the Political and Security Committee in Brussels
- **Ivo Vajgl** Slovenian Member of European Parliament

16:50 – 17:00 Concluding remarks by Alik Hadji, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to Sweden

17:00 – 18:30 Reception



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