

POLICY DIALOGUE “UKRAINE’S THORNY PATH TO THE EUROPEAN UNION: SECTORAL INSIGHTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS”

20 March 2024

When: 20 March 2024 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. (Lviv time)

Where: Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv), Sheptytskyi Center 002, and online*

Ukraine has decidedly embarked on the path to EU membership. The process of Ukraine's European integration is highly dynamic, but there are also many challenges. This policy dialogue between academics and practitioners sheds light on EU-Ukraine relations and current developments in key sectors, such as trade, intellectual property rights, education, as well as the movement of people and their (re)integration. It aims at taking stock, identifying obstacles and discussing potential solutions.

The event is part of the project “Lowering the Bar? Compliance Negotiations and the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement”, funded by the Research Council of Norway. The project partners from the University of Agder, Anne Pintsch and Maryna Rabinovych, and UCU, Halyna Protsyk and Nataliya Haletska, invite scholars, students, civil servants, diplomats, representatives of business and non-governmental organisations, and other stakeholders to participate either in person or online. The event will take place in English and is free of charge. Coffee breaks and a lunch are included for the physical participants.

Please register here: <https://nettskjema.no/a/407041>

* The Zoom link will be communicated to the registered participants.

PROGRAMME

9:30 - 10:00

Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 - 10:15

Opening remarks

Dr. Anne Pintsch, Associate Professor & Leader of the “Lowering the Bar?” project
University of Agder

Dr. Dmytro Sherengovskyi, Vice Rector for Outreach and Social Engagement
Ukrainian Catholic University

10:15 - 11:15

Panel 1. EU-Ukraine association relations: fit for the accession context?

Prof. Peter Van Elsuwege, Professor of EU Law and Jean Monnet Chair at Ghent University

Dr. Stepan Kuybida, Head of the Economics Department of Lviv Regional Military Administration

Dr. Maryna Rabinovych, Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Agder

Yuliia Katynska, Deputy Director, Lviv Bureau of European Integration

Moderator: Dr. Natalia Haletska, Lecturer at the Ukrainian Catholic University
and Deputy at Lviv Regional Council

11:15 - 11:30

Break

11:30 - 12:30

Panel 2. Understanding EU-Ukraine economic relations in the wartime and beyond

Dr. Nataliya Haletska, Lecturer at the Ukrainian Catholic University & Deputy at Lviv Regional Council

Dr. Liliia Oprysk, Associate Professor, University of Bergen

Olga Evstihnieiva, Decarbonization Expert at the Reform Support Team under the Ministry of Energy of Ukraine

Moderator: Andriy Andrusevych, Resource and Analysis Centre "Society and Environment", Senior Policy Expert

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch break

13:30 - 14:30

Panel 3. Ukrainians in the EU: the challenge of (re)integration

Dr. Valeria Lazarenko, Researcher at the Georg Simmel Center for Urban Studies at Humboldt University in Berlin

Dr. Oksana Pyatkovska, Researcher of the International Institute for Education, Culture and Diaspora Relations of the Lviv Polytechnic University

Dr. Ivan Horodyskyy, Associate Professor at the Ukrainian Catholic University School of Public Management, and Managing Partner at Dexis Partners Law Firm

Moderator: Dr. Valentyna Zasadko, director of the School of public Administration

14:30 - 15:00

Coffee break

15:00 - 16:00

Panel 4. Ukraine's education system, European integration and the path to recovery

Dr. Halyna Protsyk, Deputy Vice Rector for outreach and social engagement (Internationalization) Ukrainian Catholic University

Georgiana Plesu, Policy Officer responsible for Ukraine Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

Dr. Svitlana Shytikova, Project coordinator of the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine

Mrs. Nataliya Pipa, Member of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Secretary of VRU Education, Science and Innovations Committee

Moderator: Dr. Dmytro Sherengovskyi, Vice Rector for Outreach and Social Engagement Ukrainian Catholic University

16:00 - 16:15

Closing

Dr. Dmytro Sherengovskyi, Vice Rector for Outreach and Social Engagement Ukrainian Catholic University

Dr. Anne Pintsch, Associate Professor, University of Agder (announcing publication)