



**Conference on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Copenhagen Criteria
28 June 2023**

Programme

09:00-10:00 *Arrival and registration*

10:00-10:05 **Welcome**

Carsten Grønbech-Jensen, State Secretary for European Affairs and the Arctic

10:05-10:15 **Introduction**

Moderator Lykke Friis, Director of Think Tank EUROPA

Session I – A historical perspective on the Copenhagen Criteria and EU enlargement

10:15-11:00 **Panel: From Copenhagen 1993 to Copenhagen 2002**

Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, Former Prime Minister of Denmark

Per Stig Møller, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark

Poul Skytte Christoffersen, Former Danish Ambassador to the European Union

11:00-11:15: *Coffee break*

11:15-11:30: **Keynote speech**

Margus Tsahkna, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia

11:30-12:15 **Panel: The impact of the Copenhagen Criteria on reforms in the Baltic States:
lessons learned**

Artis Pabriks, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defence of Latvia

Petras Auštrevičius, Former Chief Negotiator for Lithuanian accession to the EU

Kadri Liik, Senior Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations and former
Director of the International Centre for Defence Studies in Estonia

12:15-12:30: *Coffee break*

Session II (part 1) - Current candidate countries: challenges, opportunities and ways forward

12:30-13:15 **Panel: The role of the Copenhagen Criteria in the reform processes of the Western
Balkans**

Bojan Marichikj, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs of North Macedonia

Tanja Miščević, Minister of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia

Megi Fino, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania

Michela Matuella, Acting Director for Western Balkans, DG NEAR

13:15-14:30: *Lunch*

Session II (part 2) - Current candidate countries: challenges, opportunities and ways forward

14:30-14:45 Keynote speech

Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark

14:45-15:00 Keynote speech

Olha Stefanishyna, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine

15:00-15:15 Keynote speech

Nicu Popescu, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova

15:15-15:45 Panel: From Eastern Partners to coming EU members

Nicu Popescu, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova

Teimuraz Janjalia, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

Piotr Buras, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations Warsaw Office

15:45-16:00 *Coffee break*

Session III – Looking ahead towards an enlarged EU

16:00-16:15 Keynote speech

Luuk van Middelaar, Founder of the Brussels Institute for Geopolitics

16:15-17:00 Panel: Preparing the EU for further enlargements

David Cvach, Director for European Affairs at the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France

Jean de Ruyt, Former Permanent Representative of Belgium to the EU and Advisor to the HR/VP

Luuk van Middelaar, Founder of the Brussels Institute for Geopolitics

Nicolai von Ondarza, Head of EU/Europe Research Division at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs

17:00-17:15 Summing up and closing remarks

Lykke Friis