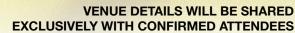
SITE 2025 DEVELOPMENT DAY

STEADY AGAINST THE WIND: UKRAINE'S AND MOLDOVA'S PATH TOWARDS EU MEMBERSHIP

Friday, December 5, 2025

PROGRAM





08:45-09:10 REGISTRATION & COFFEE (entrance to room Convendum)

09:10-09:15 OPENING REMARKS & WELCOME

▶ Anders Olofsgård, Deputy Director of SITE

09:15-10:00 INTRODUCTIONS

▶ Dag Hartelius, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

▶ Olena Kondratiuk, Deputy Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament

▶ Marcel Spatari, Chair of the European Integration Committee of the Moldovan Parliament (online)

10:00-11:00 ECONOMIC PRECONDITIONS AND FOREIGN SUPPORT

▶ "The macroeconomic situation in Ukraine", **Nataliia Shapoval**, Chairman of KSE Institute

▶ "Macroeconomic Developments and Entrepreneurial Dynamics in Moldova on the path to EU integration", **Dumitru Pintea**, Expert at Partnerships for New Economy, Chisinau

▶ "The future of foreign aid", **Raj M. Desai**, Professor of International Development at Georgetown University

▶ "EU and the economy in Poland", **Michal Myck**, Director of CenEA, Szczecin

11:00-11:30 COFFE BREAK







11:30-12:15

PANEL 1: ECONOMIC RESILIENCE AND EU ACCESSION

- > Stefan Falk, Director, Swedfund Project Accelerator
- ▶ Dumitru Pintea, Expert at Partnerships for New Economy, Chisinau
- ▶ Michal Myck, Director at CenEA, Szczecin
- ▶ Raj M. Desai, Professor of International Development at Georgetown University
- ▶ Nataliia Shapoval, Chairman of KSE Institute

Moderator: Torbjörn Becker, Director of SITE

12:15-13:15

LUNCH BREAK

13:15-14:00

PANEL 2: DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE, DISINFORMATION AND EU ACCESSION

- ▶ Tobias Thyberg, Deputy Director General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- ▶ Klara Lindström, Analyst at the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS)
- ▶ Nataliia Shapoval, Chairman of KSE Institute
- ▶ Viorel Ursu, Moldovan Ambassador to Sweden

Moderator: Anders Olofsgård

14:00-14:30

HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ "The Voices of the Young: Ukraine and Moldova", **Anhelina Vaskovska**, International Relations Specialist
- ▶ "Building Institutions for Economic Competence", **Rustam Romaniuc**, Associate Professor at Montpellier Business School

14:30-15:00

COFFEE BREAK







15:00-15:30

PANEL 3: HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND EU ACCESSION

- ▶ Rustam Romaniuc, Associate Professor at Montpellier Business School
- ▶ Anhelina Vaskovska, International Relations Specialist
- ▶ Kata Fredheim, Executive Vice President of Partnerships and Strategy, SSE Riga

Moderator: Anders Olofsgård

15:30-15:45

CLOSING REMARKS

▶ Torbjörn Becker & Nataliia Shapoval

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