SITE 2026 DEVELOPMENT DAY

FROM REFORMS TO EU MEMBERSHIP

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2026
TIME: 09:10-15:40 CET

FLEMINGGATAN 18, 112 26 STOCKHOM
ROOM CONVENDUM

PROGRAM

08:30-09:10 — **REGISTRATION OUTSIDE THE VENUE**

09:10-09:15 — **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

- **Anders Olofsgård** — Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE)

09:15–10:00 — **POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES: THE NEXT PHASE OF EASTERN ENLARGEMENT**

- **H.E. Dr. Ihor Zhovkva**, Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine and Diplomatic Advisor to the President ***(online)***
- **Cristina Cerevate** — State Secretary for European Affairs, Government of Moldova
- **Camilla Nevstad Bruzelius** — Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

10:00–10:30 — **UKRAINE — REFORMING AT WAR**

Country report presentation and Q&A

- **Alina Slyusarchuk** — Senior Economic Advisor, KSE Institute

10:30–11:00 — **COFFEE BREAK**

11:00–11:30 — **MOLDOVA — FROM FRONTRUNNER TO MEMBER**

Country report presentation and Q&A

- **Valeriu Prohnitchi** — Founder and Executive Director, POLISISTEM think-tank

STOCKHOLM INSTITUTE OF TRANSITION ECONOMICS

11:30–12:00

ARMENIA — A DEEPER EUROPEAN PATH

Country report presentation and Q&A

- **Vardan Baghdasaryan** — Professor of Economics, American University of Armenia

12:00–13:00

LUNCH BREAK

13:00-13:45

PANEL 1 — FROM NEGOTIATIONS TO MEMBERSHIP: CAN THE EU DELIVER?

The political, institutional and budgetary choices shaping the EU's ability to turn accession negotiations into membership.

- **Tinatin Akhvlediani** — Head of the Enlargement Programme, CEPS
- **Karin Karlsbro** — Member of the European Parliament
- **Göran von Sydow** — Director, SIEPS
- **Fredrik Löjdquist** — Director, SCEEUS

13:45-14:30

PANEL 2 — REFORMING UNDER PRESSURE: CREDIBILITY AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT

How rule of law, anti-corruption and regulatory reform affect investment decisions and access to capital.

- **Michael Koch** — Long-term adviser to Moldova's Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization
- **Carmina Vicol** — CEO, Prime Capital, Chișinău
- **Olena Bilan** — Head of Research and Chief Economist, Dragon Capital, Ukraine

14:30–15:00

COFFEE BREAK

15:00-15:30

KEEPING EUROPE'S DOOR OPEN: WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN 2027?

A closing conversation on sustaining momentum and making Europe's enlargement commitments credible.

- **Yurii Romanchuk** — Deputy Head of Mission and Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy of Ukraine
- **Viorel Ursu** — Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova
- **Lilit Mayilyan** — Deputy Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia

15:30

CLOSING REMARKS