



# Ukraine on the way to EU membership

## From Association Agreement to candidate status

**27-28 October 2022**

**Symposium at the Faculty of Law, University of Bergen**

On 28 February 2022, on the fifth day of Ukraine's resistance to Russia's full-scale attack, Ukraine submitted its EU membership application. On 24 June, the European Council adopted a decision to grant Ukraine candidate status. This symposium addresses the path to this new stage in EU-Ukraine relations and Ukraine's further European integration.

The key themes are:

- Implementation and the future of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement,
- Perspectives on Ukraine's EU membership application,
- Approximation of laws on the way to European integration,
- Experience of the EU integration – Eastern Enlargement of 2004.

Symposium will feature speakers on the EU-Ukraine and EU's external relations, both from academia and public institutions in the EU/EEA and Ukraine.

The event will be streamed and recorded.

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## Day 1 - 27 October 2022

### 12:30–12:45 Welcome word and opening speech

Welcome word

**Liliia Oprysk & Halvard Haukeland Fredriksen**, University of Bergen

Opening speech

**Ihor Zhovkva**, Deputy Head of Office of the President of Ukraine

### 12:45–14.15 Perspectives on the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement

Chair: **Yuliya Chernykh**, *Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences*

From the 2014 Annexation of Crimea to the 2022 Russian war on Ukraine: Path-Dependence and Socialization in the EU-Ukraine Relations between the Critical Junctures

**Anne Pintsch & Maryna Rabinovych**, *University of Agder*

The EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: still fit for purpose?

**Guillaume Van der Loo**, *Ghent University*

Evolution of EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: further steps due to the candidate status

**Kseniia Smyrnova**, *Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv*

Interaction of the main institutional elements of the Ukrainian system of approximation of legislation and preparation for EU membership

**Bohdan Veselovskyi**, *Verkhovna Rada (Parliament of Ukraine)*

EU-Ukraine DCFTA: Challenges and Opportunities

**Nataliya Haletska**, *Ukrainian Catholic University*

14:15–14.30 Discussion

14:30–15:00 Coffee break

### 15:00–16:30 Approximation of laws and reforms on the way to European integration

Chair: **Jørn Jacobsen**, *University of Bergen*

Introduction to Ukrainian Legal Culture: Desovietisation and Europeanisation

**Yuliya Chernykh**, *Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences*

Rule of Law challenges for Ukraine's EU membership: A view from the Venice Commission

**Eirik Holmøyvik**, *University of Bergen*

Respect for Human Rights as the basic Copenhagen criteria: the ability of the Ukrainian judicial system on the way of further European integration

**Tetyana Antsupova**, *Supreme Court of Ukraine*

Europeanization of Ukrainian Criminal Law on way to European integration

**Svitlana Khyliuk**, *Ukrainian Catholic University*

Compliance Negotiations and the EU Association Relations with Third Countries. The Case of Ukraine

**Anne Pintsch & Maryna Rabinovych**, *University of Agder*

16:30–16:50 Discussion

16:50–17:00 Closing remarks



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## Day 2 - 28 October 2022

### 09:00–10:10 EU's Eastern Enlargement and lessons for Ukraine

Chair: **Halvard Haukeland Fredriksen**, *University of Bergen*

Legal Reform and the EU Accession Process: Some Baltic Experiences

**Lauri Mälksoo**, *University of Tartu*

The challenge of achieving EU membership - Latvian experience for Ukraine's benefit

**Solvita Harbacevica**, *Supreme Court in Latvia*

Lessons from Poland

**Łukasz Bojarski**, *University of Oslo*

EU enlargement and the experience of the Baltic States: lessons for Ukraine

**Peter van Elsuwege**, *Ghent University*

10:10–10.30 Discussion

10:30–11.00 Coffee break

### 11:00–12:10 From the candidate status to Ukraine's EU membership: perspectives

Chair: **Liliia Oprysk**, *University of Bergen*

EU Accession of Ukraine. Is "classical accession" possible in time of War?

**Roman Petrov**, *National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy*

EU pre-accession policy at the time of war: where do we go from here?

**Adam Lazowski**, *University of Westminster*

EU Accession of Ukraine: Constitutional Dimension

**Oksana Holovko-Havrysheva**, *Augsburg University, Ivan Franko Lviv University, National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"*

Towards an effective model for approximation of Ukrainian legislation to EU legislation in preparation for EU accession

**Yuriy Kapitsa**, *National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine*

12:10–12:30 Discussion

### 12:30-13:00 Closing speech

**Liliia Honcharevych**, *Chargés d'Affaires of Ukraine in Norway*

**Continuing the European path: closing remarks**

**Liliia Oprysk**, *University of Bergen*