



Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a private roundtable discussion entitled "Prospects for Enlargement—Five Years of Standstill?," taking place on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., at Carnegie Europe, Rue du Congrès 15, 1000 Brussels.

With a new European Commission in place and a restructuring of the commission's enlargement and neighborhood portfolios under way, questions arise of how such developments will affect the EU's enlargement policy. More critically, given competing crises on Europe's Southern and Eastern flanks, will European policymakers be tempted to deprioritize enlargement? How will candidate countries, such as those in the Western Balkans, react to this perceived downgrade?

To kick off the debate, the following Carnegie experts will offer their views on these issues:

- Cornelius Adebahr, associate in Carnegie's Europe Program and associate fellow at the Alfred von Oppenheim Center for European Policy Studies at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP);
- **Judy Dempsey**, nonresident senior associate at Carnegie Europe and editor in chief of *Strategic Europe*; and
- Stefan Lehne, visiting scholar at Carnegie Europe and former director for the Balkans, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union;

This roundtable will convene think tank representatives from the Western Balkans who are visiting Brussels as part of the Think Tanks Providing Research and Advice through Interaction and Networking (TRAIN) Program. The program is funded by the German Foreign Office and implemented by the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP).

To confirm your participation, please reply to Mr. Francesco Siccardi at <u>fsiccardi@ceip.org</u>. Please note that this invitation is not transferable.

We hope that you can join us on November 5.

Kind regards,

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