



# ENLARGEMENT OF **THE EUROPEAN UNION** OR DEEPENING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD?

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# PROGRAM

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## International conference

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# May 16th 2025 | 11.20 - 15.30

## Institute of International Relations

at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism at UMCS – **auditorium A.1.08**

**Głęboka 45 Street, Lublin**

11.00

Participant registration

11.30 - 11.40

Welcoming Guests | **Prof. Marek Pietraś**, Director of the Institute of International Relations at UMCS

11.40 - 12.00

Presentation of the meeting program | **Prof. UMCS Katarzyna Stachurska-Szczesiak**, Head of the European Documentation Center at UMCS; Team Europe expert

12.00 - 12.30

**I Panel: Enlargement** (moderated by prof. Marek Pietraś)  
\*Ukraine and Albania

- **Dr Marek Prawda** – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland
- **Mimoza Halimi** – Ambassador of Albania to Poland
- **Vasyl Bodnar** – Ambassador of Ukraine to Poland
- **Dr Katarzyna Smyk** – Director of the European Commission Representation in Poland
- **Georg Ziegler** – Former Official of the European Commission (DG Enlargement)

12.30 - 13.00

Discussion

13.15 - 13.30

Coffee break

13.30 - 14.00

**II Panel: Neighborhood** (moderated by prof. Marek Pietraś)  
\*challenges in North Africa and the Middle East

- **Prof. Michael Köhler** – Ambassador Bagrain; former European Commission official (DG Neighbourhood)
- **Dr Peter Frey** – German journalist, former correspondent in the Middle East
- **Cornelius Ochmann** – Director of the Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation

14.00 - 15.00

Discussion

15.05

End of the meeting

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