

SEEKING MOMENTUM: Embracing Euro-Atlantic integration in times of crises

30 June – 7 July 2024

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Sunday June 30	Arrival of participants and facilitators
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00-16:00	Facilitators training, meeting with the Programme External Evaluator
15:30–16:00	Meet the organizers, meet the team (coffee & tea available)
<i>Winter Garden</i>	
16:00–18:00	Formal introductions, WEASA programme
<i>at Auditorium Marie Skłodowska Curie</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Present regulations; Rules and procedures of conduct ● General introduction to the program ● Introductions of participants and expectations
18:00-19:30	Welcome dinner
<i>Restaurant</i>	
Monday July 1	Opening of the WEASA 2024 edition
8:30–9:45	Breakfast
10:30–11:00	Opening ceremony: Remarks by WEASA co-organizers
<i>Auditorium Marie Skłodowska Curie</i>	<p>Ewa Ośniecka-Tamecka, Vice Rector of the College of Europe</p> <p>Michał Baranowski, Director of the Warsaw Office of the German Marshall Fund</p> <p>Maciej Makulski, Analyst, the Polish-American Freedom Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: Adam Reichardt, WEASA Director</p>
11:00–12:30	Keynote Address: How to revitalize Euro-Atlantic integration in difficult times
	Petras Auštrevičius , Member of the European Parliament, Lithuania
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–16:00	Workshop: Resilience, disinformation and an introduction to OSINT
	<p>Givi Gigitashvili, Atlantic Council Digital Forensic Research Lab</p> <p>The session will show participants on how to identify concealed information within images, such as inconsistencies, inauthenticity, and it will introduce methods to verify the reliability and origin of online information sources. Additionally, the session will demonstrate various open-source satellite imagery tools to verify locations. In light of the potential threat of foreign interference, this session will also focus on examining the tactics employed by threat actors to sway voter preferences, manipulate the voting</p>

	process, or undermine the legitimacy of elections. The session will also feature interactive quizzes and table games.
16:00–16:30 <i>Winter Garden</i>	Coffee and tea break
16:30–18:00	Workshop: Resilience, disinformation and an introduction to OSINT (Part 2)
18:00–19:00	Dinner
19.30–20.30	Evening Presentation of Participant-led sessions, Mini-Sessions and Oxford Debate on “The EU should enlarge by the year 2030” Tatevik Hovhannisyan , WEASA Project and Communications Officer
20:30–	Free time
Tuesday July 2	
8:30–9:45	Breakfast
10:00–11:30	<u>High-level Plenary Discussion</u> : Lessons learned of enlargement – The Polish experience of NATO and what next for the Alliance? Michał Baranowski , Director of the Warsaw Office of the German Marshall Fund <i>This year, Poland along with many other countries in the region, is celebrating 25 years membership in NATO. This session featuring Michał Baranowski – the Director of the GMF Warsaw Office - will provide participants insights on the perspectives and challenges of future NATO enlargement as well as some lessons from the experience in 1999 until today.</i>
11:30–12:00	Coffee and tea break
12:00–13:30	Partner Presentations and Opportunities for WEASA participants beyond WEASA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College of Europe in Natolin ● Polish American Freedom Foundation ● German Marshall Fund of the United States
13:30–14:30	Lunch
14:30–16:00	Mini-Session: Country presentations: SWOT analysis of Euro-Atlantic integration of the countries, Preparing for mini-Sessions
15:45–16:00	Coffee and tea break
16:00–18:00	Mini-Session: Country presentations: SWOT analysis of Euro-Atlantic integration of the countries, Part 1 /Ukraine, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Armenia /

18:00–19:00	Dinner
19:00–21:00	Evening Fireside Chat: Ukraine: War today, what tomorrow?
Paderewski hall	<p>Maria Avdeeva, strategic communications and security expert, WEASA alumnae</p> <p><i>In this session we will meet with Maria Avdeeva, an expert, activist and journalist from Kharkiv to discuss the current situation of Russia's war against Ukraine and help us understand how Ukrainian resilience has defended European values against Russian aggression.</i></p>
Wednesday July 3	
8:30–9:45	Breakfast
10:00-10:30	Check-in with groups and organisers
10.30–12.30	<p>Panel Discussion: European integration and the future of enlargement from – the Western Balkans perspective</p> <p>Dr Nenad Markovic, Senior Research Fellow at PRESPA Institute</p> <p>Miruna Butnaru-Troncotă, National University of Political Science and Public Administration,</p> <p>Marta Szpala, Senior Fellow in the Centre for Eastern Studies, WEASA alumnae</p> <p><i>This expert panel discussion will give us some deep food for thought on the current state of European integration in the Western Balkans. Our speakers will discuss the current challenges, prospects and outlook for the region.</i></p>
13:00–14:00	Lunch
14:00–16:00	<p>Panel Discussion: European integration and the future of enlargement from Eastern Partnership perspective</p> <p>Kataryna Wolczuk, College of Europe in Natolin</p> <p>Dr Stefano Braghioli, Associate Professor at European Studies at the University of Tartu</p> <p>Elżbieta Kaca, Analyst at Polish Institute of International Affairs</p> <p><i>This expert panel will provide the second side of the coin and present the outlooks of European enlargement in the broadly understood Eastern Partnership region. Speakers will highlight challenges and discuss what is ahead for Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia but also for Armenia, Azerbaijan and Belarus.</i></p>
16:00–16:30	Coffee and tea break
16:30–18:30	Mini-Session: Country presentations: SWOT analysis of Euro-Atlantic integration of the countries, Part 2 / Belarus, Albania, Kosovo, Moldova/

18:30–19:30	Dinner
19:30–21:00 Paderewski hall	<p>High-level Fireside Chat - Lessons learned in enlargement – The Polish experience of EU accession</p> <p>Madame Vice Rector Ewa Ośniecka-Tamecka</p> <p><i>This year Poland is celebrating 20 years in the European Union. In this fireside chat discussion, we will get to hear firsthand experience from the Polish experience in its accession to the EU. Madame Vice Rector of the College of Europe was a leading participant in creating Poland's EU integration policy and has agreed to share some of her reflections and experiences with our participants.</i></p>
Thursday July 4	
8:30 – 9:45	Breakfast
10:00–11:30	<p>Discussion: Securing elections – the challenge of cybersecurity in the democratic process</p> <p>Giorgi Iashvili, Cyber Security Consultant, WEASA alumnus</p> <p><i>During this session, our speaker will provide an in-depth look at the challenges related to cybersecurity and what risks are posed to election processes and what are some ways to overcome them.</i></p>
11:30–12:00	Coffee and tea break
12:00–13:30	<p>Workshop: Personal digital security: practical tools for being safe online, Part 1</p> <p>Łukasz Król Expert on digital security</p> <p><i>This workshop provides practical knowledge and tools on how we can keep ourselves and our collaborators safe from cyberattacks or data leaks.</i></p>
13:30–14:30	Lunch
14:30–16:00	Workshop: Personal digital security: practical tools for being safe online, Part 2
16:00–16:30	Coffee and tea break
16:30–18:30	Mini-Session: Country presentations: SWOT analysis of Euro-Atlantic integration of the countries, Part 3 /Georgia, Serbia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina/
18:30–19:30	Dinner
19:30–21:00	Evening Fireside Chat: Is NATO prepared for coming challenges?

Paderewski hall	<p>Dominik Jankowski, Polish representation to NATO</p> <p>This year NATO celebrates 75 years of the Atlantic Alliance. Yet, the challenges NATO faces are overwhelming. In this off-the-record discussion we will learn how NATO is preparing to meet these challenges and lies ahead for the Washington Summit in July.</p>
Friday July 5	
8:30–9:45	Breakfast
10:00–11:30	<p>Panel Discussion: Global threats to security – multi-polar world and rising powers</p> <p>Tiziano Marino, Head of Asia-Pacific Unit at Centro Studi Internazionali</p> <p>Una Aleksandra Bērziņa-Čerenkova, Director of the China Studies Centre, Rīgas Stradiņa University</p> <p>Adam Balcer, College of Eastern Europe</p> <p><i>In this expert panel, our speakers will discuss how Euro-Atlantic relations are being challenged by external powers, including China, Turkey, Iran, and others. This session will give a global perspective on the wider issues that face geopolitics at home and beyond.</i></p>
11:30–12:00	Coffee and tea break
12:00–13:30	Oxford Debate preparations
13:30–14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	<i>Networking</i>
15:30	<i>Free Time in Warsaw / dinner on your own</i>
Saturday July 6	
8:30–9:45	Breakfast
10:00–11:00	Final preparations for Oxford Debate
11:30–13:30	Oxford Debate: “The next big bang of EU enlargement should take place in 2030.”
13:30–14:30	Lunch
14:30–16:00	WEASA 2024 Feedback Session and Evaluations
16:00–17:00	Diploma Award Ceremony

17:00–17:45	Life after WEASA: Presentation of WEASA Alumni program Tatevik Hovhannisyan , WEASA Project and Communications Officer
18:00	Family Photo in front of the Palace
18:30	Closing dinner in Natolin Palace
Sunday July 7	
8:30–12:00	Breakfast / Participants depart