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

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Structure of the talk

- Historic, political and security background of the Ukraine's application for the EU's membership;
- Impact of the War of Ukraine on the Ukraine's Accession to the EU. Notion of the "Accession through War";
- "Classical Accession" v. "Accession through War" of Ukraine;
- Challenges of the Ukraine's Accession to the EU.

Historic, political and security background of the Ukraine's application for the EU's membership

- 2014 – Signature of the EU-Ukraine AA;
- 2017 – Full entrance into force of the EU-Ukraine AA and visa free regime;
- 24 February 2022 – Invasion of Russia in Ukraine;
- 28 February 2022 – Ukraine's formal application for Ukraine's membership in the EU;
- 17 June 2022 – European Commission's Opinion on the application fo Ukraine;
- 24 June 2022 – granting the candiate country status to Ukraine by the European Council;
- 2023 – start of the membership negotiations.

Impact of the War of Ukraine on the Ukraine's Accession to the EU. Notion of the “Accession through War”

- “Accession through war” entails that the war justifies the EU taking a different approach in its assessment of the applicant's ability to join the Union.
- It implies a more favourable EU treatment of the membership application if and because the applicant is fighting, literally, to defend common European values as defined in Articles 2 and 21 TEU. If such a country is committed to respecting those values, notably by taking an active part in the EU external policies.

“Classical Accession” v. “Accession through War” of Ukraine

- Prerequisites of the Ukraine’s Accession to the EU:
 - EU and international assistance for economic recovery of Ukraine;
 - Legal justification of using Russian sovereign assets to rebuild Ukrainian economy;
 - Peace Deal between Ukraine and Russia.

Challenges of the Ukraine's Accession to the EU

- Will the scope and content of the future Ukraine-Russian Peace Deal allow Ukraine to join NATO and the EU?
- Will the European Political Community assist or hinder the Ukraine's accession to the EU?
- Will Ukraine's "post-war" political and legal systems and economy meet the "Copenhagen criteria"?