



INVITATION TO WEBINAR

Ukraine: An Official Candidate to Join the EU – But How Exactly?

The historical decision by the European Council of June 23th and 24th 2022 recognizes the European perspective of Ukraine to ensure an official statute of “candidate country” to Ukraine marks the start of an exceptional enlargement process.

The path towards integration will require the country to be able to assume the obligations of membership by satisfying the political and economic conditions enshrined in the Copenhagen criteria. According to the European Commission, there has been progress made by Ukraine on the stability of institutions guaranteeing democracy, the rule of law, human rights, and respect for and protection of minorities. These efforts have also concerned Ukraine’s macro-economic record and financial stability.

In this regard, the focus will be given to the first Copenhagen criteria. While considering the efforts that Ukraine has made, it is important to take into account the further steps that the country has to fulfill. The emphasis will be then placed on the necessary measures to strengthen the functions of the legislative bodies, implement solid and effective judicial reform, and finalize the legal framework for national minorities.

Vocal Europe invites you to a webinar, on July 19th, 2022 to discuss the future steps of Ukraine as a candidate country for the EU.

We would be delighted if you were to accept this invitation and look forward to hearing from you shortly. We remain at your disposal for any further information.

Please confirm your attendance at the latest by July 19th, 2022 by sending an e-mail to office@vocaleurope.eu

Time: July 19th, 2022, 10:00 – 12:00

Venue: Platform ZOOM

The Program

10h00

Opening Remarks

Henri Malosse, Chairman of Vocal Europe. Président du Conseil d'orientation de "l'Association Jean Monnet" – Former President of the European Economic and Social Committee

10h05

Introduction and presentation of the UN report

Ali Zuppello & Daniel Marco, Policy Researchers, Vocal Europe (Moderators)

10h15

Overview on Rights and Obligations of a candidate's country in the particular situation of Ukraine at war

Helmut Geuking, Member of the European Parliament, EU-Ukraine Delegation

Micaela Del Monte, Head of Unit, Citizen's policies Unit- Humanitarian questions

Humbert de Biolley, Delegate of The Council of Europe in Brussels- Rule of law

Anna Danelia-Aretz, University of California, Berkeley, attorney-Rule of law

10h 45

Journalists' and civil society's opinions

Guy Mettan, Tribune de Genève, Die Weltwoche

Mikulas Mkrivansky, Brussels-based EU journalist, an expert on Minorities rights

Camille Cerise Gessant, Agence Europe

Joan Delaney, Founding member of "The Community House of Europe" (citizen's rights)

11h10

Q&A session and exchanges

11h45

Conclusion by Mr.Henri Malosse and end of the Webinar