

FINAL CONFERENCE

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee/tea
09:30 – 09:45	INTRODUCTORY REMARKS
09:45 – 11:00	**Foresight: Comparing and contrasting findings of sister projects**
Speakers:	Sarah Bressan, GPPi (REUNIR) Marcus How, VE Insight (Geo-Power-EU) Mariam Bitchoshvili, TEPSA (InvigoratEU)
Moderator:	Tinatin Akhvlediani, CEPS (REUNIR)
11:00 – 11:15	BREAK
11:15 – 12:30	**Minimizing the impact of Russian threats**
Speakers:	Fabienne Bossuyt, Ghent University Tom Casier, University of Groningen Anna Osypchuk, NaUKMA (REUNIR) - tbc
Moderator:	Iulian Groza, IPRE (REUNIR)
12:30 – 13:15	LUNCH

13:15 – 14:30 **PUBLIC POLICY PANEL**

Bouncing forward on the EU pre-accession track, in spite of malign foreign interferences

Over the next decade, enlargement will be central to the EU's future geostrategic positioning. Despite malign foreign interference and growing security uncertainties, the EU must ensure that the resilience of candidate countries and the Union as a whole reinforce one another. This requires a flexible and pragmatic approach to strategic autonomy, encompassing, among others, stronger defence capabilities, tools against economic coercion, and instruments for democracy promotion. This policy panel caps the final conference of the REUNIR project and will discuss practical, forward-looking, and evidence-based policy recommendations for the EU to strengthen its arsenal in support of candidate countries in the Eastern Neighbourhood and Western Balkans to withstanding malign foreign influence and bounce forward on the European integration track.

Speakers: Daniela Morari, Ambassador of Moldova to the EU
Petar Markovic, Ambassador of Montenegro to the EU
Justin Ryan, COELA Chair, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the EU
Thomas Hagleitner, Head of Unit A1 (Enlargement Strategy and Coordination), DG ENEST, European Commission

Moderator: Steven Blockmans, CEPS and ICDS, Scientific Coordinator of REUNIR

14:30 – 15:30 FAREWELL DRINKS