

## Invitation to seminar: The Depth and Size of the EU in a Time of War

We are pleased to invite you to the launch of the publication *Europaperspektiv 2024: The Depth and Size of the EU in a Time of War*. In this 27th annual edition, 14 leading scholars and researchers discuss challenges related to the depth and size of the EU.

Keynote speakers are **Stefan Olsson**, Deputy Director-General at the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and Ambassador **Karin Eckerdal**, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU. Three of the contributing authors will also attend and present their chapters, followed by a brief discussion.

As a participant, you will receive either a copy of the full publication in Swedish, or an English-language booklet.

**The seminar will conclude with a reception, offering drinks and lighter refreshments.**

### Event Date

Thursday 14 November

### Time

Seminar 16.00 - 18.00

Reception 18.00 - 19.00

### Location

The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU  
Square de Meeûs 30, 1000 Brussels

### Registration

The seminar is free of charge, but registration is required as the number of seats is limited. Please register through this [link](#), by 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**We look forward to welcoming you!**



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## Background

In a time of war and geopolitical tensions, the European Union faces significant challenges. Yet, the EU has demonstrated remarkable resilience. A few years ago, there were concerns that several Member States might follow the UK's path and leave the Union. Today, the conversation has shifted, with a new enlargement of the EU being a key focus for 2024. As the EU navigates these changes, it faces critical decisions that will shape its future size and depth.

## Speakers

**Ambassador Karin Eckerdal**, Deputy Permanent Representative, The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU.

**Lars Oxelheim**, Professor, Swedish Network for European Studies in Economics and Business and Research Institute of Industrial Economics, Sweden.

**Stefan Olsson**, Deputy Director-General at the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

## Participating authors

*“Improving working conditions and the space for solidarity between workers: A perspective on citizenship in a changing EU”*

**Ann-Christine Hartzén**, Contributing Author and Senior Lecturer at the Department for Commercial Law, Lund University.

*“What can the EU learn from Brexit?” and “The impact of Brexit: how the UK's withdrawal has affected the development of the EU”*

**Pehr-Johan Norbäck**, Contributing Author, Associate Professor of Economics and Senior Researcher at the Research Institute of Industrial Economics (IFN).

*“Future enlargements of the EU: Opportunities and dilemmas”*

**Mats Öhlén**, Contributing Author and Senior Lecturer in Political Science at the University of Dalarna and Örebro University.

## Discussants

**Charlotte Andersdotter**, Director, Brussels Office of the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise.

**Carl-Albert Hjelmborn**, Director, Brussels Office of the Swedish Trade Unions.

## Moderator

**Sara Keusen**, Press Counsellor, The Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU.

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