



**The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
and the Centre of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences**

cordially invite you to a
thought-provoking discussion

**How is Europe equipped to face the challenges of the future –
Enlargement, reforms and youth perspectives**

with

- **Tanja Fajon**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Alexander Schallenberg**, Federal Minister for European and International Affairs of the Republic of Austria
- **Gordan Grlić-Radman**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia

Moderator: Dr. **Boštjan Udovič**, Faculty of Social Sciences

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The event will bring together insights from three EU member states on the future of the European Union, as it faces increasingly complex global challenges due to structural changes in the world economy, climate change, technological shifts and a deteriorating security situation in its neighbourhood. We are in a period of geopolitical uncertainty in which the EU must prepare for future enlargements.

The debate will focus on the next steps in the EU enlargement process to the Western Balkans and Eastern Europe, as the new EU institutional cycle begins. Participants will explore how both the EU and the future member states can best prepare for the next phase of enlargement to ensure that a larger Union is also a stronger one, both internally and on the global stage.

Significant milestones – Austria's 30th, Slovenia's 20th and Croatia's recent 10th EU membership anniversaries – provide an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and benefits of EU integration. Can they extend to an even larger Europe? What do young people make of such achievements and what opportunities do they see in the European Union and a larger Europe?

There will also be an opportunity for Q&A session.

The event will take place on
Thursday, 28 November, from 17:00 to 18:30,
at the **Faculty of Social Sciences (Great Hall)**, Kardeljeva ploščad 5, Ljubljana.

It will be held in English.

Please register before Monday 25 November 2024 by following this link:

<https://dogodki.vlada.si/mfea-discussion-registration>

Entry to the event will be allowed only with the submission of an identity document.
Please arrive between **16:30** and **16:45**, when registration and security check will take place,
to ensure your timely entry into the Great hall.