

# Review of: "The EU's Capacity for Enlargement: Does It Matter?"

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Some thoughts about the paper titled 'The EU's Capacity for Enlargement: Does It Matter?'

The author's aim is to find a multiplied explanation for the recent enlargement of the EU, a very topical subject. Without a deeper analysis, we tend to see this ambition as power politics, regardless of the advantages and disadvantages it may bring.

The author has made a thorough study of the literature on this subject but has not been able to go beyond the largely theoretical positions it contains. He has not carried out a comparative analysis of the economic, sociological, political, etc., standpoints on enlargement and deepening, nor an empirical, evidence-based analysis of the latest wave of accessions. It would be very important to emphasize the fact that the inclusion of the Western Balkans, Ukraine, and Moldova in the EU implies coping with a degree of diversity that the EU countries may not have realised yet. However, the author does not add anything to this, even though he bases his study on a very precise literature review.

I suggest the author add his own comparative empirical analyses based on evidence to the content of his article, so that it contains his own research results that can be widely used.