
MEP NILS USAKOV'S IN ARMENIA: REFORMS LINKED TO EU ACCESSION WILL STRENGTHEN COUNTRY

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Speaking at a press conference after the 4th Meeting of EU-Armenia Parliamentary Partnership Committee in Yerevan, MEP Nils Ušakovs said that the process of Armenia's accession to the European Union will require significant reforms over a long time. Ušakovs, co-chair of the committee, said that the reforms will strengthen the country and enable it to make more confident decisions regarding its future.

MEP Ušakovs said It is clear that Armenia will not join the EU neither in this year end nor the next. That process takes time and substantive efforts. However, any reform that Armenia would do on the path of joining the EU would make Armenia stronger, and as a result the country will be in a position where it wants to see itself, he said.

If any politician vows that Armenia can join the EU in just a few years then it can be considered an exaggerated expectation, he stressed. That process takes years, like it was in the cases of Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Czechia. My country, Latvia, joined the EU after years of efforts, and the same goes for Armenia. The realistic timeframes could be five, seven or ten years, he said.

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