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COULD THE UK’S VACCINE SUCCESS MAKE STUDENTS WANT TO STUDY THERE?

BY AARON GATES-LINCOLN

A NEW REPORT BY UNIVERSITY RANKINGS PROVIDER QS HAS FOUND THAT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARE NOW MORE LIKELY TO WANT TO STUDY AT UK UNIVERSITIES AS A RESULT OF THE SUCCESSES OF THE VACCINE ROLLOUT. THIS COMES AS A SURPRISE AS RECENT PERCEPTIONS IN THE UK AND ACROSS THE WORLD HAVE BEEN BUILT ON THE MISHANDLING OF THE PANDEMIC BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AND THE REPEATED NEED FOR MULTIPLE LOCKDOWNS DUE TO FAILURES IN THE GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSE.

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THE EU’S EASTERN PARTNERSHIP SEEN FROM BRUSSELS: AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH FEDERICA MOghERINI

BY FRYDERYK LACHAISE, MARIA POPCZYK

In order to conclude our series on the Eastern Partnership, we had the privilege and honour of speaking with Federica Mogherini, former High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (2014-2019) and, since 2020, Rector of the College of Europe.

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What happened in 2014 was clearly a violation of the territorial sovereignty of Ukraine and of international law. First, we need to recognise and name the root of the crisis: Russia’s illegal actions, including the annexation of Crimea. This being said, and we have always been self-critical, I think that in the past there might have been a tendency from the EU side to present the Eastern Partnership in a too binary way, as a choice between political and economic cooperation with either the EU or Russia. This might have put too much pressure on some countries which remain in a close relationship with the Russian Federation.

A lesson learned has therefore been the need to develop a less exclusive approach. For instance, since about 2017, we continue to underline that the Eastern Partnership is not about imposing a choice, but rather about cooperation in fields such as economic reforms, trade, institutions, the rule of law and democracy. Every country is free to choose which direction it wants to take. Thus, we have moved towards a strategy based on national reform agendas and processes.
THE ESTONIAN GOVERNMENT IS NOW A WOMAN’S GAME

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During the general election on the 3rd of March, 2019, Estonians put their trust in the centre-right Estonian Reform Party (ERE) which won 34 seats out of 101 in the Estonian Parliament. However, it was the centre-left Estonian Centre Party (EKE) that was able to form a coalition government with the far-right Conservative People’s Party of Estonia (EKRE) and the right-wing Isamaa party.

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BY FRANCESCO TERUGGI

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