

MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



ENTERING SPRING

As we enter into the spring 2026, we have new projects coming up very soon.

We are proud to promote bilateral relations between Germany and Canada, and focus on most important global challenges of our time, especially in the areas of security, technology, climate change and migration.

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Dear Friends of KAS Canada,

Spring is a season of renewal, and this March we find ourselves with much to work on and even more to look forward to.

It was a privilege to welcome the Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Opposition, to Germany for a series of high-level exchanges that reaffirmed the strength and relevance of the Canada–Germany partnership. From Berlin to Hamburg to Wilhelmshaven, the conversations we witnessed: on transatlantic security, energy cooperation, and economic resilience, reminded us of just how much our two countries share, and how much we can accomplish together in uncertain times.

At the same time, we are proud to see our #KAS4Security grant programs bear its first fruits. The launch of our report on Disinformation in the Transatlantic Arctic marks an important milestone: one that reflects our commitment to producing crucial and intellectually rigorous, policy relevant research at the intersection of security indigenous partnership and readiness in Canada and Sweden.

The next grant report will be on March 30, at Alt Hotel in Ottawa. Written by authors Prof. Alschner, Dr. Leblond and Dr. Reinhold on Canada - EU economic security cooperation, we will see a presentation of the report and listen to the recommendations made to create a more robust Canada-EU economic security relationship in an era of geoeconomic tension.

Looking ahead, the coming months promise a rich agenda: new grant publications, on 23 April, at UOttawa, a major workshop honouring Konrad Adenauer's 150th anniversary, his legacy, and a collaborative event on foreign disinformation.

In coming months we will also welcome a German delegation with energy experts, they will be visiting different cities across Canada and meet with counterparts to exchange ideas on innovative energy solutions for the future.

We are also happy to partner with EU delegation to Canada, on May 4, on Foreign Disinformation Manipulation and Interference (FIMI) at Chateau Laurier.

As always, none of this would be possible without your continued support and engagement. Looking forward to see you in upcoming events,

Yours,
Bernd Althusmann



Hon. Poilievre's visit in Germany

It was a great honour to welcome Hon. Pierre Poilievre, Leader of the Opposition in Canada, to Germany for a series of high-level meetings and exchanges on strengthening the Canadian-German partnership.

- During his visit to Berlin, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven, Hon. Poilievre engaged with political leaders, government officials, and representatives from industry and policy institutions to discuss the future of transatlantic cooperation. Key moments of the program included:
- A public event and panel discussion at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung on “The New World Order – Challenges for Canada and Germany: Standing Side by Side in Times of Uncertainty” where Mr. Poilievre delivered a keynote speech. He joined the panel discussion with MP Jürgen Hardt, Foreign Policy Spokesman for the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group and MP Stefan Rouenhoff, Secretary of State at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.
- Meetings with members of the German Bundestag including MP Jens Spahn, leader of the CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group in the Bundestag, MP Armin Laschet, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, MP Thomas Röwekamp, MP Johannes Winkel.
- Exchanges at the Federal Chancellery of Germany, Dr. Ebert, discussing foreign policy and transatlantic cooperation.
- Discussions with German business leaders on strengthening economic cooperation and energy security.
- Visiting Jade-Weser-Port, Germany's only deep-water container port, and the LNG Terminal 01 in Wilhelmshaven hosted by Olaf Lies, Prime Minister of the State of Lower Saxony, highlighted the importance of strategic infrastructure and energy security for Canada-Germany partnership.

-A particular highlight was meeting with the Federal Foreign Minister, Johann Wadepuhl at the Federal Foreign Office, discussing Canada-Germany relations, diplomatic challenges, and opportunities for both nations.

-It was an honour to participate in the historic Matthiae-Mahl in Hamburg, one of the oldest continuing banquets in the world, hosted by Hamburg's Mayor Dr. Peter Tschentscher. Meeting former German Chancellor Dr. Angela Merkel was a truly special highlight of the visit.

-The visit underlined the importance of deepening the Canada-Germany partnership at a time of geopolitical uncertainty, with strong shared interests in security, economic resilience, energy cooperation, and transatlantic stability. Our deepest gratitude to all partners and participants who contributed to these valuable exchanges.



Hamburg harbour



Hon Armin Laschet, Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs, MdB(MP), former Prime minister of North-Rhine-Westfalia



Dr. Petr Tschentscher and Dr. Angela Merkel



Mdb, Johann Wadepul, German Minister for Foreign Affairs



MdB Thomas Röwekamp and MdB Johannes Winkel



Stefan Rouenhoff MP, German Ministry of Energy and MdB Jurgen Hardt



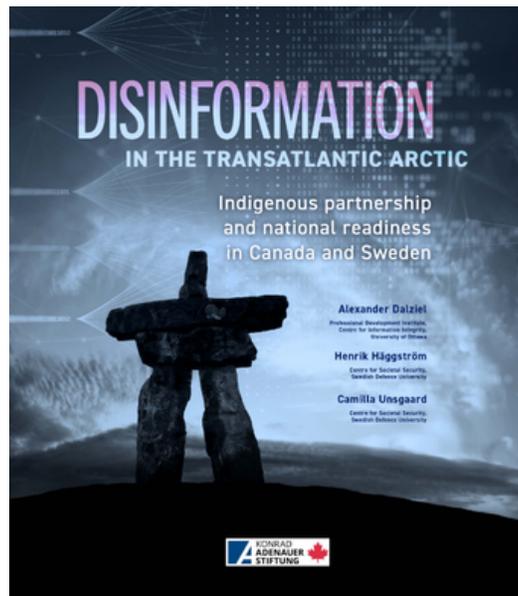
Willhelmshaven harbour



MP Jens Spahn Leader of the CDU in Parliament

Projects and Events

- On **18 March**, we have celebrated our first #KAS4Security grant, titled “ ”Information Security in the Transatlantic Arctic: Integrating Indigenous and Northern Knowledge and Capabilities”. We did a news conference about this report at Press Gallery and both the report and the news conference can be watched in our [website](#) as well as [CPAC](#).



Konrad Adenauer Foundation Presents New Report



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- On **30 March**, we have launched our second KAS4Security Grant publication, focusing on Economic Security Integration between Canada - EU in ALT Hotel, Ottawa.
- Before the event, we were honoured to hear a keynote speech from Mrs. Isabelle Poupart, DG of European Affairs at Global Affairs of Canada, and an opening statement from Dr. Althusmann.
- Written by Dr. Wolfgang Alschner, Dr. Philipp Reinhold and Prof. Patrick Leblond, focusing on Canada-EU Economic Security Cooperation, the report underlined how recent events have transformed economic and security cooperation between the EU and Canada to distil recommendations for deepening bilateral relations.
- Authors came up with **five recommendations** to improve in the future such as :
 - establishing a Canada-EU Economic Security Council that brings together high-level Canadian, EU and member-state officials to discuss all matters related to economic security,
 - bringing the various supply-chain monitoring initiatives under one roof,
 - to strengthen and secure the critical infrastructure that links Canada and the EU, to use the upcoming negotiations of Canada-EU Digital Trade Agreement
 - to explicitly include provisions on economic security and emerging technologies and
 - to deter and mitigate economic coercion by committing to avoid alignment with coercive actors and by jointly redirecting supply chains away from disruptors.
- You can read the full report in our [website](#).



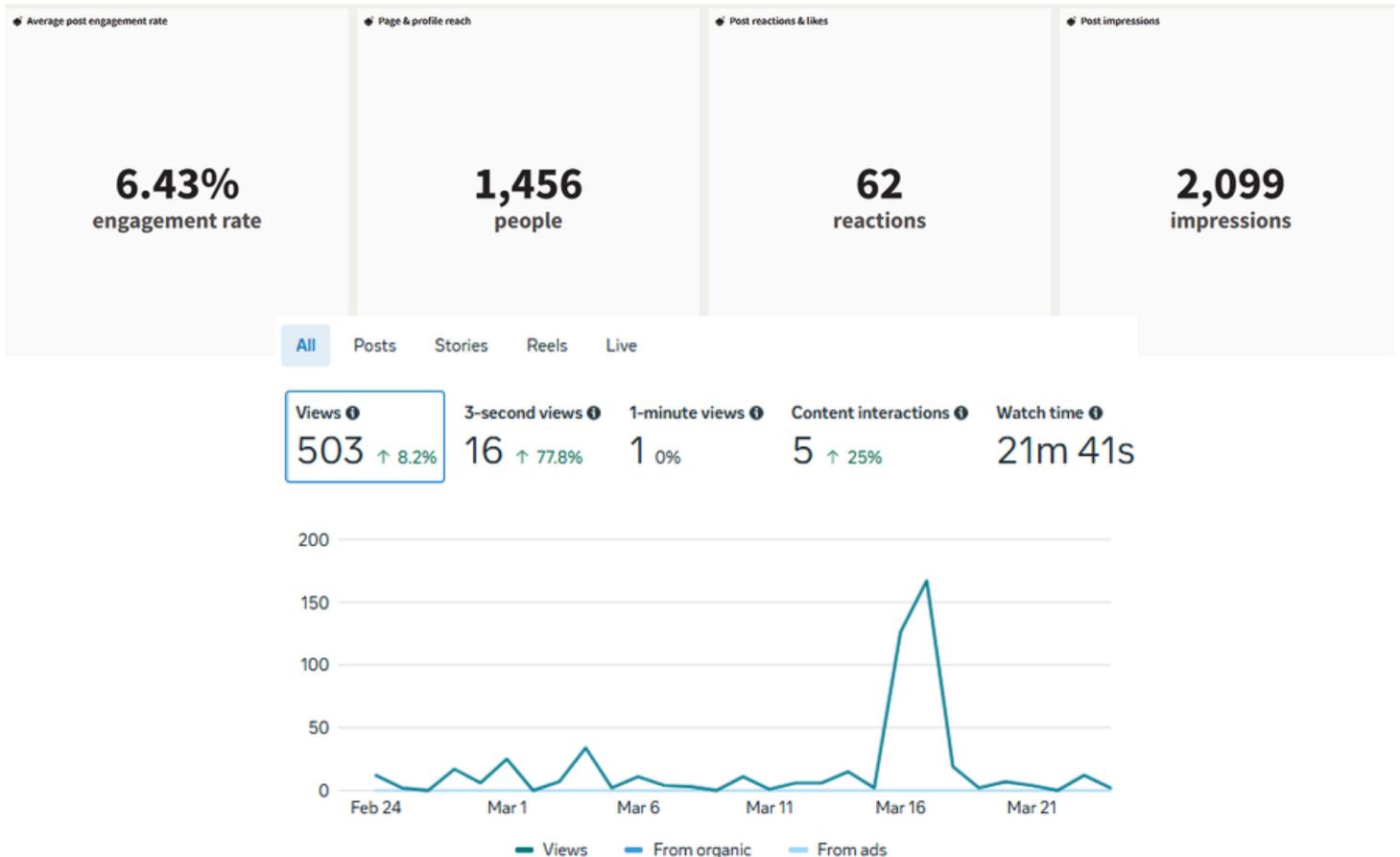
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- On **23 April**, KAS Research Chair and our foundation is organizing a big 2 day workshop in honour of Konrad Adenauer's 150th Year, titled: **Following Konrad Adenauer's Legacy: democracy and (un)democratic attitudes**. The workshop will welcome chosen papers selected from the call made last November and will span a larger picture on citizens' engagement with democracy by looking at the link between peoples' rejection of democracy and their adherence to populism and conspiracy theories.
- On **May 4**, we are organizing an event **with the EU Delegation in Canada on Foreign Information Manipulation and Interference (FIMI)** at Chateau Laurier. More details will be communicated in coming weeks and next month through our social media channels.

Social media and interaction boost

We would like to thank you for reacting to all of our posts and event announcements.

We have new followers through LinkedIn, and multiplied reactions and comments through Instagram.



A BIG
THANK YOU

Our Canada Office, based in Ottawa, was established in 2019, promotes multilateral cooperation as well as exchange between Canada, Germany and Europe on the most important global challenges of our time, especially in the areas of security, technology, climate change and migration.

As the first Chancellor of the newly-formed Federal Republic of Germany from 1949-63, Konrad Adenauer changed the face of post-war German and European history more than any other individual. Adenauer's experiences during the Second World War made him a political realist and he focused his attention on promoting the idea of pan-European cooperation. Our foundation is based on his values.

"When the world seems large and complex,
we need to remember that great world ideals all begin
in some home neighbourhood."

Konrad Adenauer

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