

Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Political change and constant transformation will characterise this year and the next. In the United Kingdom, recent polls for the upcoming snap elections and the May local elections results have confirmed anticipated political changes. Germany may experience a similar shift in the 2025 Bundestag elections, as suggested by current polls. However, the EU has confirmed significant political stability with an even stronger centre-right party family in the recent European Elections.

These developments underline the importance of building bridges between the UK, Germany, Ireland and the European Union. Cooperation is key to addressing our common challenges and to building up new trust. The Konrad Adenauer Foundation is committed to supporting this mission. Our renowned and valued initiatives, such as the recent German-British Dialogue in Cadenabbia, will remain central to our efforts in uniting key German and British stakeholders.

Change is also coming to our organisation. The KAS London Office will welcome a new director as I return to our Berlin headquarters in the second half of the year. I am confident that my successor, Dr Canan Atilgan, will continue the important work we have been doing both in the UK and in Ireland. Be sure that we reach out to you again, as soon as the new director is ready to be introduced.

Thank you very much for your continued interest and support!

With my best wishes,

Matthias Barner
Director UK & Ireland
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Event Recap:

EU ENLARGEMENT
THE NEW
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EU Enlargement: The New Geopolitical Background - KAS/EMI Event in Dublin

In April, we and the European Movement Ireland hosted the event '**EU Enlargement: The New Geopolitical Background**' in Dublin. To mark the 20th anniversary of the largest EU enlargement, **H.E. Larysa Gerasko**, Ambassador of Ukraine to Ireland, Professor **David Phinnemore** from Queens University Belfast, and **Peter Power** from the European Commission discussed the evolving geopolitical landscape influencing the EU accession process.

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Cadenabbia

40th Anniversary of the German-British Dialogue in Cadenabbia

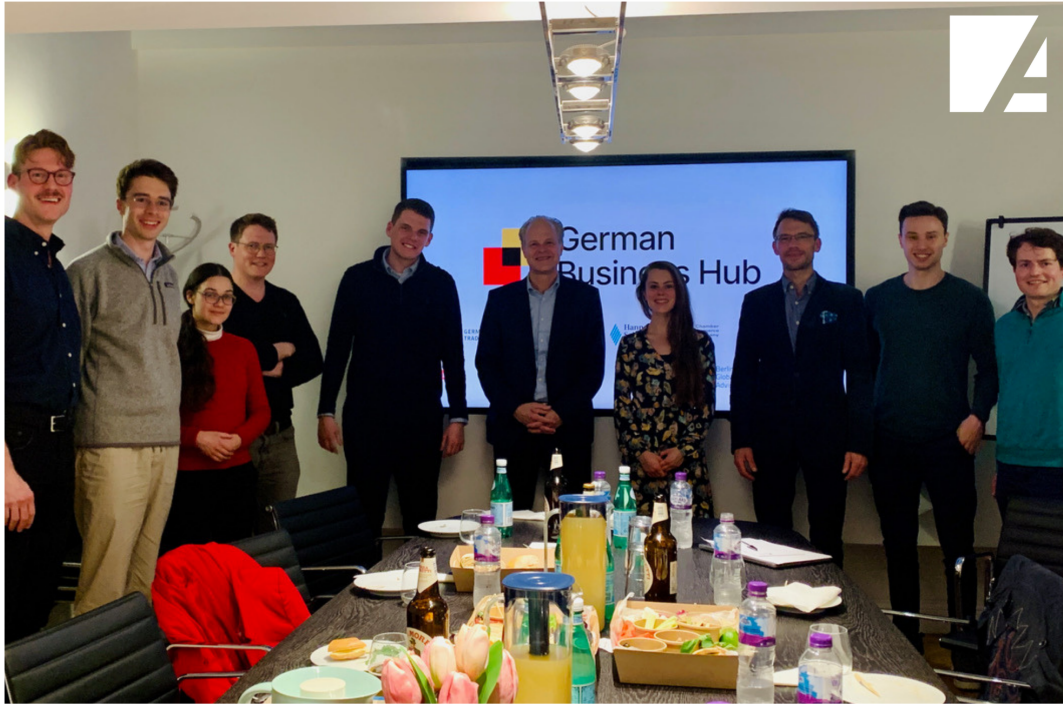
Earlier this year we saw the **40th anniversary of the German-British Dialogue** in Cadenabbia. Organised by our London office for the first time in 1984, the Dialogue has evolved into a cornerstone of the **German-British network**. Parliamentarians from both countries come together in order to share perspectives and build common ground on the pivotal challenges facing our nations. In its 40th year, the Dialogue took place at a time of significant global tensions and domestic uncertainty.

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Prof. Dr. Lammert visiting London

This month, we were delighted to welcome the Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, **Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert**, to our office during his trip to London. Norbert Lammert was a member of the German Bundestag for the CDU from 1980 to 2017 and served as its President from 2005 to 2017. Since 2018, Prof. Lammert has been the Chairman of KAS. Prof. Lammert holds the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy, the Republic of Hungary, and the Federal Republic of Germany.



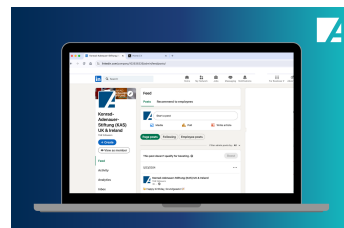
Former Scholars at KAS London

We had the pleasure of hosting former KAS scholarship holders at our London office! It was a nice evening filled with insightful discussions and exchanges. We had the opportunity to introduce these talented individuals to our work on the ground in the UK and Ireland. Moreover, we delved into the current state of German-British relations and engaged in lively discussions about the latest political developments in the UK and Ireland. It was really enriching to hear the perspectives of these young professionals who live here in London and represent different backgrounds and professions locally.

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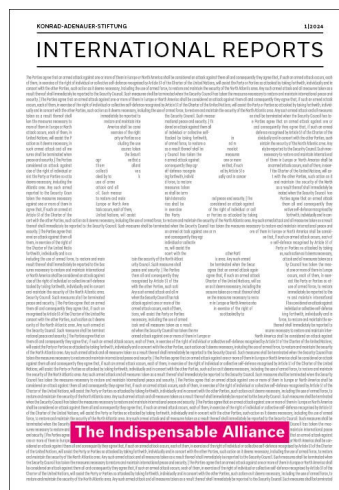
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