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**North Macedonia has officially joined NATO**, becoming the alliance's 30th member. Earlier that week, the EU gave its approval for membership talks to begin with North Macedonia and Albania. To mark these events, the European Leadership Network reading list brings together ELN commentaries on NATO and the EU, from network members and experts.

**Does lighter mean healthier? Risks of modern deterrence in the Russia-NATO context**

YGLN member **Igor Istomin** looks at the growing reliance on high-readiness agile forces by both Russian and Western militaries, arguing that more thought needs to be given to their potential risks.

**NATO and emerging technologies**

The current explosion in emerging technologies offers opportunities, as well as potential perils for NATO, finds **Dr Margaret E. Kosal**, Associate at Georgia Institute of Technology.

**It's not you, it's me: EU's break up with the Western Balkans**

YGLN member **Gent Salihu** explores the EU's relationship with the Western Balkans in the context of its enlargement policy.

**Rapprochement between the EU and the EAEU offers more than economic benefits**

**Ulf Schneider**, founder and President of Schneider Group, argues that the vision of a common economic space, from Lisbon to Vladivostok, can and should become reality.

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