



Russian Political Influence in Europe

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Please join the Atlantic Council's Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center and the Center for American Studies for a discussion on Russian political influence in Europe.

Following an installment on France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, the Atlantic Council is launching a report entitled *The Kremlin's Trojan Horses II: Russian Influence in Greece, Italy, and Spain*, which examines Russian political presence in Southern Europe. The authors present a comprehensive assessment of how the Kremlin influences politics and foreign policy in three of Europe's major powers, with the aim of destabilizing the European Union and the transatlantic partnership. Russia seeks to gain a foothold in European politics by building relationships with fringe political parties and leaders and developing close personal and business ties with mainstream European politicians. Through these efforts, the Russian government has been able to develop a network of "Trojan horses:" organizations and individuals who publicly support Russian interests and undermine European cohesion. John Herbst, Nona Mikhelidze, and Fabio Rugge will join two of the authors – Alina Polyakova and Luigi Sergio Germani – to discuss the report's findings, as well as Russia's broader foreign policy towards Europe.

We hope you can join us for this timely discussion.

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