THE EU'S ARC OF INSTABILITY

In the wake of terror attacks in Brussels and Paris, the EU faces challenges to its internal cohesion wrought by deteriorating conditions in the neighborhood. The figure below charts the likelihood of increasing or decreasing political instability (including terrorism) since the launch of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) in 2004 through 2014.¹ Countryspecific statistics present a snapshot of the state of play in the neighborhood. Although the EU had hoped to foster a "ring of well-governed countries" around its periphery, it now finds itself engulfed by a ring of fire stretching from Libya to Ukraine.

UKRAINE 1.3 million displaced since 2014⁷

NAGORNO-KARABAKH 30+ soldiers killed this month⁶

> SYRIA 470,000 killed since 2011⁵

ENP States with Decreasing Political Stability, 2004 - 2014¹

ENP States with Increasing Political Stability, 2004 - 2014¹ **TUNISIA** 2,400 Tunisians fighting in Syria & Iraq² LIBYA 150 miles of coastline controlled by ISIS³ EGYPT 2,500 killed since 2013 unrest⁴

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