

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 Country-specific 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.



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