



Civil Society Forum Tirana

of the Western Balkans Summit Series

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM TIRANA

Sky Tower and Tirana International Hotel (TIH) | Tirana, Albania

26-28 April 2017

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, 26 APRIL 2017

OPPENING RECEPTION & CONFERENCE

Arrival of the participants (Tirana International Hotel)

18.15 - 18.30 Arrival of the participants (Venue: [Sky Club at Sky Tower](#))

18.30 - 19.00 Welcome speech and welcome drink

Ardian Hackaj, Cooperation and Development Institute

Hedvig Morvai, European Fund for the Balkans

Felix Henkel, Friedrich Ebert Foundation

Franz Karl Prueller, ERSTE Foundation

19.00 - 19.20 The Berlin Process: low-hanging fruits vs. strategic engagement

HE Ditmir Bushati, Albanian Minister of Foreign Affairs

19.20 - 20.00 Reflections on the EU Enlargement in Times of Uncertainty

Impulse by: **Florian Bieber**, the Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group and Director of the Centre for South East European Studies, University of Graz

HE Romana Vlahutin, Head of EU Delegation to Albania

HE Alberto Cutillo, Ambassador of Italy in Albania

Eleonora Poli, Istituto Affari Internazionali

Dafina Peci, Director National Youth Congress & RYCO Board member

Moderator: **Hedvig Morvai**, European Fund for the Balkans

20.00 - 22.00 Dinner: buffet at Sky Club & open bar

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THURSDAY, 27 APRIL 2017

WB6 CSF WORKSHOPS

08.45 - 09.00 **Arrival and Registration: Tirana International Hotel / Classic Room**

09.00 - 09.10 **Welcome and explanation of the meeting objectives / topics /logistics**

Ardian Hackaj, CDI & Hedvig Morvai, EFB

09.10 - 09.40 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS "ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS PROCESS, AND IN THE TRIESTE SUMMIT"**

by **HE Michele Giacomelli**, Special Envoy of Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Berlin Process

9.40 - 10.10 **Intro impulse - The Berlin Process: Evaluation and Results**

Impulse: **Zoran Nechev**, Senior EFB Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris, France

Respondent: **HE Johann Sattler**, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to Albania and **Jelica Minic**, European Movement in Serbia

Moderator: **Sonja Licht**, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

10.10 - 11.25 **TOPIC 1: YOUTH COOPERATION IN WB6**

Intro: **Adnan Cerimagic**, EFB Policy Fellow (presents topical background paper)

PANEL 1

Frank Morawietz, Special Commissioner of the Franco-German Youth Office for South Eastern Europe

Djuro Blanusa, Secretary General of RYCO (Regional Youth Cooperation Office)

Krenare Gashi, Kosovo Network of Youth Centers

Moderator: **Aleksandar Simurdic**, European Movement Novi Sad

11.25 - 11.45 *Coffee break*

11.45 - 13.00 **TOPIC 2: RULE OF LAW AND ANTI-CORRUPTION**

Intro: **Jovana Marovic**, BiEPAG (presenting the topical background paper)

PANEL 2

Eduard Shalsi, Minister of State for Local Government and National Anticorruption Coordinator

Aleksandar Krzalovski, Executive Director of Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

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HE Dewi van de Weerd, Ambassador of Kingdom of Netherlands to Albania

Vladan Joksimovic, Head of Secretariat of Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative

Moderator: Igor Bandovic, European Fund for the Balkans

13.00 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 15.30 **TOPIC 3: BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT AND INNOVATION
POTENTIAL IN WB6: ROLE OF SMEs**

Intro: Samira Nuhanovic, BiEPAG (presenting the topical background paper)

PANEL 3

Diana Leka, Head of Investment Council Secretariat, Albania

Zarko Malinovic, CISME Group of EXIT Foundation, Serbia

Silvio Pedrazzi, CEO Intesa San Paolo Albania

Alessandro Valera, Director of ASHOKA, Italy

Moderator: Raffaella Coletti, CeSPI, Italy

15.30 – 16.15 **TOPIC 4: BILATERAL ISSUES**

Intro: Nikola Dimitrov "Update on the status of the issue of bilateral disputes in the Berlin process and new perspectives"

Moderator: Marika Djolai, BiEPAG

16.15 – 16.35 *Coffee Break*

16.35 – 17.30 **DEFINING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE TRIESTE SUMMIT**

Four parallel Working Groups (WG) on each topic identify the recommendations for the WB Summit in Trieste.

One Moderator for each WG

Input for each WG

17.30 – 18.30 **EACH WG PRESENTS THE DRAFT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Discussion

18.30 – 19.45 **JOINT RECEPTION WITH CSF OF THE WB SUMMIT SERIES AND COUNCIL OF THE EU WORKING PARTY ON THE WB REGION** (at "La Pergola" Terrace Bar & Restaurant/Tirana International Hotel)

20.00 **DINNER** at [Green House Restaurant](#)

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FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2017

PUBLIC CONFERENCE

08.45 – 09.00 **Arrival and Registration: Hotel Tirana International / Classic Room**

09.00 – 10.30 **KEY POLICY FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRIESTE SUMMIT**

Presentation of panel discussions, by prof. **Florian Bieber**, BiEPAG and CSEES

Milva Ekonomi, Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship

HE Susanne Schütz, Ambassador of Republic of Germany to Albania

Hannes Swoboda, Member of Board of Directors Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in Southeast Europe (CDRSEE)

Peter Grk, National Coordinator for Western Balkans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia

Karl Giacinti, Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, Civil Society and Media (DG NEAR)

Moderator: Ilir Ciko, Cooperation and Development Institute, Albania

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00 - 12:30 **PANEL "BRIDGING THE GAP: CONNECTING WB6 CITIZENS WITH EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT"**

Intro impulse: Messages from CSF Skopje by Vedran Dzihic, BiEPAG

Ulrike Lunacek, MEP and EP Vice-President (Greens/EFA, Austria) in charge of Western Balkans"

Tanja Fajon, MEP and Vice-Chair of the S&D Group

Majlinda Bregu, MP, Chair of European Integration Committee in Albanian Parliament

Hedvig Morvai, European Fund for the Balkans

Ardian Hackaj, Cooperation and Development Institute

Moderator: Tobias Flessenkemper, BiEPAG and Centre international de formation européenne, Nice, France

12:30 **Closure**

12.40 *Buffet Lunch / Departure of participants*

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