

REGIONAL CONFERENCE

“FROM TRIESTE TO LONDON: STOCKTAKING AND FUTURE SCENARIOS FOR THE BERLIN PROCESS”

Tirana, 9 - 10 November 2017

Venue: Rogner Hotel / Antigonea Room

PROGRAM

Thursday, November 9

Hotel ROGNER, Antigonea Room

- 1415hs – 1430hs Registering of participants
- 1430hs – 1500hs Welcome from **Walter Glos**, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung; **Klaus Fiesinger**, Hanns Seidel Stiftung; **Wulf Lapins**, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung; and **Ardian Hackaj**, Cooperation & Development Institute
- 1500hs – 1530hs Opening Speech: **H.E. Ditmir Bushati**, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of Albania “*Albania in the Berlin Process and its contribution to WB6 Regional Cooperation*”
- 1530hs - 1600hs Coffee Break

1600hs - 1730hs 1st SESSION. ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BERLIN PROCESS: 2014-2017

Keyword: cooperation

Speakers:

- **H.E. Alberto Cutillo** | Italian Ambassador to the Republic of Albania
- **Wolfgang Petritsch** | President of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation
- **Djuro Blanusa** | Secretary General, Regional Youth Cooperation Office
- **Anita Richter** | Programme Manager for Economic Reforms, South East Europe Division, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
- **Hedvig Morvai** | Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans

Moderator: **Eralda Çani** | Professor, University of Tirana

1730hs - 1830 hs **Networking Reception**

1915hs - 2100hs **Diner at Sky Tower Restaurant**

Friday, November 10

Hotel ROGNER, Antigonea Room

0830hs - 0900hs **Registering & welcome**

0900hs - 1015hs 2ND SESSION. CONNECTING WB6 MARKET(S): STATE-OF-AFFAIRS OF CONNECTIVITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Keyword: connectivity

Speakers:

- **Oriana Arapi** | Director of Strategic Planning and Development Unit, Office of Prime Minister of Albania
- **Nicholas Cendrowicz** | Deputy Head of Unit, Regional Co-Operation and Programmes (Western Balkans), DG NEAR
- **Björn Thies** | Director Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, Office Albania
- **Ardian Hackaj** | Research Director, Cooperation and Development Institute (CDI)
- **Richard Grieson** | Economist, Vienna Institute of International Economic Studies (WiiW)

Moderator: **Florent Marciacq** | Deputy Secretary General of Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe

1015hs – 1045hs *Coffee Break*

1045hs - 1200hs 3ND SESSION. BOOSTING WB6 GROWTH TO ACCELERATE CONVERGENCE WITH EU

Keyword: convergence

Speakers:

- **Dusan Reljic** | Head of Brussels Office, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
- **Philipp Keller** | Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Switzerland in Albania
- **Fatmir Besimi** | Co-Chair of Economic Forum of Macedonia, and London School of Economics fellow
- **Lodovico Gherardi** | Coordinator of the Managing Authority, Adriatic Ionian Programme 2014-2020 "Adrion", Emilia-Romagna Region
- **Diana Leka** | Head of Secretariat of Albanian Investment Council

Moderator: **Alida Vracic** | Executive Director, Think tank Popolari

1200hs - 1315hs **4TH PANEL. BERLIN PROCESS: REINFORCING THE MOMENTUM**

Keyword: continuity

Speakers:

- **Christian Hellbach** | Director for South-Eastern Europe, Turkey and the EFTA States, Federal Foreign Office of Germany
- **Klaus Woelfer** | Head of the Department for Western Balkans, EU-Enlargement and Twinning, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria
- **Magdalena Czubala** | Head of South Eastern Europe & EU enlargement Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland
- **Milena Harito** | National Coordinator for the Regional Economic Area, Prime Minister Office of Albania
- **H.E. Duncan Norman MBE** | Her Majesty's Ambassador to Albania

Moderator: **Tobias Flessenkemper** | Senior Fellow and Balkans Project Director at Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE)

1315hs – 1330hs **Wrap up & Closure followed by lunch at ROGNER Hotel**