

Serbia and the European integration of the Western Balkans

Exchange of views in the run-up to the conference of Paris

on the Western Balkans

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Radisson Blu Old Mill
Bulevar Vojvode Misica 15
11000 Belgrade

10.00 Introduction

Johannes KYRLE, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

Dominique DAVID, President, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe and Advisor to the President of the French Institute for International Relations (ifri), Paris

Johannes HAHN, Commissioner for EU Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission, Brussels (video message)

10.30 Keynote speech

Jadranka JOKSIMOVIĆ, Minister without Portfolio for the European Integration of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

Igor CRNADAK, Foreign Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

11.00 coffee break

11.15 1st panel: The European integration of Serbia –driving forces and pitfalls

Chair: Johannes KYRLE, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

Michael DAVENPORT, Head, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

"Serbia's prospects on the EU accession path"

Mihailo CRNOBRNJA, President, European Movement Serbia, Belgrade

"The Serbian road to the European Union - long and tedious"

Andreas GRAF, Chief Financial Officer, Vip mobile, Belgrade

“The European Integration of Serbia in the area of telecommunications – achievements and challenges from an operator’s perspective”

Marina GLAMOTCHAK, Researcher and Consultant in strategic, political and economic affairs, Paris

“Energy policy: a major challenge of the European integration”

Đorđe POPOVIĆ, Program Coordinator, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, Belgrade

“The Role of civil society in the Serbian EU integration process”

12.00 Discussion

12.30 Lunch

13.30 2nd panel: Serbia in its regional space – a challenge with European implications

Chair: **Peter JANKOWITSCH**, Former Austrian Foreign Minister, Member of the Directorate of the Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (ACF), Vienna

Hedvig MORVAI, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans, Belgrade

“Serbia and the Western Balkans – Is there a growing culture of regional cooperation?”

Jovan TEOKAREVIĆ, Professor, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade

“Why is the European dynamic in the Western Balkans depending on the relations between Serbia and its neighbour states?”

Srećko LATAL, Regional Editor, Balkan Investigative Reporting Network, (BIRN), Founder and President, Social Overview Service (SOS), Sarajevo

“Relations between Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska - Two steps forward one step back”

Lulzim PEĆI, Executive Director, Founder and Senior Fellow, Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development (KIPRED), Prishtina

“Normalization of relations between Prishtina and Belgrade: A view from Kosovo”

14.15 Discussion

14.45 Coffee break

15.15 3. Panel: Geopolitics and European integration in Western Balkans

Chair: Dominique DAVID, President, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe and Advisor to the President of the French Institute for International Relations (ifri), Paris

Dragoljuba BENČINA, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana

“Serbia in the EU: a geostrategic reality”

Hubert HEISS, Head, Section Europe, Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna

“How does the ‚Berlin Process‘ fit into the concept of European integration and the geopolitical setting of the region?”

Wolfgang PETRITSCH, President, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation, Vienna

“The geopolitical centrality of the Balkans”

Dragan ĐOKOVIĆ, Advisor to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade

“The Balkans between migration crisis and integration”

16.00 Discussion

16.30 Conclusion

Roksanda NINČIĆ, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade