

## The challenge of the European integration of Kosovo: regional cooperation and neighbourly relations

24 May 2017, 9.00 – 13.00, Swiss Diamond Hotel, Pristina

9:00 – 9.10 [Welcome](#)

**Florent MARCIACQ**, Programme Director, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

9:10 – 10.00 [Opening](#)

**Michael LINHART**, Secretary General, Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna

**Nataliya APOSTOLOVA**, Head of EU Office in Kosovo / EU Special Representative, Pristina

**Anila STATOVCI-DEMAJ**, Deputy Minister for European Integration to the Republic of Kosovo, Pristina

**Piero Cristoforo SARDI**, Italian Ambassador to Kosovo, Pristina

10.00 - 10:45 [1. Panel: Taking stock: The European integration of Kosovo – driving forces and pitfalls](#)

Chair: **Florent MARCIACQ**, Programme Director, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

**Jeton MEHMETI**, Research Director, GAP Institute, Pristina  
*“Zero Progress: Identifying Kosovo's challenges in fulfilling the recommendations of the European Commission”*

**Albana MERJA**, Research Fellow, Group for Legal and Political Studies, Pristina  
*“Stabilisation and Association Agreement and European Reform Agenda: The Importance, Benefits, and Obligations”*

**Jean-Arnault DÉRENS**, Editor in Chief, Le Courrier des Balkans  
*“The blockade of European integration, Kosovo and the Albanian national question”*

10.45 – 11.15 Discussion

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30 [2. Panel: Kosovo in its regional space – regional cooperation and neighbourly relations](#)

Chair: **Tobias FLESSENKEMPER**, Senior Fellow and Balkans Project Director, Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE), Berlin

**Ardian HACKAJ**, Director, Cooperation & Development Institute, Tirana  
*“Contribution of Kosovar Citizen into Neighbourly Relations: an illustration of the other approach to Regional Cooperation in WB6”*

**Jelica MINIĆ**, President of the Forum for International Relations, European Movement Serbia, Belgrade  
*“Regional cooperation - supporting peace and state-building”*

**Zlatko VUJOVIĆ**, President of the Governing Board, Centre for Monitoring and Research (CeMI), Podgorica  
*“Perspective of Kosovo – Montenegro relations”*

**Lura POLLOZHANI**, Centre for South East European Studies (CSEES), University of Graz  
*“The half-hearted cooperation between Kosovo and Macedonia and the lessons to be learned”*

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion

The conference will be held in English with simultaneous translation to Albanian.