







## Western Balkans Reflection Forum initiative

# The Western Balkans and the European Union

# Moving? In the right direction?

International conference organised in the framework of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union

Brussels, 3-4 July 2018

## Programme

## 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, 16h30-19h00 - Public roundtable

## Why now enlargement in the Western Balkans is good - or bad - for the EU?

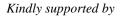
#### Venue: Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), c/o EFTA, Rue Joseph II, 12-16, 1000 Brussels

#### 16h30: Panel discussion

- Myriam FERRAN, Director for Strategy and Turkey, European Commission (DG NEAR), Brussels
- Vladimir MEĐAK, President, Research Forum of the European Movement in Serbia, Belgrade
- Goran SVILANOVIĆ, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council, Brussels Loïc TRÉGOURÈS, Lecturer, Catholic University of Paris
- Klaus WÖLFER, Director South East Europe, Austrian Ministry of Integration, Europe and Foreign Affairs, Vienna
- Moderator: Wolfgang WOSOLSOBE, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

#### **18h15: Refreshments**

19h00: End of the event





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## 4th July 2018, 8h45-13h30 - Reflection Forum event

## The Western Balkans and the European Union: Moving? In the right direction?

Venue: Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, 1040 Brussels (The *Chatham House* Rule applies\*)

#### **08h45: Registration**

#### 09h00: Opening and welcome

Alexander KMENTT, Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the Political and Security Committee, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, Brussels Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Senior Fellow & Balkans Project Director, Centre international de formation européenne, Berlin/Nice

#### 09h15: Four years of "real additional progress": The contribution of the Berlin process to EU enlargement

Ardian HAÇKAJ, Director of Shtetiweb.org, Research Director, Cooperation and Development Institute, Tirana

Fisnik KORENICA, Executive Director, Group for Legal and Political Studies, Pristina Milena LAZAREVIĆ, Programme Director, European Policy Centre, Belgrade Thomas MAYR-HARTING, Managing Director Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service, Brussels

Moderator: Florent MARCIACQ, Deputy Secretary General and Research Fellow, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe, Vienna

10h30: Break

#### 10h45: Re-thinking European integration beyond the current approach to enlargement

Fikret ČAUŠEVIĆ, Professor, School of Economics and Business, University of Sarajevo Simonida KACARSKA, Director, European Policy Institute, Skopje Aleksandar KOVAČEVIĆ, Independent Energy Policy Consultant, Belgrade

Moderator: Dušan RELJIĆ, Head of Office, SWP - German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Brussels

12h00: Break









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# 12h15: The Western Balkans on the European agenda between the Sibiu European Council, Brexit and European elections

- Rosa BALFOUR, Senior Fellow, Europe Program, The German Marshall Fund of the U.S., Brussels
- Spyros ECONOMIDES, Associate Professor of International Relations and European Politics, European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science, London
- Christophe HILLION, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo
- Miruna TRONCOTĂ, Lecturer and Researcher, National School of Political Science and Public Administration, Bucharest
- Moderator: Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Senior Fellow & Balkans Project Director, Centre international de formation européenne, Berlin/Nice

## 13h30: End of the event followed by a light lunch

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