

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

3rd 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 MEDAK, 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

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**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 FLESENKEMPER, 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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