

## 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**

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

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

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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**4<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 8h45-13h30 – Reflection Forum event**  
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## **The Western Balkans and the European Union: Moving? In the right direction?**

**Venue: Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union,  
Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, 1040 Brussels**

### **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  
(tbc)

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

Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Senior Fellow and Project 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 KAČARSKA, Director, European Policy Institute, Skopje

Aleksandar KOVAČEVIĆ, Independent Energy Policy Consultant, Belgrade

N.N., a representative of the European Commission, Brussels

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

*12h00: Break*

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

Christophe HILLION, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs,  
Oslo

Miruna TRONCOTA, Lecturer and Researcher, National School of Political Science and  
Public Administration, Bucharest

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*Moderator: Tobias FLESSENKEMPER, Senior Fellow and Project Balkans project Director,  
Centre international de formation européenne, Berlin/Nice*

**13h30: End of the event followed by refreshments**

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