

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

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