

*International Conference*

**DEMOCRACY THAT DELIVERS: TEN YEARS LATER  
UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE WESTERN BALKANS**

16 May 2018

Sofia Hotel Balkan, Sredets Hall

*Agenda*

- 9:30** *Opening*  
**Dr. Ognian Shentov**, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy  
**Christian Danielsson**, Director General, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission  
**Hedvig Morvai**, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans  
**Thorsten Geissler**, Director, Sofia Office, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
- 9:50** UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF THE WESTERN BALKANS  
*The US Pledge to Regional Security and Prosperity*  
**Ambassador Elisabeth I. Millard**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State  
  
*A Way Forward for the Western Balkans: Euro-Atlantic Perspective*  
**Ekaterina Zaharieva**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria  
**Professor Florian Bieber**, Director, Centre for Southeast European Studies, University of Graz; Coordinator, Balkans in Europe Policy Advisory Group (BiEPAG)  
  
*Strengthening the Security and Stability in the Western Balkans*  
**James Mackey**, Head, Euro-Atlantic and Global Partnership Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO Headquarters  
  
*The Berlin Process: What to Expect from the London Summit and After*  
**Matt Thome**, Head of Strategic Communications, Western Balkan Summit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, United Kingdom  
  
*Discussion*  
*Chair: Igor Bandovic*, Senior Programme Manager, European Fund for the Balkans/NEF
- 11:00** *Coffee Break*
- 11:15** POLICY RESPONSE AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE  
*The Western Balkans: Addressing Governance Challenges*  
**Ruslan Stefanov**, Coordinator, Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI), Director, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy  
  
*Regional Development Initiatives*  
**Colin Wolfe**, Head of Unit, Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR, European Commission  
**Ambassador Haakon Blankenborg**, Director, Section for Southeast Europe, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
**Lisa Mossberg**, Senior Coordinator Western Balkans and Turkey, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency  
**Roland Python**, Head, Swiss Contribution Office Bulgaria  
**Srdjan Cvijic**, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society European Policy Institute, Brussels; Member, BiEPAG  
**Hideya Kobayashi**, Chief Resident Representative of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Balkan Office  
  
*Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union: Stability and Working Towards EU Accession for Western Balkan Countries*  
**Ambassador Dr. Klaus Wölfer**, Head, Department for Southeast Europe and EU Enlargement, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria  
  
*Discussion*  
*Chair: Ambassador Avgustina Tzvetkova*, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 13:00** *Lunch Address*  
**Zoran Zaev**, Prime Minister of Macedonia

**15:00**

**CIVIL SOCIETY THAT DELIVERS**

*Ideas and Instruments for a Credible Enlargement Strategy: Coalition Building and Monitoring for Anti-Corruption*

**Dr. Alexander Gerganov**, Senior Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy; Assistant Professor, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

**Jovana Marovic**, Executive Director, Politikon Network, Montenegro

**Dr. Zef Preci**, Executive Director, Albanian Center for Economic Research

**Aleksander Krzalovski**, Executive Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

*The Berlin Process: Harnessing Civil Society Power for Countering State Capture in the Western Balkans*

**Ana Marjanovic Rudan**, Program Advisor, European Fund for the Balkans, Civil Society Forum Inputs for the London Summit

**Nikola Burazer**, Executive Editor, European Western Balkans, Serbia

**Zoran Nechev**, Director, Centre for EU Integration, Institute for Democracy Societas Civilis, Macedonia

*Chair:* **Milica Kovacevic**, President, Center for Democratic Transition, Montenegro

**17:00**

*Conclusions, Signing the Declaration on European Balkans Partnership and Closing*

**20:00**

*Balkanoscope Cocktail Party*