

Third Session: The Future of the Western Balkan States

5th Panel: 9.00-10.30: The EU in the Public Opinion of the Western Balkan States and the (new) EU Member States

- Chair:** Eliane **MOSSE**, Counsellor for the AFC at the IFRI, Paris
- Slovak Republic:** Grigorij **MESEŽNIKOV**, President of the Institute of Public Affairs (IVO)
“A New EU Member State – Political Discourse and Public Perception of the EU: the Case of Slovakia”
- Serbia-Montenegro:** Vladimir **TODORIĆ**, Adviser, Serbian European Integration Office
“Enlargement after ‘Non’ – Room for One More?”
- France:** Muhamedin **KULLASHI**, Professor, Faculty of Philosophy, Paris VIII
„Public Attitudes Towards the European Policy“
- Austria:** Ulrike **HARTMANN**, Legate, Austrian Embassy in Belgrade
“EU Perception in Serbia and Montenegro”
- Serbia-Montenegro:** Vladimir **RADOMIROVIĆ**, Journalist, Foreign News Editor, B 92 TV
„Renaissance of Nationalism“

Discussion

10.45-11.00: Coffee Break

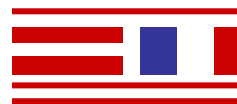
6th Podium: 11.00-12.30: The Future of the Western Balkan States

- Chair:** Wolfgang **WOLTE**, Ambassador, Association for European Policy
- Slovenia:** Melita **GABRIĆ**, Advisor to the President
“The Role of EU Accession Prospects in the Western Balkans”
- Switzerland:** Christophe **SOLIOZ**, Association Bosnia and Herzegovina 2005, Geneva-Sarajevo
„European Integration between Utopia and Disenchantment“
- Serbia-Montenegro:** Dušan **JANJIĆ**, Coordinator, Forum for Ethnic Relations
“Risks and European Perspectives of the Future Status of Kosovo”
- Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Zlatko **DIZDAREVIĆ**, former Ambassador to Croatia
“The Future of Bosnia-Herzegovina in Europe with a View to Regional Cooperation”

Discussion

12.45-13.00: Conclusion

Peter **JANKOWITSCH**,
Secretary General of the Austro-French Centre



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THE WESTERN BALKANS

NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION

Requirements for Closer Cooperation with the EU

First Session: Monday 4th July 9.00-12.45
The Political and Economic Framework

Opening: 9.00-9.30

Mirna **MAROVIĆ**,
Assistant Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
of Croatia

Ambassador Hans **KNITEL**,
Former Ambassador to Croatia

Ambassador François **SAINT-PAUL**,
French Ambassador to Croatia

Ambassador Peter **JANKOWITSCH**,
Secretary General of the Austro-French Centre

First Session: The Political and Economic Framework

1st Panel: 9.30-10.45

Political Framework: Democracy, Rule of Law, Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

- Chair:** Hans **KNITEL**, former Ambassador to Croatia
- France:** Josef **KRULIĆ**, historian
“Individual and Collective Protection: Human Rights and Minorities”
- Serbia:** Zoran **LUČIĆ**, President of the Board of Directors, Center for Free Elections and Democracy
“Is Democracy a Desirable Form of Government for the Western Balkans?”
- Montenegro:** Slobodan **FRANOVIĆ**, President, Montenegrin Helsinki Committee for Human Rights
“Political and Human Rights Situation in Montenegro and the Region”
- France:** Neven **SIMAČ**, Expert for technical development of the Balkans, European Commission
“Citizenship and Europeanity – Disparities and Differences in the ‘Other’ Europe”
- Discussion 11.00-11.15: Coffee break

2nd Panel: 11.15-12.30

Economic Framework: Market Economy and Social Systems

- Chair:** Neven **SIMAČ**, Expert for technical development of the Balkans, European Commission
- Croatia:** Nikolina **HARALOVIC**, Economic Policy Adviser, Union of Autonomous Trade Unions
“Employment and Social Policy”
- Austria:** Karl Heinz **NACHTNEBEL**, International Secretary, Austrian Trade Unions’ Federation
“Participation of Trade Unions in the EU Integration Process”
- Hungary:** Karoly **GYÖRGY**, Director, Association of Hungarian Trade Unions
“Expectations and Realities – One Year After Accession to the EU”
- Discussion 12.45-14.15: Lunch

Second Session: The States of the Western Balkans

3rd Panel: 14.15-15.30

Western Balkan States and their Relations with the European Union

- Chair:** Ulrike **HARTMANN**, Legate, Austrian Embassy in Belgrade
- Serbia-Montenegro:** Ksenija **MILIVOJEVIĆ**, President, European Integration Committee, Parliament of the Republic of Serbia
“Tasks of the Serbian Parliament in the Process of Harmonisation of Legislation with the *acquis communautaire*”
- Bosnia-Herzegovina:** Emir **HADŽIKADUNIĆ**, Head of the Promotional Unit, Directorate for European Integration, Minister Council BiH
“The Impact of the European Integration on Statehood in Western Balkan – the Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina”
- France:** Jacques **RUPNIK**, Research Director, Centre for International Studies and Research
“The Western Balkans: Prospective Problems and the European Perspective”
- Discussion 15.45-16.00: Coffee Break

4th Panel: 16.00-17.30

The States of the Western Balkans in the Current European System: Regional and European Levels of Cooperation

- Chair:** Ambassador Nedžad **HADŽIMUSIC**, Assistant Minister, Head of Multilateral Relations Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- Hungary:** Zoltán **HAJDŰ**, Scientific Advisor, Centre for Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
“Geo-political Questions of Hungarian-Slovenian-Croatian Cross-Border Cooperation”
- CEI:** Harald **KREID**, Ambassador, Director General of the Central European Initiative (CEI)
“Presentation of the Central European Initiative”
- Austria:** Othmar **HÖLL**, Director, Institute for International Affairs
“Role of EU, UNO, OSCE, NATO / Neighbourhood Policy”
- Slovenia:** Sonja **LOKAR**, Chair of the Stability Pact Gender Task Force
“Women on the Balkans – Catching up with the EU Standards on Gender Equality”
- 17.30-18.00 : Discussion