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International Workshop

Shaping the Future in Kosovo: A New Impetus for Dialogue and Cooperation Freising (near Munich), 1 / 2 July 2016

Conference Venue: **Munich Airport Marriott Hotel**
Alois Steinecker Str. 20
85354 Freising

Workshop Committee: Johanna **Deimel**, Deputy Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich
Franz-Lothar **Altmann**, Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association
Hansjoerg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Conference Language: English

The workshop will take place under **Chatham House Rule** in order to facilitate an unrestricted and open exchange of views and ideas.

Background

The purpose of the workshop is to continue the dialogue on Kosovo with stake-holders in Germany by bringing together - inter alia - members and representatives of civil society organizations, academia and think tanks, all forms of media, political parties and international experts.

This workshop is part of a series under the title “Shaping the Future in.....”, the Southeast Europe Association has already successfully organized with CSO’s in Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Macedonia, and 2010 / 2011 and 2012 Serbia / Kosovo. This series is supported by the German Federal Foreign Office with funds from the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.

FRIDAY, 1 JULY 2016

16:30 hrs

Registration and Refreshments

17:00 hrs

Opening and Welcome / Introduction

Hansjoerg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association,
Munich

17:30 hrs Panel 1:

Domestic State of Affairs

Moderator:

Franz-Lothar **Altmann**, Dr, Assoc. Professor, University Bucharest;
Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

Rapporteur:

Johanna **Deimel**, Deputy Director Southeast Europe Association,
Munich

Short inputs by:

Andrea Lorenzo **Capussela**, Milano

Ardian **Gjini**, AAK Principal Deputy Chairman, Prishtina

Tatjana **Lazarević**, Editor of KoSSev media news outlet, Program
Manager CRZ, The Centre for Community Development, North
Mitrovica

Nenad **Rikalo**, Member of the Central Election Commission in
Kosovo, Prishtina

Proposed issues to be discussed:

- statehood and democracy
- state building and consolidation of institutions
- political blockade / impasse
- unsurmountable controversies between government and opposition?
Within the opposition and the coalition, too?
- the question of the (Weberian) monopoly over the legitimate exercise
of violence (SHIK et simila)
- allocation of power within the society and the interests of the
dominant elites
- role of the Constitutional Court
- Kosovo Serbs and relationship with other communities
- interethnic dialogue
- areas of successful cooperation
- the Serbian community in Kosovo squeezed between Belgrade and
Prishtina
- regional inequalities and regional policy, rural development
- populism, nationalism, extremism

19:30 hrs

Adjourn

20:00 hrs

Dinner at the hotel restaurant

SATURDAY, 2 JULY 2016

09:30 hrs Panel 2: Reform Needs

Moderator: Tobias **Flessenkemper**, Senior Associate Researcher, Centre International de Formation Européenne, CIFE; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Cologne

Rapporteur: Anja **Quiring**, Regional Director South Eastern Europe, Committee on Eastern European Economic Relations; Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

Short Inputs by: Mirlinda **Kusari Purrini**, Executive Director of the women's business association SHE-ERA, Gjakove

Veton **Mujaj**, Executive Director, Syri i Vizionit, Pejë

Naim **Rashiti**, Executive Director, Balkans Policy Research Group, Prishtina

Proposed issues to be discussed:

- improvement of governance; transparency
- parliamentary work
- relationship of government and parliament
- public administration and procurement
- judiciary, combating corruption and organized crime
- economy: weaknesses, vulnerabilities and chances
- trade and current account deficits: short term measures to confront these risks?
- how can the process of transformation be accelerated?
- employment policies and political influence in the civil servant positions
- women (economic) empowerment
- shortfalls in social policy, in the health sector, in education

11:00 hrs Coffee Break

11:30 hrs Panel 3: Towards a New Political Culture?

Moderator: Hansjörg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association

Rapporteur: Engjellushe **Morina**, Project Manager, Berghof Foundation, Berlin

Short Inputs by: Nora **Ahmetaj**, Expert Consultant, Founder of Centre for Research, Documentation and Publication (CRDP), Prishtina

Serbeze **Haxhiaj**, Journalist, News Editor, Radio Television of Kosovo (RTK) – Public Broadcaster, Prishtina

Besa **Luci**, Editor-in-chief of Kosovo 2.0, Prishtina

Miodrag **Milićević**, Executive Director, NGO AKTIV, North Mitrovica

Vladan **Trifić**, CEO of NGO Humanitarian, Educational, Recreational Centre HERC, Gračanica

Proposed issues to be discussed:

- protests and political decision making
- the state is us? how to bring civil protesters from the street into constructive engagement?
- citizen engagement and local government
- party polarization / dichotomies vs. pluralism / democratization
- political parties: existing ones, their likely evolution / how to assist progress towards programmatic politics?
- hopes on Vetevendosjë?
- disarming the elites / disarming SHIK?
- European governments must decide whether or not to continue supporting the current elite or whether they should begin to undermine the unhealthy basis of its power
- regional and municipal authorities and dialogue with civil society and citizens
- transitional justice and dealing with the past
- “Special Court” and its impact on society
- women rights / gender equality / domestic violence
- women empowerment
- LGBT rights
- Role of independent institutions, “watch-dogs”, media and the judiciary
- CSO’s possibilities and constraints in enhancing transparency in policy and law-making
- set up and effectiveness of formal and non-formal platforms of communication between CSOs and state structures / cooperation versus monitoring
- NGO’s between “proper work” and nationalist agenda
- fight against corruption and the role of NGOs, investigative journalists and representatives of public communities
- non majority-communities: how to achieve a true multi-cultural society
- civil society and media: how can they contribute to a new dialogue?

13:00 hrs

Lunch

14:30 hrs Panel 4

The Young Generation

Moderator:

Wim **van Meurs**, Dr, Assoc. Professor, University Nijmegen; Vice-President, Southeast Europe Association

Rapporteur:

Hansjörg **Brey**, Executive Director, Southeast Europe Association

Short Inputs by:

Shpend **Emini**, Senior Program Manager, Democracy for Development (D4D), Prishtina

Krenare **Gashi**, Executive Director, Kosovo Youth Centers' Network (KYCN), Prishtina

Milivoje **Raičević**, Project Officer, NGO Community Building
Mitrovica (CBM), Mitrovica

Proposed issues to be discussed:

- resistance, protest or resignation and emigration
- labor mobility, youth employment/ unemployment
- rural development
- education and corruption
- vocational education and training
- youth as a driving factor / democratic force / youth participation
- commitment on youth empowerment
- possibilities and limits for cultural activities
- youth cooperation and initiatives in the regional context (Berlin Process)
- Regional Youth Cooperation Office – a concrete step towards reconciliation in the Western Balkans
- role of diaspora

16:00 hrs

Coffee Break

16:30 hrs Panel 5:	The Way Ahead: EU Accession – Problems and Perspectives / Kosovo in its Regional Context
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Short Inputs by: Labinot **Greïçevci**, Dr, Executive Director, Research Institute of Development and European Affairs (RIDEA), Prishtina
Ramadan **Ilazi**, Deputy Minister for European Integration, Government of the Republic of Kosovo, Prishtina
Lulzim **Peci**, Executive Director, Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development (KIPRED), Prishtina
Beza **Shahini**, Freelance Policy Analyst, Prishtina

Proposed issues to be discussed:

- SAA – political and social changes in the prospect of EU integration
- impact of non-recognition of Kosovo (EU-5 / 28)
- how to improve Kosovo's image within EU member states
- constructive role of the media
- relations with neighbors
- reconciliation within the region
- regional initiatives - reconciliation
- regional security

- role of national minorities in the process of democratization and Europeanization
- membership and role of Kosovo in regional organizations
- implementation and future of the Brussels agreement
- the Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue and its benefits
- the Kosovo-Serbia Dialogue in the context of EU integration
- influence of Russia and Turkey

18:00 hrs

Conclusions

Petra **Bläss-Rafajlovski**, Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

18:30 hrs

End of the workshop

19:30 hrs

Informal Dinner at Restaurant “Weissbräu Huber”, General-von-Nagel-Str. 5, Freising

Sunday, 3 July 2016

Departure of participants

Conference Secretariate

Viktoria Somogyi
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