

## Online Discussion

### 25 Years After Dayton: Bosnia and Herzegovina Between Ethnonationalism and “Citizens’ Society”



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Language: English/German (simultaneous translation)

#### Welcome / Introduction:

**Manuel Sarrazin**, Member of the German Bundestag, Spokesperson for Eastern Europe of the Parliamentary Group Alliance 90/The Greens, President of the Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

#### Panelists:

**Dr. Valentin Inzko**, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo

**Ambassador Susanne Schütz**, Director for South-Eastern Europe, Turkey, EFTA States, OSCE and the Council of Europe in the German Federal Foreign Office

**Mirsad Hadžikadić**, President and Founder of the Platform for Progress, Sarajevo

**Dr. Majda Ruge**, Senior Policy Fellow, Western Balkans, European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

**Prof. Dr. Joseph Marko**, former International Judge at the Constitutional Court of Bosnia-Herzegovina/ Professor at the University of Graz

#### Moderation:

**Adelheid Wölfl**, Southeast Europe correspondent, Der Standard, Sarajevo

## Topic

At the end of 1995, the Dayton Peace Agreement finally ended the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina. To this day, however, the country is in most of its spheres a dysfunctional state, and not all citizens have the same rights. The ethnic division in the society is growing and the glorification of war crimes is by no means a thing of the past.

Therefore, 25 years after Dayton, we want to discuss the current challenges facing the country: What changes are needed so that Bosnia and Herzegovina can develop into a “citizens’ society” with equal rights for all citizens? How could the EU better support the country in implementing the 14 reform priorities formulated by the European Commission? What role should civil society play in this? What role does the reform of the electoral law - which is currently also supported by the Croatian government - play in the unification or further ethnic division of the country? What position and role will the new US administration take and how should the policies of the EU and those of the Office of the High Representative be better dovetailed? And: What relevance do the latest considerations of individual actors to draw new borders according to ethnic criteria in Bosnia and Herzegovina (and in the entire region) have?

We kindly invite you to discuss these and other questions with our experts!



### Registration

This event takes place online via Zoom.

Please register latest by 3 May 2021: [Registration Form](#)

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